

TPAC MINUTES MARCH 12, 1992

Place: Office of Health Affairs
Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, Maryland

Date: March 12, 1992

Time: 0900 to 1600 hours

Present: LCDR F. Oakley (OT/Chairperson/NIH)
CAPT G. Diullo (PT/CPO/BOP)
LTjg C. Melanson (OT/Secretary/CMHS)
CDR M. Huylebroeck (PT/IHS)
CAPT J. Bell-Krotoski (OT/HRSA)
CDR M. Schroeder (PT/Field Representative/FDA)
CDR E. Corrigan (Speech/OASH)
CDR W. Trawick (PT/CMHS)
CDR D. Nestor (PT/BOP)
Sandra Adams (PT/Civil Service/NIH)

Guests: CDR C. McGarvey (PT/NIH)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting opened by LCDR Fran Oakley at 0900 hours.

II. AGENDA OF MARCH 12, 1992 WAS ADOPTED.

(ATTACHMENT A)

III. TPAC MINUTES APPROVED AS PUBLISHED FROM LAST MEETING.

IV. ON-GOING BUSINESS

A. NOTE OF ABSENCE:

CAPT Swett and CAPT Ferguson were unable to attend the meeting due to lack of funding.

B. Securing travel funds from agencies for some members to attend TPAC meetings continues to be a problem this fiscal year.

ACTION ITEM: CAPT Diullo in collaboration with the TPAC chair will investigate this issue with members and agencies.

V. OPEN FORUM

- A. CDR Dave Nestor (PT/BOP) was elected the new TPAC chair effective May 29, 1992. Dave steps in for LCDR Fran Oakley who has served for the preceding two years. Congratulations Dave, we look forward to working with you.
- B. TPAC extends its sincere appreciation to Ms. Debra Bradley, secretary to CAPT Diullo at BOP, for her major contribution over the last two years in assisting us in typing, printing, and disseminating our minutes.

ACTION ITEM: The chair will forward a letter of appreciation to Ms. Bradley.

- C. CAPT Bill Brown has served as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Education for the past six years. Bill has been instrumental in highlighting PHS therapy programs via the Spotlight. Bill has decided to step down in order to provide an opportunity for new leadership. We want to thank CAPT Brown for the fine job he has done and wish him well with all future endeavors.

ACTION ITEM: TPAC will investigate appointing a new chair of the Subcommittee on Education.

- D. LT Christa Themann (Speech Language Pathologist) was appointed Field Representative for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We now have a TPAC member or a Field Representative from each of the 11 agencies in which therapists are stationed. Congratulations, Christa. We look forward to hearing from you.
- E. TRIANNUAL Review: TPAC Charter
Cdr Dave Nestor submitted the final draft of the revised TPAC Charter. (See 12/06/91 minutes.) In accordance with all PAC Charters, the PAC Chair can only serve one year and be reappointed for one additional year.

ACTION ITEM: The TPAC Chair will forward the charter to the Surgeon General via the CPO.

- F. D.C. Commission of Mental Health (St. Elizabeth's Hospital) is looking for surplus supplies or materials. The financial budget crunch has hit hard.

Suggested items include: Typing/Computer tables or desks, file cabinets, book shelves, computer supplies, computers, printers, tape players with tapes, orientation board, etc..

ACTION ITEM: For further information, please contact
Sue Miller
2700 Martin Luther King Ave
Washington, D.C. 20032
Barton Hall
telephone (202) 373-7747

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CDR M. Schroeder (PT/FDA) serves as the Dietician, Therapist, & Veterinarian Officer representative to the Commissioned Officers Association (COA) National Board of Directors. ATTACHMENT B is an explanation of the mission, duties, and goals of the COA.
- B. Sandra Adams (PT/Civil Service) was appointed Awards Coordinator for TPAC. The objective for this position is to effectively communicate information on the appropriate use of the Public Health Service and Civil Service award and recognition systems to identify and publicize the achievements of all therapist category members. Congratulations, Sandra and we look forward to your input.

ACTION ITEM: Sandra will outline the goals and objectives as Awards Coordinator and report her progress at the next TPAC meeting.

