

TPAC
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REPORTS

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FUTURE TPAC MEETINGS:

The next TPAC Meeting will be on Thursday, 26 APR 01 from 1400 – 1630 hours, EDT.
 Future dates and times for TPAC Meetings are as follows: COA Meeting 2001, Tuesday, 29 MAY 2001 from 1700 – 1830 hours, EDT.

TO: LT RON WEST
FROM: CDR BETTY GARNER
SUBJECT: MULTI-SITE QUARTERLY REPORT
DATE: 14 FEB 2001

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to LT Bridgette Seago(PT) Claremore, on the birth of her son Seth

POSITIONS OPEN/ANTICIPATED

None

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

CPT Tom Stalusky(PT) Claremore, is involved in the slow process of remodeling and moving the PT department.

David Marshall(AUD) Tahlequah, reports business as usual.

Dr. Onita Lynch (AUD) Claremore, is expecting a panel soon on her open Tech position.

Rick Figenshaw (AUD) Rapid City, has placed Algo new born screening units in birthing hospitals at Rose Bud, Pine Ridge and Eagle Butte. Training was done at Rose Bud and Pine Ridge. Eagle Butte was snowed in !!

WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Stacy Villines (SLP) Ada, is the new Speech Pathologist at Carle Albert Indian Health Facility and joins Britt Johnson's Rehabilitation Department.

Date: February 23,2001
To: CDR Jeff Fultz, Chairperson, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee
Subject: TPAC Field Report- HRSA
From: CDR Alicia Hoard, HRSA Field Representative
Positions Open: None

Congratulations: None
News From the Field:

The Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments of the NHDP hosted four nurses from The Texas Center for Infectious Disease, San Antonio and Austin, Texas; and One Physicians Assistant from the US Army, Fort Polk, Louisiana for training in Management and Treatment of Insensitive Limbs, January 9-11, 2001.

CDR Shelley Patterson, assigned to HRSA Field Office IX/ San Francisco, is Project Officer for HIV/AIDS Transition and Initiative Grants at multiple sites in California and Arizona. Additionally, she is Project Officer for “Community Health Systems, Inc., Inland Behavioral Health Services, Inc., University of California at Irvine Family Health Center, and Riverside-San Bernardino County Health Department, Inc. CDR Patterson periodically visits these sites to assure quality of care and financial solvency and holds regularly scheduled conference calls providing technical assistance directly or through contractors.

The Physical Therapy Department hosted James Laskey, DPM on February 9th for a half day of training regarding the “Carville Approach” to alternative methods of off-loading pressure from the insensitive foot.

Welcome/ Farewell: none

Presentations:

CDR Alicia Hoard presented the “Role of Occupational Therapy in Hansen’s Disease” to the William Carey College Nursing Students at the Seminar on Hansen’s disease held at the Physicians Plaza II, Summit Hospital, Baton Rouge, LA on January 4, 2001.

CDR Alicia Hoard presented “Diabetes: An OT’s Role” to the Occupational Therapy students in the Medical Conditions Class at Louisiana State University, New Orleans, LA on February 5, 2001.

Publications: none

Current Research:

Future Agenda Items to Consider: none



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MEMORANDUM FOR TPAC Quarterly Report (Dec-Feb 2001)

FROM: LCDR Sue Newman

TO: LT Ron West
Executive Secretary, TPAC

SUBJECT: BOP West Field Report
-FMC Carswell
-FMC Rochester
-FMC Fort Worth

- I. Congratulations:
LTJG Alicia Souvignier (Rochester) received the USPHS Achievement Medal for her efforts in improving patient care through consultations and program development.
- LT Corey Dahl (Rochester) received the BOP Commendation Medal for his cumulative efforts in developing various patient care programs, improving clinical outcomes and professional growth.
- BOP Therapists received the Outstanding Unit Citation for advising and developing national BOP policies on rehabilitation related issues.
- II. Positions Open/Anticipated Openings: None
- III. News from the Field:
LTJG John Dewey (Ft Worth) in collaboration with the Psychology Department has started their first Interdisciplinary Chronic Pain Management Group.
- LCDR Eric Payne (Rochester) is also working on an Interdisciplinary Pain Management Program. They are finalizing their written procedures.
- LCDR Julia Woodard and Barbara Martinez, CTRS (Ft Worth) with the assistance of other Healthcare Professionals developed and initiated a feeding and dining program for Long Term Care Patients.
- IV. Welcome/Farewell to:
Michele Cloy, SPT from Washington University at St. Louis, MO completed her 4-week clinical at the FMC Fort Worth. CDR Linda Hemingway was her Clinical Instructor.
- Teri Torstenson, SPT from the Mayo Physical Therapy Program is currently completing her eight-week clinical at FMC Rochester. Her last day will be March 2, 2001.
- V. Presentation: None
- VI. Publications: None
- VII. Current Research: None
- VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider: None
- IX. Changes to the e-mail and mailing roster: None

**National Institutes of Health
Occupational Therapy Report**

Date: February 21, 2001
From: Capt. Frances Oakley
Subject: NIH Occupational Therapy Report
To: Cdr. Jeff Fultz, Chair, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

Congratulations to: N/A

Positions Open/ Anticipated Openings: N/A

News from the Field:

- 1) Susan Eckloff attended a course on the Interpretation of the Sensory Integration and Praxis Test (SIPT) sponsored by Sensory Integration International.
- 2) Capt. Becky Parks participated in a Commissioned Corps recruitment film.
- 3) Capt. Becky Parks, Capt. Fran Oakley, and Susan Robertson supervised occupational therapy clinical research apprenticeship students from Washington University at St. Louis during their five-week affiliation.
- 4) Capt. Bonnie Thornton served as Co-chair of the Friends of the Clinical Center (FOCC) subcommittee to determine if patient emergency requests to the FOCC are funded.

