



**U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**  
**Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**September 5, 2002**

---

**Members Present:**

RADM Richard Walling (CPO)	LT Elizabeth Yuan (Vice-Chair)
LT Krista M. Scardina (Secretary)	CAPT William Hess (ex-officio)
CAPT David K. Ellison	LCDR Cindy P. Dougherty
CDR Doug Herold	CDR Michael S. Forman
LTJG Kristen Maves	CAPT Cathy L. Shaffer
LCDR Paul Huntzinger	LCDR Gregory Davis
LCDR Mark Feltner	CAPT Martin Johnston
Dr. Frank Pucino, Jr.	Michele F. Gemelas (alt/Strong)
CAPT James Stables (alt/Nice)	

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam	CAPT Jim Imholte
LT Postelle Birch	LT Mark N. Strong
LCDR Michael Long	

**Guests:**

CAPT Robert Pittman	LCDR Laura Pincock
LT Monika Johnson	LCDR Patricia Garvey
ENS Desmond Belin	
LT Nasser Mahmud	

---

**PharmPAC Chair Report: LT Elizabeth Yuan ([eyuan@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:eyuan@osophs.dhhs.gov)) (301-443-8464)**

- The July minutes were approved with minor corrections and will be posted on the PharmPAC website at [www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/](http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/).
- This is the last call for the year on the USPHS special assignment award for the documented 30 hours of PAC activity. Please submit your nomination to LT Yuan by 19-SEP-2002. CC27.1 has established additional qualifying criteria for the USPHS Special Assignment Award. Any PharmPAC member (but not alternates or other affiliates) who participates in at least 30 days of a PharmPAC-related activity from 12-SEP-2000 onward will qualify for this award. For the purposes of this award, a 'day' has been defined as a period of time between 2 and 24 hours. One must count two or more separate qualifying meetings/events that occur on the same day as a single day. Days need not all be accumulated in the same PharmPAC year. PharmPAC-related activities can consist of planning for PharmPAC meetings/events, attending PharmPAC meetings/events, or executing PharmPAC meeting/event action items (including minutes). These include, but are not necessarily limited to, the actual PharmPAC meeting which is held every other month, PharmPAC Committee meetings, and PharmPAC Subcommittee meetings. Documentation should follow this format: Date/Length (in hours)/Event/Participants
- Check the PharmPAC website ([www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/](http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/)) for new additions, including information on COSTEP profiles and awards.
- HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, the Office of the Surgeon General, and the Program Support Center Division of Commissioned Personnel are please to announce the presentation of "9-11: The Public Health Service Response," on WBAL TV-11 in Baltimore from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday September 7, as part of HHS' remembrance of September 11. The program will be preceded by a WBAL special news program on the events of September 11, at 7:00 p.m. From eyewitness accounts, to care given at the World Trade Center, to emotional remembrances of those searching for their loved ones, this 30 minute documentary tells the story of the PHS Commissioned Corps response in the officers' own words. Featuring Secretary Thompson and Acting Surgeon General Moritsugu, the documentary also highlights the anthrax investigation and medical response. There will be a special satellite broadcast on September 10 at 3:00 p.m., EDT, that will be available across the country through satellite coordinates Telestar 5, C – band, Channel 16, 6.2/6.8 audio.
- HHS will hold a ceremony of remembrance and recognition on Monday, September 9, to observe the one-year anniversary of the events of September 11. The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m., EDT, in the Great Hall of the Humphrey Building. It will also be made available via satellite and videoconference to HHS employees nationwide.
- The DCCOA family day picnic will be held on September 14 from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm, in Gaithersburg, MD. Please contact LT Elaine Hu ([hue@cder.fda.gov](mailto:hue@cder.fda.gov)) or Patricia Garvey ([garveyp@cder.fda.gov](mailto:garveyp@cder.fda.gov)) for more information.
- The PharmPAC will be voting on its new Chair and Vice-Chair at the next meeting.

