

# Therapist Professional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 09 JUN 2000  
TIME: 1347 – 1430 hours MDT  
LOCATION: Commissioned Officers Association Annual Meeting  
Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona

## ATTENDEES:

CAPT John Hurley (Chair)  
CDR Jeff Fultz (Executive Secretary)  
CAPT Charlotte Richards (Chief Professional Officer)  
CAPT Willis Trawick (Member)  
CAPT Dominick Aretino (Member)  
CAPT Dave Brueggemann (Member)  
CAPT Rebecca Parks (Member)  
CAPT Jim Jones (Field Rep)  
CDR Mike Flyzik (Member)  
CDR Leo LaBranche (Member)  
CDR Lois Goode (Member)  
CDR Karen Siegel (Home Page)  
CDR Fran Oakley (Field Rep)  
CDR Michaele Smith (Mentoring)  
CDR Seldon Wasson (Guest)  
LCDR Nancy Balash (Historian)  
LCDR Frank Weaver (Guest)  
LCDR Michelle Jordan (Field Rep)  
LCDR Gary Shelton (Guest)  
LCDR Gari Smith (Guest)  
LCDR Mike LaPlante (Field Rep)  
LT Grant Mead (Member)  
LT Cory Dahl (Guest)  
LT Ron West (Guest)  
LT Robert Roe (Guest)  
LTJG Joseph Rasor (Guest)  
LTJG Jeff Richardson (Guest)  
Sharon Beamer (Guest)

TPAC Member providing proxies:  
CAPT Ivana Williams  
CAPT Mark Dardis  
CDR Georgia Johnson  
LCDR Richard Shumway  
Beth Solomon

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by CAPT Hurley at 1347 hours local time. He welcomed everyone to the TPAC meeting during the COA Annual Meeting, and reminded attendees that this meeting needed to be concluded by 1400 hours. He added that he, CAPT Richards and several members of their family and friends were feeling very fortunate today, following a rollover accident in which many were involved, but thankfully not one was seriously hurt.

## II. Review and Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting is shown in **Attachment A**.

## III. Review and Adoption of Previous TPAC Minutes

Minutes from the 28 APR 00 TPAC Meeting were accepted as written.

## IV. Open Forum

### A. Introduction of Guests

CDR Seldon Wasson, Physical Therapist, Winslow, AZ  
LCDR Gari Smith, Audiologist, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ  
LCDR Frank Weaver, Audiologist, NNMC, Shiprock, NM  
LCDR Gary Shelton, Physical Therapist, CCHCF, Chinle, AZ  
LT Ron West, Physical Therapist, PIMC, Phoenix, AZ  
LT Liza Figueroa, Physical Therapist, PIMC, Phoenix, AZ  
LT Robert Roe, Physical Therapist, Fort Defiance, AZ  
LT Cory Dahl, Physical Therapist, FMC, Rochester, MN  
LTJG Joseph Rasor, Physical Therapist, PIMC, Phoenix, AZ  
LTJG Jeff Richardson, Physical Therapist, Sells USPHS Hospital, Sells, AZ  
Sharon Beamer, Audiologist, Walter Reed Army Hospital, Bethesda, MD

### B. Action Item Review

**ACTION ITEM:** *CDR Fultz will make the appropriate amendment to the TPAC Charter as specified and will forward this new TPAC Charter to the OSG for consideration. This package will be forwarded directly to CDR Flyzik in OSG.*  
CDR Fultz reported that upon further investigation he had made and perpetuated an error on the nomination forms. There are no requirements in the current TPAC Charter that might be misconstrued to be “quotas.” He stated that nothing, in fact, needed to be changed in the TPAC Charter in this regard.

**ACTION ITEM:** *CAPT Hurley and CDR Fultz will review the current TPAC Charter, compare it to the model charter from OSG and report their findings and recommendations at the next TPAC meeting.*

CAPT Hurley and CDR Fultz reported that the TPAC Charter was formatted almost exactly like the “model charter” put forward by the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG). No changes were recommended.

