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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: OCTOBER 2005 TPAC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

I. POSITIONS OPEN/ANTICIPATED

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Devens: 2 PT openings

FMC Butner: 1 OT opening

- **IHS MULTISITE**

1 Staff PT

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1 Staff PT

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- **IHS NW/AK**

Sitka: 1 PT

Lame Deer: 1 PT

Crow Agency: second PT FTE put on freeze

- **IHS NM**

Shiprock: 2 staff PT openings; 1 chief of Rehab opening

GIMC: 1 anticipated OT opening, PTA position should be filled soon (panel has closed).

- **IHS AZ**

PIMC: Anticipate 1 opening for Inpatient Rehab PT in Nov-Dec

II. CONGRATULATIONS

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

FDA, Arizona:

LCDR Terry Boles, PT, received the PHS Unit Commendation. The Import Operations Group received recognition for the collective sustained service of all members resulting in the prevention of volatile products from entering US commerce, and the FDA meeting their performance and work plan goals. He also received the **DoD award Global War on Terrorism Service Medal** for service in the US Air Force during the Iraq War.

- **IHS AZ**

PIMC:

LT Doug Henry, PT, received **USPHS Achievement Medal** for outstanding services provided as the inpatient therapist at PIMC

CAPT Mark Dardis, CDR Liza Figueroa, CDR Ron West and LT Doug Henry received the **PHS Unit Commendation** for exceptional clinical work related to the management and reconstruction of complex foot and extremity wounds at Phoenix Indian Medical Center during the period of May 2004 to December 2004

III. NEWS FROM THE FIELD

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner:

Awaiting arrival of *LT Doug Henry, PT* from Phoenix.

FMC Butner acquired its 5th facility with the completion of the new FCI. This facility has a nice 1500 square foot Rehab Unit that is designated for the recovering orthopedic patient. So, expect to hear of continued staffing needs at Butner over the next year

FMC Lexington:

CAPT David Nestor stepped down as Chief Therapist for the BOP

CAPT Linda Hemingway, PT, is the acting Chief Therapist for the BOP

LCDR Fred Lief, President of the COA Bluegrass Chapter, asked members to respond to CAPT Farrell's challenge of donating money for the hurricane relief effort. Bluegrass Chapter members made a generous donation for this cause.

- **To ALL PHS Officers in the BOP**

The Director of the BOP has ruled that PHS Officers are not considered law enforcement and therefore will no longer work posts requiring firearms (i.e. perimeter patrol, armed escort) and will no longer participate in annual firearms training.

- **BOP WEST**

USMCFP Springfield:

LCDR Justin Feola recently had a baby girl, Jocelyn Kate 6lbs 6 ounces, 20 inches long. Mom and baby are healthy.

- **IHS MULTI-SITE**

Talihina:

Suzan Abeyta, PT, completed NCV Testing 9/05 @ Univ. of Central Arkansas and will begin providing services this fall.

Hastings:

LCDR Cindy Carter, PT, completed NCV/EMG for UE 9/05 and will continue with LE in 2/06 @ Rocky Mt. University.

- **NIH**

CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel and Joe Shrader were featured in the cover story of the October issue of News-Line for Physical Therapists entitled "Collaborating in a State-of-the-Art Clinical and Research Facility" by Kelly Dolde.

- **IHS NM**

ACL:

With the hiring of recent new full-time PT, the contract OT *Michael Glade* is no longer a part of the department, although his services may still be utilized under the "swing-bed" in inpatient department

The department is working on becoming more involved in high school athletic programs as well as community education programs such as health fairs.

GIMC:

LT Brian Elza, PT, will be transferring from Hopi Healthcare Center on November 1.

IV. WELCOME/FAREWELL

Welcome:

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Carswell:

LTJG Yvonne Robison transferred on September 19, 2005

- **NIH**

Ellen Levy joined the physical therapy staff on 9/19/05.

- **IHS NM**

Crownpoint:

Ms. Lori Lee, PT, transferred from GIMC

ACL:

LT Scott Mitchell, PT

Shiprock:

Andrea Woolridge, PT (previously at Chinle Hospital) has been reactivated into the Corps and is now on a TDY at Shiprock to help out the department. The department is extremely busy and understaffed!!

Farewell:

- **BOP EAST**

FMC DEVENS:

LT Scott Mitchell, PT, transferred to ACL Hospital, NM on August 30, 2005. Best wishes to Scott.

- **IHS NW/AK**

SITKA:

LCDR Jenevieve Neros is changing from full time/active duty to intermittent/inactive reserve. 10/14/05

- **IHS NM**

GIMC:

Ms. Lori Lee, PT has just transferred to Crownpoint

- **IHS AZ**

PIMC:

LT Doug Henry, PT, will transfer to FMC Butner middle of November. We would like to wish Doug the best of luck to him and his family. Thank you for all of your hard work and camaraderie you will be missed.

