

Date: August 10, 2005  
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To: CDR Scott Gaustad, TPAC Chair, LCDR Corey Dahl, TPAC Executive Secretary  
Via: CDR Sue Newman, Chair TPAC Information Management Committee  
Subj: AUGUST 2005 TPAC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

**I. POSITIONS OPEN/ANTICIPATED:**

• **NIH**

Physical therapy vacancy #CC-05-3123.  
Info at <http://reports.cit.nih.gov/jobsnih/vacsearch.asp> (click on patient care and then search).

• **IHS NM**

**Gallup:** 1 PTA

**Crownpoint:** staff PT position; 1 potential additional PT opening in Fiscal Year 2006

• **IHS AZ**

**Tuba City:** 4 Physical Therapy Positions (2 staff/jr position, a senior staff position, a PT Manager Position) Contact ***CDR Sue Newman, PT*** (928) 283-2659 or e-mail [sue.newman@tcimc.ihs.gov](mailto:sue.newman@tcimc.ihs.gov)

**Hopi:** Possible PTA/Aide position opening at end of August

• **BOP EAST**

**FMC Devens:** 2 staff PT positions

**FMC Butner:** 3 staff PT positions

• **IHS NW/AK**

**Lame Deer:** Staff PT

**Crow Agency:** Staff PT

## II. CONGRATULATIONS:

- **Temporary Grade Promotions FY 2005**

### **To Temporary Captain (O-6)**

S. Michelle Hooper	07/01/2005
Louis N. Iannuzzi	07/01/2005
Susanne E. Pickering	07/01/2005

### **To Temporary Commander (O-5)**

Denise M. Brasseaux	07/01/2005
Michael D. Laplante	07/01/2005
Sue N. Newman	01/01/2006
Daniel C. Weaver	07/01/2005
* Ronald R. West	07/01/2005

### **To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O-4)**

Matthew Robert Daab	07/01/2005
Alexei A. Desatoff	10/01/2005
Justin Richard Feola	07/01/2005
Darlene Michele Harmon	10/01/2005
Lorrie Lea Murdoch	07/01/2005
William H. Pearce JR	07/01/2005
Stephen Shumway Spaulding	07/01/2005
Carlos Terrell Stanford	07/01/2005
Jodi Anne Tanzillo	01/01/2006

- ***Congrats to those passing the ABPTS Clinical Specialists Exam***

### **OCS**

CDR Lois Goode  
LT Tarri Randall  
LT Darlene Harmon  
Ms Dawn Dineyazhe  
LT Jill Tillman  
LT Brian Elza

### **GCS**

LCDR James Cowher

- **IHS AZ**

### **Phoenix:**

***CDR Liza Figueroa, PT***, was conferred her DPT on August 6, 2005.

*CDRs Liza Figueroa, PT, and Ron West, PT*, were awarded the Outstanding Unit Citation in recognition of performance in design, planning and operation of the 2003 Public Health Professional Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

**Gallup:**

*Ms Lori Lee, PT*, as part of Lifestyle Balance Program was awarded Navajo Area Directors Award

**San Carlos:**

*LCDR Jeff Richardson, PT*, received ISOHARD, Special Assignment, and PHS citation awards.

- **MULTI\_AGENCY**

**CDC/CMS:**

*CAPT Susanne Pickering, OT, and CDR Rita Shapiro, PT*, were awarded the Unit Commendation Award for their participation and contributions during the G-8 Summit in June 2004.

**HRSA/HIV-AIDS BUREAU:**

*CDR Michelle Jordan, OT*, was recognized for her contribution as a member of the planning committee that coordinated a successful and the first CDC/HRSA Project Officers Partnership Meeting; which took place July 19-21, 2005 in Washington, DC.

**III. NEWS FROM THE FIELD:**

- **BOP EAST**

**FMC Lexington:**

JCAHO arriving for inspection August 18-19

- **AZ IHS**

**Whiteriver:**

Position at Whiteriver to be filled by I.H.S. Scholarship recipient; *Amanda Lassert, DPT*, from Creighton University.