Welcome/Farewell to: N/A

Presentations: N/A

Publications: N/A

Current Research: N/A

Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider: None at this time.

TO: Chairperson, Therapist Professional Advisory Committee
FROM: LT Michelle Peterman
DATE: 12 Feb 2001
SUBJECT: TPAC Quarterly Agency Activity Report
DC Commission on Mental Health Services (CMHS)

I. Congratulations:

LTJG Michelle Peterman was promoted to LT on 1 Jan 01 and took on the position of Acute Care Supervisor.

II. Positions Open:

We are currently seeking one Occupational Therapist. If interested please contact CDR Coleman at (202) 645-7106 code #38337.

III. News from the Field:

LTJG Steven Spaulding organized and carried out a fitness initiative emphasizing officer's fitness level in accordance with CCRF standards. Nine PHS officers and three civilian employees participated.

CDR Coleman submitted a proposal for a Work Adjustment, Peer Mentoring Program at the DC CMHS. The proposal was received with overwhelming support from management and is currently being piloted within the in-patient units. This program trains consumers to lead diversional activities and act as role models for their peers. The following officers are a part of this initiative: LT Michelle Peterman, LTJG Teshara Bouie, LT Terri Ellsworth, and LCDR Maria Bacilio.

CDR Coleman supports the public/private initiative of the DC CMHS by collectively working with "Our Turn Advocacy Program", (a consumer advocacy program of Washington, DC) to create a voice for the mentally challenged. Thus far, consumers under CDR Coleman's leadership have (1) Conducted a voter registration drive registering 48 first time voters. This group of consumers explained the voting process through a skit, used booth demonstrations and speakers, helped peers get to the polls and assisted with filling out forms/absentee ballots. (2) Consumers also conducted a consumer satisfaction survey which resulted in the largest turn-out in the past years. (3) Consumers also attended the Washington, DC Mayors Forum on The State of Mental Health Issues in the District. Consumers were awarded with certificates and gifts.

CDR Coleman has implemented an exercise program for seniors, focusing on the Surgeon General's theme of prevention. Most of these seniors range between the age of 62 to 85 years. They rarely exercised and lacked the mobility, tolerance, or endurance to perform 5 minutes of continuous simple range of motion exercise. To date, the seniors are performing 20-25 minutes of continuous exercises, three

times a week, using a 20 oz. bottle of water as a weight. Sitting, standing, and walking are a part of our routine. The program staff and seniors are thoroughly satisfied with our success.

IV. Welcome and Farewell:

LCDR Cindy Melanson bids us farewell as she moves to a new position at HCFA. We wish the best for her, she will be greatly missed.

Welcome to LCDR Maria Bacilio and LT Terri Ellsworth. We are very excited to have two new officers and would like to extend a warm welcome.

V. Presentations:

N/A

VI. Publications:

N/A

VII. Current Research:

N/A

VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:

N/A

IX. Changes to the e-mail and mailing roster:

Additions:

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AZ Field Representative Report February 23, 2001 TPAC

Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility

- It was approved for and LT Joseph Strunce will go to the 18 month Orthopedic Program at Baylor.

Fort Defiance Indian Hospital

- Requested and awaiting approval for another PT position.
- Plans for new hospital to be completed March 2002.

Phoenix Indian Medical Center

- LT Ron West had his 4th child – Luke West 7# 15oz, 12/27/00.
- LCDR Liza Figueroa is President of the local COA.

Hopi Health Care

- PT department still needs staffing. Selection was made but the selected person cannot be reached.

Hu Hu Kam Indian Hospital

- 6000 ft² new department and Wellness Center is to open and have a Blessing Ceremony on March 7, 2001. Plan for April to be invited to the Grand Opening Open House.
- The PT department hired Aaron Barnett, ATC, CSCS, ES to be apart of the Wellness Center making it a Level 5 facility.

Sells USPHS Indian Hospital

- The department has been helping PT students from Simmons (Boston), Northeastern (Boston) and Univ. of Southern California - Davis. They have 3-4 student a year.

Tuba City Indian Medical Center

- Need 20 hour Pediatric PT
- Anne O'Connor, SLP (32 hours) has been doing well with recruiting and retaining contracted O.T.s - Susan Larson, O.T. (20 hours), Terry Demechko, O.T. (8 hours).