**ACTION ITEM:** *TPAC Members will review the Draft Proposal regarding the*

*establishment of Discipline Liaisons for the Therapist Category. This proposal will be voted upon at the next TPAC meeting 09 JUN 00. See **ATTACHMENT B**.* CAPT Hurley stated that everyone in attendance should have a copy of the proposal regarding the creation of a Discipline Liaisons for the Therapist Category. He reported that timelines for the appointments needed to be established by the CPO. CAPT Richards stated that she wanted the positions to be appointed for two years, with the option to renew for another two years.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Discipline Liaison proposal with the addition of the appointment timelines specified by the CPO. The vote was unanimous to approve this motion.

**New ACTION ITEM:** CDR Fultz will distribute the Discipline Liaison position description to all senior level officers and equivalent grade civil service therapists with selection protocol so individuals may be appointed by the CPO and TPAC Chair prior to the next TPAC Meeting in August.

**ACTION ITEM:** *CAPT Hurley created a task force with CDR Siegel as Chair and CAPT McGarvey and LCDR Drinkard as members. Their task is to gather more information regarding Exercise Physiologists inclusion in the USPHS, degree qualifications, and what category we would recommend they be placed into by the next TPAC meeting.*

CDR Siegel reported that the task force had concluded that it would not be appropriate to place Exercise Physiologists into the Therapist Category. She stated that they might be better placed into the Scientist Category, given their credentials and the kind of work they perform. CDR Siegel added that her group recommended that the TPAC develop an operational definition of what therapist officers are within the USPHS. This would help to serve as a reference in the future, if another profession is to be considered as a part of the Therapist Category.

**New ACTION ITEM:** CAPT Hurley requested that the current Task Force lead by CDR Siegel, with CAPT McGarvey, LCDR Drinkard and new members CAPT Parks and LT Mead develop an operational definition of what therapist officers are within the USPHS by the next TPAC Meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** *TPAC Members will review the Draft Proposal for Appointment Board Standards prior to the next TPAC meeting. This proposal will be voted upon at the next TPAC meeting.*

CAPT Hurley deferred this discussion to be covered under New Business.

**ACTION ITEM:** *CDR Flyzik will submit his formal resignation from TPAC membership effective 01 JUL 00. TPAC will follow Policy and Procedure guidelines for replacing CDR Flyzik with the first alternate selected during the most recent election process. TPAC will need to identify and elect a new Chair for the Fitness/Wellness Committee at the next meeting, 09 JUN 00.*

CAPT Hurley thanked CDR Flyzik for his years of hard work serving the TPAC, and especially for helping the Therapist Category take a lead role in the Fitness/Wellness Initiative. He then welcomed CDR Flyzik as the OSG liaison to TPAC. CAPT Hurley reported that CAPT Parks will now serve as the Chair of the Fitness/Wellness Committee.

## V. Old Business

### A. Newsletter

CAPT Hurley thanked CAPT Brueggemann for his efforts on the Therapist Category Newsletter. CAPT Brueggemann stated that the most recent issue of the Newsletter was distributed in May. He asked that anyone who had difficulty in getting the Newsletter please contact him at [dbruegge@anmc.org](mailto:dbruegge@anmc.org) or call him at (907) 729-1421. CAPT Brueggemann asked that therapists please continue to regularly send him articles for the paper.

### B. Fitness Issue

CAPT Hurley reported that although CDR Flyzik's name was not included on the most recent promotion list, he is in fact going to be promoted to O6 effective 01 OCT. CAPT Hurley indicated that CDR Flyzik's name was not on the promotion list due to a clerical "glitch."

CDR Flyzik stated that the Therapist Category had really put itself out there in a leadership role for the Fitness/Wellness Initiative. He added that it is now time for us to stop talking about being leaders in this, and start doing things related to fitness/wellness. CAPT Hurley stated that it is time for the category to go forward nationally with this effort in an organized way through the many agencies in which therapists are a part. CDR Flyzik commented that given the statements made by the OSG staff at the start of this year's COA meeting, it should be apparent to everyone that this initiative has their full support and endorsement. He also stated that per RADM Moritsugu, fully 60% of the individuals attending this year's COA meeting signed up for the Surgeon General's Run/Walk. In past years this percentage has been less than 30%. CDR Flyzik said this increased participation is a positive sign regarding the fitness of the Corps. He added that is now time for further action on our part. He asked that anyone interested in getting additional information or sharing information regarding local activities, please contact him at the phone number or e-mail address listed next.