**EMG/NCV COURSE** being planned for November 2005, at the Az School of Health Sciences; two tracts Beginner and Advanced. If interested, please contact *CDR Lois Goode, PT*, @ 928-338-3610.

*CDR Lois Goode, PT*, went to Supai, Havasupai Tribe, Grand Canyon, with an orthopedic team completing musculoskeletal evaluations and implementing treatment

interventions for a three-day ortho clinic. The members of the team included Dr. Robert Wylie, Gerald Spinner, FNP, and Beth Cranston.

Congratulations to ***LT Toni Donahoo, PT***, and her husband Jerrod, on the birth of their beautiful girl, Sage Pearl Donahoo.

**Phoenix:**

***LT Doug Henry, PT***, is working on lifting/fall prevention programs for PIMC staff. He also completed McKenzie Part B: Cervical and Thoracic Spine continuing professional educational course sponsored by the PHS at Flagstaff, AZ.  
IHS NM

**Parker:**

***LT Joe Golding, PT***, participated in the Color Guard for the Colorado River Service Unit June 23, 2005. He will also be attending the first week of the Rocky Mountain University Basic ENMG Course September 19-25, 2005.

The Electronic Health Record will soon be implemented at Parker Indian Health Center. The PT Dept. will be the initial test site.

**Hopi:**

***LT Brian Elza, PT***, recently received PHS Training Ribbon

**Fort Defiance:**

***LCDR David Honaberger, PT***, and his wife have a new baby girl.....Sarah Honaberger.....welcome Sarah

• **ST ELIZABETH'S**

***LCDR Maria Bacilio, OT***, is the Chairperson for the Annual Employee Recognition Program for the Civil and Forensic staff at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She has also been appointed to the Mock Survey Team to assist the hospital with compliance in meeting CMS standards.

***CDR Michelle Coleman, OT***, coordinates community groups for CSA (Community Services Administration). The focuses are recovery and prevention.

***LCDR Michelle Peterman, OT***, is serving on the Restraint and Seclusion Team to assist the hospital with compliance in meeting CMS standards.

• **MULTI-AGENCY**

**FDA:**

***LCDR Terry Boles, PT***, completed McKenzie Part B: Cervical and Thoracic Spine continuing professional educational course sponsored by the PHS at Flagstaff, AZ.  
IHS NM

**Gallup:**

*Ms. Dawn Dineyazhe, PT* has returned to Rehab Dept. full-time, returning from maternity leave. Her new daughter, Taylor, is doing very well.

**Santa Fe:**

*CDR Martha Duganne, PT*, has been working hard getting the PT program going at Santa Fe, as there has not been PT services at there for a “long time”. Working on getting approval for 2<sup>nd</sup> PT position.

**Crownpoint:**

Department currently being renovated – treatment areas being converted in to private treatment rooms. Will soon sharing space in department with Full-time podiatrist.

Groundbreaking for new Thoreau satellite clinic (25 miles from Crownpoint) to be on Aug 20 2005, which will include room for PT services.

- **NIH**

*CAPTs Frances Oakley, OT, and Rebecca Parks, OT*, attended the Mental Health Disaster Response Training Course sponsored by the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment in Rockville, MD, July 25 - 29

- **IHS NW/AK:**

**Flathead Tribal Health St Ignatius:** LCDR Robert Roe, PT, received the USPHS Achievement Medal

**ANMC:**

*LT Irene Jordet* has been converted from a direct hire to the Commissioned Corps. This is the first conversion allowed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Board since 1999

*Ms Katrina Johnson, PT*, gave birth to a new baby boy (22” 8lbs, 13 oz)

*CDR Dan Weaver, PT*, held a diabetic foot clinic in Dillingham AK

*CDR Doug Munoz, PT*, attended an Electroneuromyography Symposium in Provo Utah

*Ms. Nicole Taniguchi, PT*, attended the Combined Sections Meeting in New Orleans.

- **BOP WEST**

**FMC Rochester:**

*LT Felipe Zamarron, OT*, attended the OFRD Mental Health Disaster Training from 25-29 July 2005.

**MCFP Springfield:**

*LT Jill Tillman, PT*, was selected to participate in the OFRD Raven Wedge 2005' exercise, 8-17 August 2005, at Camp Fretard, MD.

