

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE COORDINATOR REPORT
June 2007
LCDR Jodi A. Tanzillo, Field Representative Coordinator

I. **Congratulations To:**
Congratulations to the following Therapists on their promotions:

To Temporary Captain (O-6)

Nancy J. Balash	10/01/2007	IHS NW
Liza M Figueroa	10/01/2007	IHS AZ
Douglas P. Munoz	07/01/2007	IHS AK

To Temporary Commander (O5)

Cynthia Ellen Carter	07/01/2007	IHS Multi-site
Laura M. Grogan	07/01/2007	Multi-Agency
Grant M. Mead	01/01/2008	Multi-Agency
Tarri Ann Randall	07/01/2007	IHS AZ
Jon Michael Schultz	07/07/2007	BOP West
Barbara A. Werito	07/01/2007	IHS AZ

To Temporary Lieutenant Commander (O4)

Matthew Joseph Armentano	07/01/2007	IHS AZ
Ivy Fondy Chan	01/01/2008	NIH
Brian Dale Elza	07/01/2007	IHS NM
Mary Thembani Glenshaw	07/01/2007	Multi-Agency
Ayanna Y. Hill	07/01/2007	Multi-Agency
Irene Ellen Jordet	07/01/2007	IHS AK
Joseph A. Kennedy	07/01/2007	IHS AK
Karen Frieda Kilman	07/01/2007	IHS NM
Scott David Mitchell	07/01/2007	IHS NM
Darren Louis Orgel	10/01/2007	Multi-Agency
Thomas A. Schroeder	07/10/2007	IHS NM

• **IHS AZ**

Parker

Congratulations to LCDR Joe Golding who was awarded the USPHS Achievement Medal.

PIMC

Congratulations to Delrae Jackson graduated with an Associates Degree in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program.

Chinle

Congratulations to LCDR Jodi A. Tanzillo, OTR/L for receipt of the Unit Commendation medal in recognition of exceptional performance and teamwork during significant staff shortages at Northern Navajo Medical Center from May 2005 through January 2006.

Tuba City

Congratulations to LTJG Heidi Fisher, the 2007 TPAC Junior Officer of the Year.

- **IHS NM**

Shiprock

Congratulations to LCDR Alicia Souvignier, PT and LT Thomas Schroeder, PT upon receiving the PHS Citation Medal.

Congratulations to LCDR Lorrie Murdoch, PT and LCDR Alicia Souvignier, PT for receipt of the Unit Commendation medal in recognition of exceptional performance and teamwork during significant staff shortages at Northern Navajo Medical Center from May 2005 through January 2006.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Claremore Indian Hospital

LCDR Bridgette Seago, PT received a PHS Citation and has Assimilated to the Regular Corps.

Coweta Indian Health Facility

LT Delana Westman-Berry, PT received a Unit Commendation for her participation with the drive thru flu clinic.

- **IHS NW**

Fort Thompson Service Unit

CDR Bernard Long has received notification from the Office of the Surgeon General regarding appointment to the American Indian and Alaskan Natives Commissioned Officers Advisory Committee.

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Rochester

Congratulations to CDR Jessie Whitehurst-Lief for receiving the 2007 TPAC Therapist of the Year Award.

- **NIH**

Congratulations to CAPT Rebecca Parks for receiving the 2007 TPAC Josef Hoog Award.

II. News From the Field:

- **IHS AZ**

Parker

A PT Tech has been selected and will be added to the Parker PT Dept. 8/6/07.

Pinon

The PT Clinic will be integrating DM Education with the newly formed Pinon Health Center DM Team.

The PT Clinic will host a 3-mile fun run and 2-mile walk for the Health Center "Spring Fling" with over 45 participants.

Whiteriver

Recruitment: IHS will sponsor a booth/recruiting event at the PT2007 National APTA conference June 27-30th in Denver. CAPT Goode, CAPT Weaver, and LCDR Souvignier will be attending the conference and completing this activity. Please stop by if you are planning to attend the conference.

Biannual AREA Rehab Consultants/Contacts meeting will be held on July 12th in conjunction w/ the Four Corners Annual meeting and CEU. IHS will be sponsoring an update on Pharmacology and Cardiac Rehabilitation CEUs.

- **IHS NM**

Crownpoint

Crownpoint Hospital Stat Laboratory is now fully functioning which allows the ER and OB/Inpatient Departments to operate at full capacity.

Gallup

Lt Jennifer Bebo and Lt Dawn Dineyazhe were elected President and co-Vice President respectively of the Navajo Area COA Branch.

Shiprock

LT Tom Schroeder and wife Deb welcome the arrival of a happy, healthy, and beautiful daughter.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Claremore Indian Hospital

LCDR Bridgette Seago attended the 2007 COA Conference in Cincinnati, OH.

- **IHS NW**

Blackfeet Service Unit/Billings Area

BSU/PT Dept has fully implemented the use of EHR for documentation.

LCDR George Webber, PT participated in the Men's and Women's Health Fairs by presenting information on exercise, fitness, and back safety.

Fort Thompson Service Unit

CDR Bernard Long has been appointed the Project Manager of the Electronic Health Record Implementation for the facility. CDR Long also represents the FT Thompson facility on Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Flu.

Applause go to CDR Long's daughter who finished 5th in her first F.E.I. Endurance Competition in California.

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Rochester

LCDR Jessica Feda has given birth to a healthy baby boy.

III. Welcome/ Farewell To:

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle

Chinle Service Unit bids a sad farewell to LT Dean Trombley, SLP who will be departing June 27th for an assignment with the OSG as the Coordinator of the Medical Reserve Corps.

Chinle Service Unit bids welcome to LT Erik Cala-Pizano, SLP who will be filling the position vacated by LT Trombley. LT Cala-Pizano arrives from Santa Fe where he has been an SLP with the Santa Fe and Pecos schools for the past 6 years.

- **IHS NM**

Gallup

Welcome to Ramon Ector, Staff PT who will be starting in August 2007.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Tahlequa Hospital

Farewell to LT Melissa Still who will be leaving Tahlequah, OK this month

- **BOP WEST**

FMC Rochester

Welcome to LCDR Jon Schultz, the new Chief of the Rehabilitation Services Department.

FMC Carswell

Welcome to LT Tracy Gualandi who started at FMC Carswell on April 30, 2007.

IV. Presentations:

- **IHS NM**

Pinon

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT is conducting monthly DM Education presentations for the DM population.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Coweta Indian Health Facility

LT Delana Westman-Berry will be doing a recruiting presentation this month to the Native American college students.

- **IHS NW**

Fort Thompson Service Unit

CDR Long has presented "Indian Health Service: Who We Are and What We Do"; a briefing to the District III and State-wide Emergency Preparedness and Planning District.

V. Publications: None

VI. Deployments:

- **IHS NM**

Gallup

LT Brian Elza, PT and LT Dawn Dineyazhe, PT will be participating in the DHHS, USPHS Response Team Readiness Field Training 7/15-21/07 and 8/5-11/07, respectively.

Zuni

Lt Karen Kilman, PT will be participating in the DHHS, USPHS Response Team Readiness Field Training 7/15-21/07.

VII. Current Research: None

VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:

- **IHS AZ**

Pinon

With Regards to the shortage of PT's throughout I.H.S., how many reserve PT's do we have on hand? How many reserve PT's would be interested in doing short or longer tours of duty?