### **Fitness/Wellness Initiative Committee**

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**Coordinator of Healthy Lifestyles for the Office of the Surgeon General:**

CDR Flyzik (301) 443 – 4000 [mflyzik@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:mflyzik@osophs.dhhs.gov)

#### C. Therapist T-Shirt

CAPT Hurley thanked CDR Siegel for her work in developing a category T-shirt logo for consideration. He stated that he wanted to defer this discussion until a later date when more time was available to the TPAC. CAPT Hurley added that he had spoken with LCDR Simoncek (reservist) regarding this subject, and hoped to have additional logo ideas available at a later date.

**ACTION ITEM:** LT West will contact LCDR Simoncek to develop a logo for consideration at the next TPAC meeting.

#### D. Junior Officer Report

LCDR Jordan reported no meetings had taken place since December 1999. No future meeting date has been set for this Junior Officer Task Force. LCDR Jordan reported that any junior officers in the Therapist Category who are interested in learning more, or who have questions may contact her at [mjordan@hrsa.gov](mailto:mjordan@hrsa.gov) or (301) 443-7037.

### VI. New Business

#### A. TPAC Membership Changes

CDR Fultz reported the TPAC Membership Election 2000 results:

CAPT Hurley reelected to 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
CAPT Dardis reelected to 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
CDR Johnson reelected to 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
CDR Fultz reelected to 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
LCDR Drinkard elected for 1<sup>st</sup> term  
LCDR Balash elected for 1<sup>st</sup> term  
LCDR Weaver elected for 1<sup>st</sup> term  
LT West (1<sup>st</sup> Alternate) and will be serving final 2  
years of CDR Flyzik's term  
LT Spaulding (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate)

CDR Fultz added that confirmation of these election results should be coming from the OSG at any time.

#### B. Appointment Board Standards

Please see **ATTACHMENT C** for a copy of the Memorandum regarding the TPAC's recommendations for Therapist Category Appointment Board Standards.

CAPT Hurley commented that this document on Appointment Board Standards for Therapists was exceptionally well prepared and provided thorough recommendations for DCP, as well as guidance for future promotion boards.

CAPT Hurley stated that this document was ready to go forward. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Memorandum to RADM Davidson (DCP Director) as written regarding the Therapist Category's Appointment Board Standards. The TPAC vote was unanimously in favor of this motion.

**ACTION ITEM:** CDR Fultz will forward the approved Memorandum on Appointment Board Standards for the Therapist Category to RADM Davidson's offices for consideration.

### C. TPAC Chairperson Vote

CAPT Hurley reported that as his term of office as Chair was ending June 30<sup>th</sup> it was time to elect a new Chairperson. He reported that he had very much enjoyed the opportunity to serve in this position. CAPT Hurley stated that he hoped to have a chance to speak about his thoughts on the experience at the next TPAC meeting as there is simply not time to do so today.

CAPT Hurley stated that only one individual had submitted a nomination to be the next TPAC Chair: CDR Fultz. CDR Fultz resigned from the position of TPAC Executive Secretary effective 01 JUL 00 to run for the position of TPAC Chair. CAPT Hurley indicated that he had complete confidence in CDR Fultz's ability to assume the responsibilities as TPAC Chair.

CAPT Hurley called for a vote and CDR Fultz was elected to the position of TPAC Chair unanimously. This election is for a two-year term of office.

CAPT Hurley stated that there was now a vacancy for the position of TPAC Executive Secretary, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. He added that he had solicited nominations for this position in the announcement letter for the TPAC meeting. CAPT Hurley reported that one person had put forth his name for consideration as TPAC Secretary: LT West. CAPT Hurley commented that he also had full confidence in LT West's ability to manage the duties of TPAC Secretary. He stated that this would be for a one-year term of office, to be in compliance with the specifications of the TPAC Charter that the terms of office alternate.