V. PRESENTATION

- **NIH**

Platform and poster presentations associated with abstracts listed in publications.

VI. PUBLICATION

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

FDA, Arizona

LCDR Terry Boles, PT, contributed to historical published works “Hard Charger! The Story of the USS Biddle (DLG-34)”. August 2005

- **NIH**

Abstracts:

Kepple T, Alderink G, *Siegel KL*, Razzook A, Stanhope S: Determining the sources of forward velocity in a baseball pitch using an induced velocity analysis. Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Computer Simulation in Biomechanics, 2005.

Razzook AR, Nelson KM, *Siegel KL*, Stanhope SJ: Can passive dynamic ankle foot orthoses replicate natural ankle stiffness? Proceedings of the XXth Congress of the International Society of Biomechanics, 2005.

Cintas H, Parks R, Chou M, *Hildenbrand H*, Gerber L: The Brief Assessment of Motor Function (BAMF): Content validity and reliability of the Fine Motor Scale, Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology 47, Supplement No 102: 30.

Cintas H, Parks R, Don S, Gerber L: The Brief Assessment of Motor Function (BAMF): Content validity and reliability of the Upper Extremity Gross Motor Scale, Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology 47, Supplement No 102: 30

Paper:

Eskandari F, Mistry S, Martinez PE, Torvik S, Kotila C, Sebring N, *Drinkard BE*, Levy C, Reynolds JC, Csako G, Gold PW, Horne M, Cizza G; POWER (Premenopausal, Osteopenia/Osteoporosis, Women, Alendronate, Depression) Study Group. Younger, premenopausal women with major depressive disorder have more abdominal fat and increased serum levels of prothrombotic factors: implications for greater cardiovascular risk. Metabolism. 2005 Jul; 54(7): 918-24.

Book:

Cintas HL and Gerber LH. Children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Strategies to Enhance Performance; Gaithersburg MD: Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation 2005

VII. CURRENT RESEARCH

None

VIII. DEPLOYMENTS:

• **ST ELIZABETH'S**

LCDR Michelle Peterman was deployed Sept. 4 - Sept. 13, 2005, as a Mental Health Provider. Her team's mission was assigned to set up a medical contingency hospital in Meridian, Mississippi.

LCDR Maria Bacilio was deployed Sept. 6 - Sept. 17, 2005 as a Mental Health Provider with FEMA in Gulfport Mississippi.

LCDR Mark Melanson was deployed Sept. 23 - Oct. 6, 2005. His mission was at the Secretary's Command Center in Wash., DC and he served as the Surgeon General's liaison.

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner:

LCDR Henry McMillan, Chief PT at Butner, deployed for 3 weeks to Baton Rouge and New Orleans. He worked as an administrator and liaison and was involved in the rebuilding of the health care infrastructure in the surrounding Parishes of New Orleans. LCDR McMillan appeared briefly with a large group on the Dr. Phil show and on CNN during a housing meeting with local hospital CEO's, FEMA officials, and ADM Thad Allen. LCDR McMillan writes: "The deployment was filled with long hours and cold showers, but the experience was rewarding in many different facets. I hope that all therapists have the opportunity that I was afforded."

- **BOP WEST**

USMCFP Springfield:

CDR Scott Gaustad was deployed for three weeks following Hurricane Katrina.

FMC Rochester:

LT Jessica Feda, PT was deployed to Mississippi where she worked jointly at a PHS Air National Guard Field Hospital and PHS Navy Field Hospital in Meridian and at the Nevada One tent hospital in Gulfport. She worked in a therapy and administrative capacity, and was able to extend her deployment.

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

FDA, Arizona

LCDR Terry Boles, PT, completed a four-week deployment to Baton Rouge supporting the Louisiana SERT as the ESF 8 Logistics Chief.

OPHS

LCDR Laura M Grogan, OT was deployed to Mississippi where she worked jointly at a PHS Air National Guard Field Hospital and PHS Navy Field Hospital in Meridian and at the Nevada One tent hospital in Gulfport. She worked in a therapy and administrative capacity, and was able to extend her deployment.

- **NIH**

CAPT Rebecca Parks deployed 9/6-9/17/2005 as member of 10-person FEMA Mental Health Team to Gulfport, Mississippi. Work involved counseling and stress management with first responders, care providers, and others who had assisted victims of Hurricane Katrina but also were victims themselves.

CAPT Charles McGarvey was the team leader of the PHS Katrina Deployment Alpha Team whose primary mission was to provide support to a 200-bed field hospital at the LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center in Baton Rouge, LA, Aug 28- Sep 9.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. What type of nomination process is utilized to elect TPAC chair, secretary, committee chairs as well as agency clinical consultants?

Respectfully submitted by:

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