---

**CPO Report: RADM Richard Walling ([cporx@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:cporx@osophs.dhhs.gov))****• CPO/PAC Chair Meeting Report:**

- The new Surgeon General, VADM Richard H. Carmona, outlined his goals. The President has charged VADM Carmona with transforming the Commissioned Corps. VADM Carmona needs the Commissioned Corps to show leadership. He plans to form a number of focus groups as issues arise. He wants to use these groups to outline the direction and pace of the Commissioned Corps.
- All of the categories are asked to prepare a weekly environmental scan report. This report is a one page summary of any issues and or activities (i.e. important legislations) that the OSG should know about. Any pharmacy related issues that need to be addressed should be submitted through LT Yuan ([eyuan@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:eyuan@osophs.dhhs.gov)) for forwarding to the Surgeon General.
- 84 pharmacists are not in compliance with their licensures. All officers should be sure they check their OPF's to verify that their records are up to date.
- The restructuring of the PharmPAC will be discussed in depth at the next meeting. The restructuring is in efforts to use resources more effectively and more efficiently. The PACs will be required to act quicker and to be more proactive with category issues.
- RADM Walling would like to thank the PharmPAC members that will be rotating off this term for all of their efforts and hard work.

---

**Awards Committee**

Chair: CAPT Cathy L. Shaffer ([cathyshaffer@mail.ihs.gov](mailto:cathyshaffer@mail.ihs.gov)) (918-287-4491)

- The new Awards Committee Chair for next year will be LTJG Kristen Maves. All of the other members of this Committee are rotating off this year. Therefore, anyone interested in helping with the Committee should contact LTJG Maves ([klmaves@anmc.org](mailto:klmaves@anmc.org)).
- The student awards will soon be mailed to schools of pharmacy.
- The call for nominations for PharmPAC awards will soon be distributed via the listserv and the PharmPAC website.

---

**Career Development Committee**

Chair: LCDR Mark Feltner ([mark.feltner@mail.ihs.gov](mailto:mark.feltner@mail.ihs.gov)) (928-338-3506)

- The Committee is actively working on their assigned action plans. The Training Subcommittee and the Mentoring Subcommittee are completed. The Promotion Subcommittee action plan is still in progress.

---

**Communications Committee**

Chair: CDR Paul Huntzinger ([phuntzinger@d11.uscg.mil](mailto:phuntzinger@d11.uscg.mil)) (510-437-3602)

- The Committee has continued to send messages on the PHS-Rx-Student Listserv regarding "reasons to join the PHS." **Please contact CDR Huntzinger with ideas for additional information that could be sent to students via this listserv.**
- Scaled-down PLANT profiles have been instituted in the form of "career snapshots" that are sent out to students enrolled on the PHS-Rx-Student listserv. **Please contact CDR Kassandra Sherrod ([sherrod@cder.fda.gov](mailto:sherrod@cder.fda.gov)), CAPT Lillie Golson ([golsonl@cder.fda.gov](mailto:golsonl@cder.fda.gov)), or CDR Huntzinger with new ideas for career snapshots.**
- The Committee has initiated monthly infograms to the PHS Pharmacists listserv on what the PharmPAC website has to offer.

---

**Membership Committee**

Chair: CAPT James Imholte ([jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov)) (816-426-2828)

- The Committee has forwarded 9 nominations for new membership. 2 from IHS, 2 from FDA, 2 from BOP, 2 from HRSA, and 1 from the U.S Coast Guard. The PharmPAC voted in favor of all of the nominations. The PharmPAC would like to thank all of the pharmacists who submitted nominations for membership. The new members selected are as follows:  
IHS: LT Michael Lee and LCDR James Bressette  
FDA: Dr. Puri Subramaniam and LT Krista M. Scardina  
BOP: CDR Douglas Herold and CDR Raelene Skerda  
HRSA: CAPT Craig Hostetler and LCDR Daniel Hasenfang  
U. S. Coast Guard: CDR Paul Huntzinger

---

**Recruitment Committee**

Chair: LCDR Gregory Davis ([davisg@cder.fda.gov](mailto:davisg@cder.fda.gov)) (301-827-5710)

- As of 31-AUG-2002, there is a documented 818 pharmacists on board, 600 of which are assigned to the FDA and IHS.
- The Recruitment Action Plan is in full force. The goal of the Point of Contact program was 50% of pharmacy schools with at least one point of contact. Currently, the program has a point of contact for 68 schools of pharmacy, with 93 officers volunteered. This places the program already in the third year of expectations.