CAPT Hurley called for a vote and LT West was unanimously elected to the position of TPAC Executive Secretary.

## VII. Reports

### A. Chief Professional Officer

CAPT Richards reported that she was excited to hear about growing interest and involvement of therapists in the Fitness/Wellness Initiative. She also stated that she would like to see more and more therapists becoming actively involved in

this effort. CAPT Richards stated that we (the Therapist Category) have established a lead role in this effort, and now it is time to perform.

**B. Chairperson**

CAPT Hurley stated that he would defer his report today in the interest of time. He indicated that he would like to give his report at the next TPAC meeting.

**C. Recruitment for Therapist Category**

LCDR Melanson submitted a written breakdown of the vacancies available within the USPHS for therapists.

| <u>Agency</u>  | <u># Vacancies</u>  | <u>Position Location(s) &amp; Description(s)</u> |   |
|----------------|---|--|---|
| IHS            | 1   | Tuba City, AZ                                    | Staff PT (Aug 00)                                       |
|                | 1   | Anchorage, AK                                    | PT  |
|                | 1   | Gallup, NM                                       | PT  |
| BOP            | 1   | Lexington, KY                                    | Senior Staff<br>(Call CAPT Nestor 606 255-6812 Ext.362) |
| NIH            | 0   |  |   |
| HCFA           | Check Website: <a href="http://www.hcfa.gov">www.hcfa.gov</a>                         |  |   |
| HSRA           | Check Website: <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov">www.hrsa.gov</a>                         |  |   |
| CMHS           | 1   | Washington, DC                                   | Chief OT  |
| CDC            | Check Website: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a> (training and employment) |  |   |
| Multi-Agencies | Check DCP Webpage   |  |   |

LCDR Melanson can be reached at voice mail pager Ph# (202) 898 – 9460 or e-mail: [Cmela19395@aol.com](mailto:Cmela19395@aol.com)

**D. Recruitment and Retention Committee**

No report

**E. COA Therapist Representative**

CAPT Hurley recognized the work done by CAPT Dardis and his Phoenix “crew” organizing and helping to smoothly run the Therapist Category events of this year’s COA meeting. He also acknowledged the work done by CAPT Sellers to put together the educational activities for the Therapist Category Day.

**F. Awards Committee**

No report

**G. Education Committee**

LT Mead thanked all the many individuals who participated in the courses offered. He stated that the opportunity for even more involvement with the quad services exists, with the US Army leading the way. LT Mead reported that it would be important for the Therapist Category to continue to offer class seats to the quad services in our own courses.

Please see **Attachment D** for LT Mead's report.

#### H. CCRF

CAPT Hurley thanked CAPT Trawick for his all his efforts on the CCRF. He stated that CAPT Trawick would be going off the TPAC, having complete two full terms (6 years) as a member. CAPT Trawick was given a round of applause by those in attendance at the meeting in recognition of his years of effort serving TPAC.

#### I. Field Representatives Reports

See **Attachments E-G**.

At the conclusion of this meeting CAPT Hurley received a prolonged round of applause from those in attendance at the meeting in recognition of his outstanding contributions and leadership during his two year tenure as TPAC Chair.





**ATTACHMENT A**

**THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA  
09 JUNE 2000**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TPAC MINUTES
- IV. OPEN FORUM
  - A. Introduction of Guests
  - B. Action Item Review
    - Charter Review J. Fultz
    - Discipline Coordinators J. Hurley
    - Exercise Physiologists K. Siegel
    - OSG Liaison J. Fultz
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Newsletter D.Brueggemann
  - B. Fitness Issue M Flyzik
  - C. Therapist T-Shirt J. Hurley
  - D. Junior Officer Report C. Melanson/M. Jordan
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. TPAC Membership Changes
    - Committee/field representative revisions J. Fultz
  - B. Appointment Board Standards I. Williams
  - C. TPAC Chairperson Vote J. Hurley
- VII. REPORTS
  - A. Chief Professional Officer C. Richards
  - B. Chairperson (Activity Summary) J. Hurley
  - C. Recruitment for Therapist Category M. Melanson
  - D. Recruitment and Retention Committee
    - Home Page D. Aretino
  - E. COA Therapist Representative K. Siegel
  - F. Awards Committee
    - Awards Work Group R. Parks
  - G. Education Committee G Johnson
  - H. Medical Readiness I. Williams
  - I. Field Report Summary G. Mead