- C. Articles highlighting the Therapy COSTEP program and providing the toll free PHS Recruitment number were recently published in the Physical Therapy Advance and the Occupational Therapy Advance. A similar article will be published in a future issue of Speech Advance. CDR Charlie McGarvey was instrumental in having these articles published and has received several inquiries about PHS as a result. Inquiries were forwarded to the respective agencies. Thanks, Charlie.
- D. CDR C. McGarvey served as a PHS representative for CAPT Diullo to the uniformed services meeting held at Bethesda, MD. This meeting collaborates on therapists issues between the joint services: Navy, Army, Air Force, PHS.
 - 1. Currently pediatric trained therapists are being sent to Romania to help children with disabilities. This program is called Operation Smile and it requires a commitment of one month per tour. The question was raised if PHS could commit to the program.

ACTION ITEM: CAPT Diullo has received a draft letter inviting PHS therapists to participate in Operation Smile. He will review PHS policy and procedures and submit a response regarding our future participation.

2. Bethesda Naval Hospital is offering a 6 month EMG training course. The course is scheduled to begin in May, but will likely be offered again in six months. Any interested applicants contact CDR R. Nelson at (301) 295-4879 for more information.
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- E. CDR C. McGarvey served on a panel sponsored by ACHPR. The purpose of the panel was to establish guidelines for pain control following surgery. This committee met over a 2 year period and produced the first set of national guidelines on the subject. A question arose as to how these guidelines may affect future policies for the funding of health care services. A copy of the proposed guidelines can be obtained by calling 1-800-358-9295, or if in the D.C. area (301) 495-3453.
 - F. CDR McGarvey has volunteered to update the "Survey of Therapist Assignments in PHS" originally completed by CAPT Gary Hunt (retired). The facility survey includes information on therapist work assignments and geographical areas. The survey will be reviewed and revised by TPAC and mailed to therapists in the near future. A final copy of the updated survey will appear in the TPAC minutes.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Chairperson: LCDR F. Oakley
See body of minutes.
- B. Chief Professional Officer: CAPT G. Diullo
(ATTACHMENT C)
- C. CPO/PAC Chair Meeting Summary: LCDR F. Oakley
(ATTACHMENT D)
- D. DCP Representative : CAPT W. Fromherz
No report.
- E. Recruitment Committee: CAPT B. Ferguson
(ATTACHMENT E)
- F. COA Therapist Representative: CDR M. Schroeder
(ATTACHMENT B)
- G. Research Award Activity: CAPT J. Birke
(ATTACHMENT F)
- H. Education: CAPT B. Brown
(ATTACHMENT G)
- I. Indian Health Service: CAPT D. Swett
(ATTACHMENT H)

- J. Coast Guard: LCDR E. Koziatek
No report.
- K. Food & Drug Administration: CDR M. Schroeder
(ATTACHMENT I)
- L. Carville
 - 1. Occupational Therapy: CAPT J. Bell-Krotoski
(ATTACHMENT J)
 - 2. Physical Therapy: CAPT J. Birke
(ATTACHMENT K)
- M. National Institutes of Health
 - 1. Occupational Therapy: LT G. Grogan
(ATTACHMENT L)
 - 2. Physical Therapy: CDR C. McGarvey
(ATTACHMENT M)
 - 3. Biomechanics Laboratory: LT K. Siegel
(ATTACHMENT N)
- N. Bureau of Prisons: CAPT F. Levy
(ATTACHMENT O)
- O. Community Mental Health Services: CDR W. Trawick
(ATTACHMENT P)
- P. Federal Employee Occupational Health: CAPT A. Plumstead
No report.
- Q. Health Care Financing Administration: LCDR S. Patterson
(ATTACHMENT Q)
- R. Centers for Disease Control: LT C. Themann
(ATTACHMENT R)

VIII. Next TPAC Meeting:

DATE: Friday, May 29, 1992.
TIME: 0900 hours to 1600 hours.
PLACE: FDA - Office of Health Affairs - Conference Room 230 A
Rockville, MD.
Please call CDR Marie Schroeder for directions
(301) 427-1036

ALL THERAPIST ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Please submit agenda items no later than May 27, 1992 to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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LCDR Frances Oakley
Chairperson, TPAC

Reviewed:

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CAPT G. Diullo
Chief Professional Officer
Therapist Category