

THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1993

Place: Camelback Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona
Date: May 25, 1993
Time: 1145 to 1700 hours

PRESENT: CDR David Nestor (PTjChairjBOP)
CAPT Gene Diullo (PTjCPOjBOP)
CAPT Judith Bell-Krotoski (OTjGWLHDC)
CAPT Mike Huylebroeck (PTjIHS)
LCDR Becky Sellers (PTjIHS)
CDR Shelley Patterson (OTjHCFA) Field Rep CDR
willis A. Trawick (PTjSAMHSA) Field Rep CAPT
Jim R. Jones (PTjIHS) Guest
CAPT Bob Beach (PTjIHS) Guest
CDR Seldon D. Wasson (PTjIHS) .Guest
CDR Wayne smith lPTjIHS) Guest
CDR Andrew Smith (PT,IHS) Guest
CDR Mark Dardis (PTjIHS) Guest
LCDR Martha Duganne (PTjIHS) Guest
LT Nancy J. Balash (PTjIHS) Guest
LT Jeff Fultz (PTjIHS) Guest
LTjg Lisa Gottschall (PTjIHS) Guest

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting opened by CDR Nestor at 1145 hours in
conjunction with COA Therapist Professional
Specialty Luncheon.

AGENDA: Agenda of May 25, 1993 was adopted. (Attachment A)

TPAC MINUTES: March 11, 1993 TPAC meeting minutes amended to show
that CAPT Mike Huylebroeck, PTjIHS, attended the
meeting and provided the IHS therapist's report.

OPEN FORUM:

- 1 CAPT Barbara Ferguson was unable to attend the
meeting due to lack of travel funding. CDR
Charles McGarvey, CDR Elaine Corrigan, LCDR
Karen Lohmann-Siegel, LT Cindy Melanson, and
Sandra Adams were unable to attend due to
scheduling conflicts or travel restrictions.
2. CAPT Gene Diullo announced that a new CPO will
be selected by the Surgeon General before the
August 5 TPAC meeting in Rockville, MD. CAPT
Diullo thanked all therapists for their support
and hard work during his tour of duty as the
Therapist Category CPO.

Note: CAPT Diullo received the USPHS Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his distinguished PHS career. Congratulations CAPT Diullo.

3. CAPT Mike Huylebroeck and the IHS Chief Therapists are to be commended for conducting Quality Improvement in-service training and strategic planning sessions for IHS therapists on Sunday, May 23, 1993. special thanks to CDR Andrew smith and CDR Nestor for their presentations on Total Quality Management and Quality Improvement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Issue: Review T&E Appointment standards
Conclusion: CDR willis Trawick and the T & E Appointment Standards Working Group recommended two changes to the existing T and E Appointment Standards for Therapists. First, Creditable Work Experience Standards (page 48) should be changed to add the following statement "favorable creditable consideration may be given for work experience in international health." Second, Creditable Graduate Education (page 45), Graduate Education (page 47), and Creditable Education (page 50), should all read "Creditable Education". Furthermore, all three sections should be changed to so that creditable education completed " ... before and after the qualifying degree, ~~!!!~~ be considered toward the establishment of the Training and Experience ... " Recommendations will be forwarded to DCP no later than July 1, 1993 for review and action.

Thanks to CDR Trawick and his working group members - CDR Elaine Corrigan, LCDR Georgia Johnson, LT Rebecca Parks, and LT Jeff Fultz - for their efforts in completing this review in a timely manner.
2. Issue: Therapist Recruitment Brochure
Cor.: A second draft of the brochure was submitted to TPAC by LCDR Karen Lohmann-siegel.
on:
Action: TPAC reviewed the brochure and provided additional suggestions on lay-out and content. LCDR Lohmann-Siegel and CDR Wayne smith will revise the brochure and develop a plan for printing and distribution of the brochure.
Follow-up: Recruitment Committee members will provide a progress report during the August 5, 1993 TPAC meeting.

3. Issue: TPAC Charter
 Action: TPAC charter was approved and signed by the Surgeon General on April 1, 1993. A copy of the charter was published in the March 11, 1993 TPAC minutes.
4. Issue: APTA Uniformed Services Recognition Banquet
 Action: USPHS Therapists will participate in the opening ceremonies June 12, 1993 and will attend the 75th Jubilee Banquet.
5. Issue: Recreation Therapist Issues
 Action: Additional discussion concerning the evaluation of recreation therapists for training and experience determination will be an agenda item for the August 5, 1993 meeting. (NOTE: No formal request for TPAC opinion or guidance has been received from IHS or DCP therefore, this issue may be tabled indefinitely pending further action by IHS or DCP.)
6. Issue: COSTEP Position Paper
 Action: Additional comments and suggestions were made to clarify the paper. Final draft will be completed and presented to TPAC for review and action on August 5, 1993.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Issue: HAT: HEALTH ACTION TODAY
 Conclusion: LCDR Laura Whisler, DrPH, RD, CHES, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Coordinator, USPHS Beneficiary Medical Program, presented a seminar on the HAT program. The HAT program is "a wellness program where the commissioned officers, are the role models of and facilitator for health behavior change to healthy lifestyles for "themselves and their families, and their patients and the community."

The HAT program will provide:

- o Data base foundations for health care access and needs survey, health risk appraisal, and health care providers survey.
- o Healthy People 2000 PHS objectives.
- o HAT strategies for health behavior changes.
- o HAT health care framework.

LCDR Whisler emphasized the need for a team approach to achieve individual behavior modification and lifestyle changes, avoidance of "crash" diets, and avoidance of repetitive strain/overuse injuries during exercise.

Additional information on HAT may be found in Attachment B of these minutes or by calling LCDR Whisler at 301-443-6299 or FAX at 301-443-8339.

2. Issue: Therapist Recruitment
Conclusion: CDR Wayne Smith reported for the TPAC Recruitment & Retention Committee. Committee members are implementing the strategic plans which include revision of the recruitment brochure, developing a fact sheet which includes pay and allowance information, developing a network of agency recruiters, revising the vacancy identification procedures, and developing procedures to facilitate the handling of inquiries. The committee's efforts will focus on therapist career progression and professional growth.
Action: Recruitment Committee members will provide a progress report during the August 5, 1993 TPAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1700 hours.

NEXT TPAC MEETING:

Date: Thursday, August 5, 1993
Time: 0900 to 1630 hours
Place: Conference Room I
Parklawn Building
Rockville, Maryland

Please submit agenda items no later than August 3, 1993 to:

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Respectfully

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