**NOTICE**

Any TPAC member or field representative unable to attend this meeting should e-mail their reports to CDR Fultz by 02 JUN 00 at [jeffrey.fultz@shiprock.ihs.gov](mailto:jeffrey.fultz@shiprock.ihs.gov)

Any TPAC members unable to attend need to send their proxy to a category member that will be present.  
See you there. Thanks! John Hurley

## **DISCIPLINE LIAISON**

## **ATTACHMENT B**

Each section represented in the Therapist Category of the Commissioned Corps will have a designated Discipline Liaison. Representation of this position will come from following areas: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and Audiology.

### **Selection Process and Term of Appointment:**

The Discipline Liaison position is an appointment made by the Chief Professional Officer (CPO) and the Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) Chairperson. Term of office is to be designated by the CPO. The appointment will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew the appointment for an additional two (2) years. Self-Nominations for each liaison position will be given to the CPO and TPAC Chair when there is a vacancy for the position. Individuals seeking appointment must be a senior officer in the Commissioned Corps (or of an equal civilian status) and must demonstrate extensive knowledge of the Commissioned Corps and be a recognized member of the specific professional discipline.

### **Reports to:**

Surgeon General (as requested)  
Chief Professional Officer (directly)  
Chair, TPAC (directly)

### **Receives Information From:**

\*Surgeon General  
\*Chief Professional Officer  
\*Chair, TPAC  
\*Representatives from Other Uniform Services  
\*Representatives from each Professional Category (American Physical Therapy Association, American Occupational Therapy Association, American Speech Language Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology)  
Any source with information pertinent to the Category

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. To serve the Surgeon General, CPO and TPAC Chair regarding specific issues/ tasks related to each professional discipline.
2. To represent the CPO at Quad Service Meetings for each designated discipline as requested.

Disseminate specific professional related information to the Office of the Surgeon General, CPO and Chair TPAC. He/she will serve as the communication link with issues related to each discipline.

## **ATTACHMENT C**

MEMORANDUM TO: RADM Michael Davidson  
Director, Division of Commissioned Personnel

THRU: CAPT Charlotte B. Richards  
Chief Professional Officer, Therapist Category

FROM: CAPT John Hurley  
Chairperson, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Therapist Appointment Standards  
Masters Degree and Doctoral Graduates

This memorandum is written to request a reconsideration of the creditable time and experience (T&E) given to Therapist applicants to the Commissioned Corps based on graduate level degrees. Therapists, including Occupational, Physical, Speech-Language Pathology, and Audiology are commissionable under Exhibit X, Therapy Appointment Standards, of the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual, Chapter CC23.3 - Appointment.

Under the current standards, Occupational Therapist (OT) and Physical Therapist (PT) applicants would receive 4 years creditable service for a BS degree in OT/PT, 5 years for a BS degree plus a professional certificate in OT/PT, and an additional 1 - 2 years for a Master Degree in a field specific to the category. According to the standards, post baccalaureate time is based upon the general criteria for Master's and Doctorate degree applicants. The exact time credited is based upon the actual time the school requires for the degree program. Doctorate Degree applicants are given time for their degree as well, i.e., 2-5 years beyond the Master's and 3-6 years without the Master's, as justified by the school's requirements for a degree.

For Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, the qualifying degree is a Masters Degree or equivalent, i.e., bachelor's degree and at least 42 post-baccalaureate semester hours acceptable toward a Master's Degree, with qualifiers on course content. These applicants would receive years creditable service for the BS with the Masters Degree or Equivalent, based on the same criteria of post baccalaureate credit as OT and PT applicants. The creditable time for the Doctoral Degree applicant is also the same as OT and PT applicants.

