

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT**  
**December 2008**  
**LCDR Jodi A. Tanzillo, Field Representative Coordinator**

**I. Congratulations To:**

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

Congratulations to CDR Andra Battocchio, PT who is completing her DPT in mid-December from Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.

**II. News From the Field:**

- **BOP West**

**FMC Carswell, Fort Worth, TX**

LT Carlos Estevez, PT coordinated a visit by Region VI Director RADM Epi Elizondo, as he presented letters of appreciation to a group of BOP PHS officers for their efforts at the Hispanic Health Fair, also coordinated by LT Estevez. The PHS group impacted 580 people from the local indigent community.

Well wishes go to LT Carlos and Sara Estevez who were blessed with a healthy 8 lbs, 19 inches long baby boy, Christian Anthony, born on 9 Oct 08.

**USMCFP Springfield, Springfield, MO**

LCDR Justin Feola, PT placed 3rd in an international 24 hour endurance climbing competition; bravo on a job well done.

- **IHS Multi-Site**

**USPHS Indian Hospital, Lawton, OK**

CAPT Becky Sellers, PT will be retiring effective 04/01/09 and this will open a chief PT position in Lawton, Oklahoma.

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

Chinle hospital's expanded outpatient department will be opening for business on 12/22/08. In Jan or Feb we will pilot having a PT stationed in the outpatient dept to see patients and be a consultant for the primary care providers.

LCDR Jodi Tanzillo, OTR/L attended the CME on Manual Therapy and Exercise Approach of the Shoulder Girdle in Tuba City on October 4-5 and the American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT) annual training conference in Boston, MA October 23-26.

### **Phoenix**

CDR Ron West, PT attended an advanced wound care seminar.

### **Pinon**

LT Ron Kelderhouse, PT was selected as a member of the Pinon Health Center Clinic's Innovations in Planned Care (IPC) Team and Pinon Health Center Clinic's Recruitment and Retention Committee.

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT ran the St. George Utah Marathon on the 4 October 2008 and qualified for the Boston Marathon.

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT and LT Ron Kelderhouse, PT both attended CME training on Functional Foot Mechanics & Interventions Beyond the Rear Foot on 11/08 held in Albuquerque, N.M. and The Care and Management of the Patient Reporting Sexual Assault (Pinon, AZ), 11/08.

LT Ron Kelderhouse, PT attended CME on Manual Therapy and Exercise Approach of the Shoulder Girdle at Tuba City 10/04/08.

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT attended CME training on the Upper Quadrant Pain and Dysfunction: Differential Diagnosis with ULTT 7/08.

LT Ron Kelderhouse, PT is slated to attend the 2 week OBC in January 2009.

The Pinon PT Department is now using the Electronic Health Record for patient documentation.

### **Tuba City**

Tuba City hosted a 2-day CME entitled "Manual Therapy and Exercise Approach of the Shoulder Girdle" with over 20 attendees. All PT staff attended this CME as well as other members of the Medical Staff and civilian therapists.

LT Heidi Fisher, PT attended CME's on Vestibular Rehab and Shoulder Evaluation and Treatment.

CDR Kathleen O'Neil-Manrique, PT attended a CME on PNF at the N. Arizona High Altitude Seminars.

LCDR James Cowher, PT attended the Alaska Public Health Summit in Anchorage.

### **Sells**

Lynette Lopez is completing her PT Tech hours with us from Apollo College in Tucson. She is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

- **Multi-Agency**

CDR David Byrne, AUD is currently being recognized on the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) website (<http://www.caohc.org/index.php>). A brief bio appears in the "Spotlight on a CAOHC Course Director" section (<http://www.caohc.org/spotlight/0708.php>).

CDR Mercedes Benitez-McCrary, SLP serving in the Baltimore, MD CMS reports she has been elected a member of the COA 2009 Scientific Programs Committee.

CDR Michelle Jordan Garner, OT currently serving in HRSA in Rockville, MD has accepted a position with the FDA as a Regulatory Health Project Manager.

### **III. Welcome/ Farewell To:**

- **BOP West**

**FMC Carswell, Fort Worth, TX**

Welcome to LCDR Richard Brantley, PT who transferred from IHS Multi-Site Choctaw Nation Health Care Center, Talihina, OK on 27 Oct 08.

**USP Tucson, Tucson, AZ**

Welcome to LCDR Karen Kilman, PT who transferred to BOP-Tucson, AZ from IHS NM Zuni, NM 31 Oct 08.

- **IHS AZ**

**Pinon**

Welcome to Jolene Yellowhair, MSA from the Pinon P.T. Dept. Jolene joined us in late-October from our Dental Dept. and we are very happy to have her!!

**Tuba City**

Welcome to Paula Smakowski, PT as locum tenens.

**Sells**

We have 2 contract Physical Therapists from Baltimore, MD; Lori and Brian Custer (husband and wife). They will be with us for 12 weeks!

- **IHS Multi-Site**

**Choctaw Nation Health Care Center, Talihina, OK**

Choctaw Nation HCC bids farewell to LCDR Richard Brantley, PT who recently transferred to the BOP, FMC Carswell in Fort Worth, TX.

- **IHS NM**

**Santa Fe IHS, Santa Fe, NM**

Welcome to CDR Martha Duganne, PT who transferred back to Santa Fe Indian Health Service from IHS NM Zuni, NM 31 Oct 08 with a start date at SFIHS of 3 Nov 08.

**IV. Presentations:**

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

LCDR Eric Cala, SLP and LCDR Jodi Tanzillo, OTR/L presented Geriatric Feeding Adaptations to a Northern Pioneer College CNA class of 18 students on 6 Nov 08.

**Pinon**

The PT Department continues to present DM educational classes as part of the DM education team.

**Tuba City**

CDR Kathleen O'Neil-Manrique, PT presented "LBP Evaluation Techniques" to the Tuba City Medical Staff.

LT Heidi Fisher, PT presented "Evidence Based Treatments for LBP" to the Tuba City Medical Staff.

Aaron Jones, PT presented fall risk seminars at the Tuba City and Moenkopi Senior Centers.

**V. Publications:**

- **Multi-Agency**

CDR David Byrne, AUD: Palmer, CV, Mormer, E, Ortmann, A, Byrne, D, Ye, Y, and Keogh, L (2008). Is it REAL? Research Evaluation for Audiology Literature. *The Hearing Journal*, Vol. 61, No. 10, pp. 17-28.

**VI. Deployments:**

- **BOP West**

**FMC Carswell, Fort Worth, TX**

LCDR Tracy Gualandi, PT was deployed to College Station to help with nursing home evacuees from the recent Hurricane Ike. While deployed, LCDR Gualandi was selected Deputy Chief of Ancillary Services for the duration of her deployment.

**USMCFP Springfield, Springfield, MO**

LCDR Justin Feola, PT deployed to Texas in support of the hurricane relief efforts.

- **IHS AK**

**SEARHC – Ethel Lund Medical Center, Juneau, AK**

LCDR Anne Whitis, PT deployed 5-22 Sep 08 in support of the hurricane relief efforts for Hurricane Ike at the Special Needs Shelter in College Station, TX.

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle**

CDR Andra Battocchio, PT deployed to College Station, TX for 3 weeks to assist with nursing home evacuees in support of the hurricane relief efforts from Hurricane Ike.

**Tuba City**

LCDR James Cowher, PT deployed in support of the hurricane relief efforts for Hurricane Ike.

**VII. Current Research: None**

**VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider: None**