Whiteriver Indian Hospital

- Congratulations to CAPT M. Huylebroeck for receiving the USPHS Meritorious Service Medal in November 2000. This is the second highest award within the USPHS.

Winslow PHS Health Center

- CDR Selden Wasson will retire with USPHS this year.
- The PTA position was placed on hold. The department is hopeful this needed position will soon be off hold.

Arizona Positions:

Tuba City Indian Medical Center

- Need 20 hour Pediatric PT

Hopi Health Care

- PT department still needs staffing. New department – new equipment – No Chief.

Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility

- Temporary full-time PT position for 18 months will be needed.
- Full-time OT position is open.

To: LT Ron West
From: LT Shakira Strickland
CC: TPAC Field Rep Report
Date: 4/11/01

I. CONGRATULATIONS

CDR Martha Duganne was appointed by the Director of IHS for the Therapist Chief Clinical Consultant Position. This is a five year appointment, previously held by CAPT Mike Huylebroeck. Martha may be reached at martha.duganne@gimc.ihs.gov.

II. POSITIONS OPEN

The Crownpoint Chief position is vacant, a panel of applicants will soon be sought.

III. NEWS FROM THE FIELD

LT Barbara Cayatineto was selected to attend Leadership in Context-Training for Supervisors, which is sponsored by the Indian Health Services.

LTjg Mika Wooldridge recently attended an aerobics certification offered by the Navajo Nation and the American Council on Exercise (ACE). She is now volunteering her time with Healthy Community Fitness teaching a toning/strengthening class one night a week.

IV. WELCOME/FAREWELL

Welcome to Jennifer Williams, SLP who recently joined the GIMC Rehab Staff. Jennifer is also seeing patients at Tohatchi Health Center one day a week, and discussing options for seeing patients at other sites within the Navajo Area.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None to report

VI. CURRENT RESEARCH

None to report

Date: 15 February, 2001
Reply To: LCDR Matt Taylor PT
Subject: TPAC News From The Field (BOP East)
To: LCDR Ron West, Executive Secretary, TPAC

1. Accomplishments

FMC Lexington:

- LCDR Jesse Lief was elected as the President of the Bluegrass Chapter of the COA, and LT Fred Lief was named Treasurer.
- Elizabeth Joerendt, CRTRS, passed her Recreational Therapy recertification.

FMC Devens

- LCDR Taylor has been named as the Bureau of Prisons Northeast Regional Telehealth Consultant for Wound Care.

2. Position Openings

None

3. Activities

Multiple treatment programs are being developed by bureau therapists, including Bone Marrow Transplant Recreational Therapy (E. Joerendt), Cardiac Rehab. (LT F. Lief), and Pain Management (CDR Miller, LCDR Gaustad and LCDR Taylor, and LTjg Elton).

4. Hail and Farewell

“Welcome Aboard” to LT Henry McMillan. If the name sounds familiar, LT McMillian spent two years with the Indian Health Service in Gallup, NM.

5. Presentations

“Death and Dying” (LCDR Gaustad), “Body Mechanics for Hospice Workers” (LTjg Elton), “Wound Care” (LTjg Pearce), “Healthy Lifestyles” (CDR Royall), “Musculoskeletal Lecture Series” (LT Lief), “Wound Care Competency Training” (LCDR Lief), and “Current Concepts in Wound Care” (LCDR Taylor)

6. Publications

LCDR Lief was asked to review the book: Skin Care Triad. Look for the review in an upcoming edition of JOSPT.

LTjg Elton wrote an article for the “Ozark Analyst” on the role of Physical Therapy.

7. Current Research

Therapists at FMC Rochester are starting a pilot study comparing slow pace vs conventional weight lifting techniques for strengthening.

8. Future Items for TPAC Consideration

A recurrent issue for BOP Therapists has been difficulties with receiving readable copies of the TPAC minutes via e-mail because of difficulties converting them from MW WORD into WP5.1. Because BOP policy apparently states that only WP5.1 is allowed on bureau computers. Minutes need to be “translated” on someone’s home computer who has WORD and then sent out to the BOP facilities. This should become a moot issue, however, due to plans to make the TPAC minutes available online in the fairly near future.

9. E-Mail and Mailing Address Changes

None.

To: LT Ron West
From: LCDR Dan Weaver
Subject: TPAC Field Report
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Date: February 15, 2001

I. Congratulations:

LT Jenevieve Neros for her recent position upgrade to Deputy Chief at the SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital Physical Therapy Department. She is presently on maternity leave with new daughter Sofia Hayley.

II. Positions Open:

There is a possibility of a physical therapy position opening at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in March 2001. This is a Native preference position. ANMC is managed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. If interested please contact CAPT Jim Akers, Chief of Physical Therapy Dept. at jakers@anmc.org. (We will know more about whether this will be a temporary or permanent need as March approaches.)

III. News from the field:

Welcome to LTJG Alexei Desatoff, Staff Physical Therapist at the SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital Physical Therapy Department. Alexei started as a direct hire in Oct. 2000 and converted to Commissioned Corps in January 2001.

IV. Presentations: None

V. Publications: None

VI. Current Research: None

VII. Future Agenda Items: None at this time