However, it should be noted that other categories, such as some Health Service Officer specialities (e.g., Social Work and Hospital Administration) and Pharmacy provide for specific creditable periods of time for their graduate training, i.e., Social Worker and Hospital Administration applicants with Master Degrees receive two years beyond the bachelor degree for credit, or 6 years T&E. Pharmacist applicants receive 8 years of training and experience credit for their Pharm.D. degree, evidently regardless of the actual time the post graduate training curriculum takes to complete.

The Masters Degree requirements earned by therapists are very specific to their professional training and extremely technical in nature. It provides the education and knowledge to work and perform at a higher level than those with BS degrees, with or without certificates. These Masters Degree candidates usually qualify to specialize in a therapy field that makes them experts in that area. We believe that, as stipulated in the Standards, Section E, Part 3. b, (3),

there is an opportunity for a determination to be made that credit over the one year limit can be applied "if a board determines that the circumstances warrant such credit." We believe that the requirements of these Masters Degrees and the extensive knowledge acquired would equate to the special circumstances noted, regardless of whether the Masters Degree took 18 months or two years to complete. We realize that some therapy Masters Degree programs have structured their curriculum to be much more intensive and require longer classroom hours in order to reduce the normal two year time period to an 18 month time period, yet these degrees are in all aspects equivalent to the two year Masters Degree, in which two years T&E are being credited for the Commissioned Corps application process.

Therefore, the Therapist Category requests consideration of equity in the application of T&E credit for therapist applicants with post graduate degrees, i.e., Masters and/or Doctoral Degrees and it is requested that all therapist applicants be credited as follows:

- ◆ OT & PT applicants with a qualifying BS would receive 4 years T&E, as is currently done
- ◆ OT & PT applicants with a BS and the appropriate OT or PT certificate would receive 5 years T& E, as is currently done
- ◆ Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology applicants with a BS and equivalent post graduate 42 hours credit would receive 6 years T&E
- ◆ OT, PT, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology applicants with a BS and/or certificate and Masters Degree would receive either 4 years or 5 years T&E, as specified above, plus two years credit for their Master Degree for a total of 6 - 7 years T&E
- ◆ OT, PT, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology applicants with a Doctoral Degree shall receive 8 years T&E, provided that at the time the degree was conferred, the program was accredited by the accrediting professional association for the specific therapist profession, i.e., OT, PT, Speech-Language Pathology, and Audiology (these item is consistent with the document provided to the TPAC from Mr. Phil Needles and Mr. Steve Hand, both of DCP, requesting review and approval for inclusion in the therapy appointment standards)

In addition, we would like to request consideration of applying these standards to all active duty therapists in the Commissioned Corps, retroactively to their appointment date for all who received their post graduate degrees prior to their appointment to the Corps.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to your determination. Should you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact me, CAPT John Hurley, at (505) 368-7103 or CAPT Charlotte Richards at (505) 368-7100.

**ATTACHMENT D**

**UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
Rm #8A-09, Parklawn Building  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 2857

**MEMORANDUM**

(Please post this in your department)

DATE: 01 July 2000

FROM: Grant N. Mead, LT (0-3), USPHS  
Chair, TPAC Education Committee

SUBJECT: Continuing Education Opportunities

TO: Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC)  
Therapist Department Chiefs  
Uniformed Services Rehabilitation Departments

The Summer Season is well underway and I hope you all are getting out to enjoy this lovely time of year. The opportunities for training and continuing education have dwindled slightly from months past as everyone is gearing up for their next fiscal year. I am very pleased with the participation of the Therapist Category in the various training and education offered by the uniformed services.

By all accounts the 2000 Annual Public Health Service Conference, sponsored by the Commissioned Officer's Association of the US Public Health Service, was a resounding success. The Therapist Category was well represented by officers from as far away as Alaska and the East Coast. The category specific presentations and luncheons were outstanding! Even the Deputy Surgeon General RADM Kenneth Moritsugu made appearances at the luncheon to congratulate the award recipients.

