

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT
April 2008
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I. Congratulations To:

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Carswell

Congratulations to LT Tracy Gualandi and LT Carlos Estevez who have both received the Hazardous Duty Award.

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle

Congratulations to LCDR Jodi Tanzillo, OT for receiving the Achievement Medal in recognition of contributions as the deputy CO Liaison at the Shiprock Service Unit from 07/05 through 01/07.

Tuba City

Congratulations to LT Heidi Fisher, PT who was awarded the PHS Achievement Medal.

- **Multi-Agency**

Congratulations to LCDR David Byrne, AUD for being the Josef Hoog Award recipient this year. LCDR Byrne is the first audiologist to receive this prestigious recognition.

- **NIH**

Congratulations to Dr. Holly Cintas, PT who received the APTA Section on Pediatrics 2008 Research Award in Recognition of Outstanding Sustained Research Efforts Pertaining to Pediatric Physical Therapy.

II. News From the Field:

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner

FMC Butner, NC has all vacancies filled and staffing is 100%!

FMC Lexington

FMC Lexington, KY has selected as the new Chief LT Alex Brenner. LT Brenner is currently a Major in the Army, stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, and a graduate of the Army-Baylor program.

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Carswell

CAPT Karen Siegel visited the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas on March 5, 2008. This was the first of two visits she plans to have in Bureau of Prisons facilities. We hope to host her as a presenter at a Bureau of Prisons therapists' retreat where she will have the opportunity to tour the Federal Correctional Complex in Butner, North Carolina later this year.

LT Gualandi and LT Estevez attended a recruiting event for BOP/USPHS at Texas Women's University career health fair.

LT Estevez will be attending ACLS certification this week.

LT Gualandi initiated a bariatric weight management program to combat obesity in the prison.

- **IHS AK**

Norton Sound Health Corp, Nome, AK

LCDR Joe Kennedy, PT has been selected as the Chief of Physical Therapy at NSHC and is currently seeking to recruit a staff therapist.

NSHC has recently contracted a Speech Language Pathologist from Anchorage to provide periodic swallow studies and training for the nursing home residents.

Recently the CO's at NSHC were invited to take part in a new Family Support Services initiative with the local Army National Guard. Started the last Friday of February and continuing the last Friday of each month, the Guard Armory is hosting a family movie and pizza night. Of note, the local Army Guard unit extended the invitation to join in the festivities to our USPHS CO's as fellow uniformed service members.

The Nome area uniformed service members, including NSHC CO's, have been availed of a Commissary flight service. This consists of an airlift of commissary goods from Anchorage aboard a C-130. Those in the community that are active duty or retired from any uniformed service (commissary eligible) are notified and can purchase case lot items for the same price they are available in Anchorage.

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle

The COA Canyon De Chelly branch has joined the ADOT Adopt a Highway Program as a community outreach project. The highway sign will indicate the "USPHS Chinle Commissioned Officer Assoc." is responsible for maintaining the 1st mile south into town on Hwy 191. The first cleanup is scheduled for May 8th.

Fort Defiance

CDR Mike Faz will sit for the CWS exam this month.

Pinon

Special recognition goes to LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT. The PT Department underwent an unannounced quality rounds inspection last month and achieved 100% satisfactory scores in all graded areas with no comments or deficiencies.

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, Chief PT is back to operating as the sole clinician for the time being.

Tuba City

LT Heidi Fisher, PT was interviewed for an article in Advance for PT.

LT Heidi Fisher, PT and Melissa Long, PT attended NAIOMPT Cervical - Thoracic Course. Mr. Aaron Jones, PT attended McKenzie Part A.

Winslow

The Winslow Indian health Care Center PT Department recently opened a 3000 square foot off-campus Wellness Center which now houses the Physical Therapy department.

- **IHS NM**

Gallup

LCDR Ramon Ector, PT attended the OZO course in San Antonio, TX, April 2008.

Best wishes are extended to Ashley Watchman, PTA who gave birth to Tatum Watchman, March 18, 2008.

Laguna-Acoma

CDR Mitchell Scott attended the OZO course in San Antonio, TX, April 2008.

Shiprock

LCDR Tom Schroeder, PT received a grant from Johnson & Johnson for Pediatric Obesity. The grant total was for \$150,000.00 for 2 years. Tom and Joe will pick up the grant and attend training on April 27-29, 2008 in Washington, DC.

LCDR Alice Souvignier, PT attended Associate Recruiter Lead Training for US PHS Therapist Category in Washington, DC on April 9-11, 2008.

- **Multi-Agency**

Best wishes are extended to CDR Laura Grogan, OT and her husband Victor Ruggiero on the birth of their first child, Lacy Mae Ruggiero, born April 1st. The proud parents and their daughter are reported to all be doing well.

- **NIH**

Special recognition is given to Ms. Ellen Levy, PT, for completing second Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions course – Principles of Evidence Based Medicine.

III. Welcome/ Farewell To:

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner

COSTEP Stephan Berry reporting in January/February 2009 after he graduates in December 2008.

- **IHS AZ**

Fort Defiance

Ms. Cindy Kowell, PT and Ms. Debbie Buzzard PT, will arrive in June.

Pinon

Farewell to our Traveling Physical Therapis, Ms. Paula Smakowski, PT, DPT. She just completed a 6 month rotation with our department. This was a huge help with our patient backlog and quality of care. Ms. Smakowski is now on her way up to Sitka, Alaska to assist CAPT Terry Cavanaugh and later with LCDR Joe Kennedy in Nome, AK. We wish her well with safe travels' and many thanks!

- **IHS Multi-site**

Idabel Clinic, Choctaw Nation, Idabel, OK

Jennifer Bebo, PT attended the CSM in February in Nashville, TN

- **IHS NM**

Crownpoint

Welcome to Megan Hird, Staff PT who started 3/17/08.

Welcome to Wendell, HT who started 3/31/08.

Gallup

Welcome to Pam Bell, Speech Language Pathologist who started 3/3/08. She brings to GIMC 18 years of experience.

IV. Presentations:

- **IHS AZ**

Pinon

DM Education presentations for patients continue. Also, continuing to develop lecture series for lunch time CME education classes for the medical staff.

Tuba City

Welcome to CDR Kathleen O'Neill-Manrique, PT, Clinical Specialist, who has joined the staff at Tuba City after transferring from Hopi Health Care Center, Polacca, AZ.

Winslow

CDR Michael LaPlante: EMG Lecture UNM PT Program;
CDR Michael LaPlante: Preventative Health Care Winslow Wellness Conference.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Koweta Indian Health Facility, Coweta, OK

LT Delana Westman-Berry sponsored a safety health fair for the Koweta Indian Health Facility.

- **IHS NM**

Laguna-Acoma

LCDR Mitchell Scott did a presentation for the Medical Staff of ACL entitled "Acute Presentation of Charcot Arthropathy" in February 2008.

- **Multi-Agency**

On March 27, LCDR David Byrne participated as a faculty member in a program entitled: "Acute and Chronic Noise Exposure: Strategies for Preventing, Diagnosing, and Treating Hearing Loss." This seminar was held in Boston, MA at the Harvard School of Public Health, and was designed to address important public health issues related to the epidemiology of noise-induced hearing loss, the evaluation, management, and compensation of noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus, risk reduction strategies, and hearing loss education and outreach.

- **NIH**

Ms. Minal Jain, PT, organized a science field trip for 72 students from Roberto Clemente Middle School's 7th grade class. The experience was well regarded by students and teachers.

V. Publications: None

VI. Deployments: None

VII. Current Research: None

VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider: None