*CDR Scott Gaustad, PT*, an adjunct faculty member at Southwest Missouri State University, was recognized with a letter of appreciation for his instruction of 3 courses: Introduction to EMG/NCV Techniques, Advanced Topics in Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy "Manual Physical Therapy Techniques", and Health Care Systems and the Physical Therapist.

#### IV. WELCOME/FAREWELL

**Welcome:**

- **IHS AZ**

**Hopi:** *CDR Kathleen Manrique, PT*, arriving on 8/4/05

- **IHS NM**

**Gallup:**

New Occupational Therapist to start later in August (name not available)

*Ms. Jennifer Bebo, PT*, will be returning to work part-time for Rehab Department later this summer.

**ACL:**

*LT Scott Mitchell, PT* will be joining the ACL staff in early September '05

- **BOP WEST**

**FMC Carswell:**

*LTJG Yvonne Robison, PT*, will be joining the Rehab staff at FMC Carswell effective September 19, 2005. LTJG is transferring from FMC Fort Worth.

- **IHS NW/AK**

**Lamedeer:** *Jennifer Allies, PT* - New Chief PT Department

**Farewell:**

- **IHS AZ**

**Whiteriver:**

*LT Toni Donahoo, PT*, who has left Whiteriver to work in Ada, Oklahoma

**Tuba:**

*Ms. Sarah Pierre, PT*, 7/18/05 to Fort Defiance

*Ms. Shaundean Brown* (summer employee 8/18/05)

*Mr. Mark Moore, PT*, 9/1/05

*Ms. Nicole Senecal, PT*, 10/7/05

- **BOP EAST**

**FMC Devens:**

*LT Scott Mitchell, PT* is leaving the BOP (Best wishes Scott)

**V. PRESENTATION:**

- **NIH**

*CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT*, presented “The Brief Assessment of Motor Function: Content Validity and Reliability of the Upper Extremity Gross Motor Scale (UEGM) at the COA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, during the first week of June, 2005.

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

**CMS**

*CDR Mercedes J. Benitez McCrary, SLP*, presented “Health Literacy and the Elderly: A Global Health Impact” at the COA during the Scientific Papers session on June 06, 2005.

- **BOP EAST**

**FMC Lexington:**

*LCDR Fred Lief, PT*, presented: *Cervical Radiculopathy in a Young Male Weightlifter* at the 2005 COA Conference in Philadelphia

- **IHS AZ**

**Chinle:**

*LCDR Joseph Strunce, PT*, presented his research “The Immediate effects of Thoracic Spine Manipulation on Patients with Primary Complaints of Shoulder Pain”

at the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Conference, Windowrock, AZ, Jun. 2005

**Whiteriver:**

**CDR Lois Goode, PT**, co-presented at the National I.H.S. Conference on Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes Prevention. Her presentation was titled: Intensive Lifestyle Modification for Diabetes Prevention, The Whiteriver Experience

- **BOP WEST**

**USMCFP Springfield:**

**LT Justin Feola and LT David Engelman** completed and posted on the Bureau of Prisons website a web based educational presentation on "Management of the Lymphedema Patient".

**VI. PUBLICATION:**

- **NIH**

**Shrader JA**, Popovich JM, Gracey GC, Danoff JV. Measurement of Navicular Drop in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: Interrater and Intrarater Reliability. *Physical Therapy*. 2005; 85(7), 656-664.

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## **VII. CURRENT RESEARCH:**

- **NIH**

*CAPT Rebecca Parks, OT*, is currently engaged in research on the natural history of inclusion body myositis, led by Dr. Marinos Dalakas of NINDS.

## **VIII. DEPLOYMENTS: None**

## **IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **IHS AZ**

**Tuba City:** Force Management Issue regarding supporting Officers who volunteer to be assigned in remote areas but then cannot find another assignment after completing several years of service at a remote site i.e Alaska and Montana just to name a few. Basically, Officers are hesitant to volunteer for assignments in very remote areas because there is no system in place to ensure they will have an opportunity to leave for a more desirable location. They end up stuck in remote/undesirable assignments.

Respectfully submitted by:

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