Congratulations to our own CAPT Charles McGarvey, MS, PT, who was awarded the William Fromherz Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of Physical Therapy and to the Therapist Category. CAPT McGarvey was joined by his wife and colleagues to celebrate the wonderful occasion and to honor the late CAPT William Fromherz, MS, PT, (Ret.). Once again, congratulations to CAPT McGarvey.

On these next few pages, I have listed all of the continuing education courses that I am aware of at this time. Most of the courses listed are reduced or no cost to PHS and other uniformed service therapists. Please note the dates for the upcoming conferences and professional meetings. Course listings that do not have number of available seats for PHS/uniformed service therapists are considered full.

## UPCOMING COURSES/CONFERENCES/MEETINGS FOR THERAPISTS

| <u>DATES:</u>  | <u>COURSE TITLE/INSTRUCTORS/COST:</u>  | <u>SITE/CONTACT:</u>   |
|----------------|--|--|
| 8/17-8/20/2000 | "McKenzie - Part A Course"<br><br>Registration: NLT 01 JUN 2000<br><br>SEATS: Open to PHS Therapists<br>(3 Seats open for DOD)<br><br>FEE: \$60 Registration Fee (Courses A through C)<br>One time fee for McKenzie Registration<br>\$100 Course Fee (Total \$160)*<br>*Payment to be made out to LTJG Roe<br><br>INSTRUCTOR: Gregory Silva, PT, Dip.MDT | Northern AZ Univ.<br>Flagstaff, AZ<br><br><u>Contact:</u> LTJG Roe<br>(520) 729-3247 |
| 9/11-9/22/2000 | "COL Doug Kersey NMSE Course<br>for Physical Therapy Officers"<br><br>Presented by the US Army<br><br>SEATS: FULL (No Seats Available)   | Fort Sam Houston<br>San Antonio, TX<br><br><u>Contact:</u> LT Mead                   |

If you have any new information or corrections to the above dates, feel free to submit them to me by either FAX, Mail, Phone, or E-Mail. Thank you.

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**National Institutes of Health  
Occupational Therapy Report**

Date: June 5, 2000  
From: CDR Frances Oakley  
Subject: NIH Occupational Therapy Report  
To: CAPT John Hurley, Chair, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

**I. Congratulations**

To CDR Frances Oakley who was promoted to Captain effective 10/1/00

**II. Positions Open/ Anticipated Openings: None**

**III. News From the Field**

- a) Joanne Flanagan trained the OT staff in proper wheelchair positioning and seating.
- b) CAPT Rebecca Parks continues her involvement as a board member of the Commissioned Officers Association
- c) Lucy Swan was interviewed along with Gloria Furst about rehabilitation intervention for *Advance Magazine for Rehabilitation Professionals*
- d) CAPT Bonnie Thornton was one of several staff members to represent the Rehabilitation Medicine Department (RMD) in a mock JCAHO survey.
- e) All OT staff successfully completed RMD competencies in anticipation of the upcoming JCAHO survey in October 2000.

**IV. Welcome/Farewell to: None**

**V. Presentations**

- a) Oakley F, Parks R & Sunderland T. Study on spousal bereavement: OT's role in evaluating occupational functioning. American Occupational Therapy Association. Seattle, WA, 2000
- b) Robertson SC, Colborn AP. Describing occupational therapy process in outcomes research. American Occupational Therapy Association. Seattle, WA, 2000.



## VI. Publications

- a) Denton PL, Skinner ST. With contributions from Colborn AP, Robertson SC. Adults with Mood Disorders. Bethesda, MD: American Occupational Therapy Association, 2000. (Comprehensive Practice Guidelines for Mental Health)
- b) Cooke K, Fisher A, Mayberry W & Oakley F. Differences in activities of daily living process skills of persons with and without Alzheimer's disease. *Occupational Therapy Journal of Research*. 20, 87-105, 2000
- c) Khin N, Oakley F, Parks R & Sunderland T. Assessment of motor and process skills in dementia. American Psychiatric Association. Supplement, 2000, 63

## VII. Current Research

New research includes:

- a) CAPT Rebecca Parks' involvement in an interdisciplinary study examining survivors of pediatric cancer.
- b) Joanne Flanagan's involvement in an interdisciplinary study of physical, cognitive, and neurobehavioral abnormalities in Smith-Magenis Syndrome.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:** With the repeal of the dual compensation retirement "laws," what is the position of TPAC on Commissioned Officers retiring from a government agency then returning to work in the same agency, in the same position as a Civil Servant?

## ATTACHMENT F

**To:** CDR Jeff Fultz  
**From:** CDR Alicia Hoard  
**Subject:** TPAC Quarterly Field Report  
HRSA  
**Date:** June 9, 2000

**I. CONGRATULATIONS:** none

**II. POSITIONS OPEN/ ANTICIPATED:** none

**III. NEWS FROM THE FIELD:**

The National Hansen's Disease Programs' web page has officially been launched. The temporary address is <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/nhdp> . When the new servers are up, the permanent address will be <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/programs/nhdp>

The web page includes information about the history of Hansen's disease and the hospital, as well as specifics about each department to which both OT and PT have significantly contributed. Please visit the web page and share your thoughts and comments with us!

CDR Alicia Hoard and LCDR John Figarola attended the LOTA Spring Conference May 19-21, held at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, in New Orleans, LA.

LCDR John Figarola was elected Louisiana's delegate to the American Occupational Therapy Association's representative assembly.

**IV. WELCOME/ FAREWELL:** none

**V. PRESENTATIONS:** none

**VI. PUBLICATIONS:** none

**VII. CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Lou Ianuzzi is spearheading a preliminary investigation determining rate of wound healing with integration of magnets into the total contact cast.

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO CONSIDER:** none

## **ATTACHMENT G**

To: Chairperson, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

From: LCDR Mark Melanson

Date: 09 JUN 2000

Subject: TPAC Quarterly Agency Activity Report  
DC Commission on Mental Health Services

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| I. | Positions Open: | Contact Person: | Telephone #  |
|    | Chief OT        | Mark Melanson   | 202-645-4953 |

II. News From The Field:

CAPT Willis Trawick was awarded a certificate of completion for the American Sign Language Level II course on 27 APR 00.

III. Congratulations To:  
See Above

IV. Welcome and Farewell: N/A

V. Presentations:

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HENRY M. JACKSON FOUNDATION**

To make a donation to the Henry M. Jackson Foundation is very straightforward.

The Therapist Category Account is #5352.

Checks need to be made out to: "**Henry M. Jackson Foundation-5352.**"

No cover letter is required.

The Envelope *must be* addressed to the attention of Dr. Bryce C. Reddington, Ph.D, as he is the Special Projects Program Director. He can be reached at (301) 294-1226 if you have any questions.

The address to send a donation is:

**Henry M. Jackson Foundation  
ATTN: Dr. Bryce C. Reddington, Ph.D.  
1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 600  
Rockville, MD 20852**

## Therapist Professional Advisory Committee Self-Nomination Form

I am interested in serving the TPAC in any of the capacities checked below:

| Capacity  | Check Here               |
|---|--------------------------|
| TPAC Member   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TPAC Field Representative   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TPAC Committee Member: (Listed below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recruitment, Retention & Membership Committee<br>(Includes: Home Page / Archives / Mentoring) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Awards Committee  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Education Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fitness / Wellness Initiative Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| COA Meeting Task Force (Washington, DC 2001)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other, specify:   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please complete the following information:

Circle One:

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>Name:</b>    | <b>Discipline:</b> PT / OT / AUD / SLP |
| <b>Agency:</b>  |  |
| <b>Address:</b> |  |
|                 |  |
| <b>e-mail:</b>  |  |
| <b>Phone:</b>   |  |
| <b>Fax:</b>     |  |

I am interested in serving on the TPAC. I understand that members are selected to provide diverse representation of geographic locations, agencies, experience levels, and both civil service and PHS personnel systems. I also understand that if selected, I will be available in person for regularly scheduled meetings and will actively participate in TPAC projects.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM BY **01 FEB 2001** TO THE CHAIR, TPAC AT:

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