

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

I. Congratulations To:

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle

Chinle Rehab Services Dept was 1 of 10 departments awarded the Chinle Service Unit Outstanding Service Award.

Hopi

Hopi Wound Care Team was awarded the National Indian Health Service Director's Award for their wound care program.

- **IHS NM**

Zuni

Karen Cheama, Medical Support Assistant, received a monetary award in recognition of Exemplary Service to the PT Department, 10/01/07.

- **Multi-Agency**

CDR Michelle Jordan-Garner was awarded the Special Assignment Award for service to the TPAC; Outstanding Service Medal for the Gulf Hurricane response; and 3 Unit Commendations for various efforts towards increasing medical understanding and efficiency of programs providing services to people with HIV/AIDS.

- **NIH**

Congratulations to Ms. Laurie Delany, OT, for earning an Assistive Technology Practitioner credential.

II. News From the Field:

- **IHS AK**

SEARHC – Juneau Medical Clinic

The PT clinic moved into a newly remodeled space in the main clinic building on July 20th and was able to purchase new equipment including: a traction table, an elliptical machine, an upright bicycle, a stepper and a bariatric high/low table.

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle

LCDR Jodi Tanzillo attended the US Army Combat and Operational Stress Control Course at San Antonio and Camp Bullis, Texas for 2 weeks in September.

LCDRs Battocchio & Tanzillo attended the 2007 American Society of Hand Therapists annual meeting in Phoenix in October.

Fort Defiance

Congratulations to John Van Eyk and wife on the birth of a new baby boy, Brycen Van Eck.

Gila River Healthcare

Nursing home broke ground- will house inpatient rehab unit; estimated to open in 16 months.

A new 6000 sq. ft. Rehab center at Gila Crossing Clinic broke ground – it has an estimated 18 mos build schedule.

San Carlos

LCDR Jeff Richardson and his wife, Gina, announce the birth of their 5th child, Jade, on September 7th.

Tuba City

LTJG Heidi Fisher completed NAIOMT courses on upper and lower quarter.

LT JG Heidi Fisher attended the American Academy of Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

Celebration of PT Month: The PT Department held Open House poster presentations throughout the month of October.

Winslow

Dilkon Wellness Center is now open.

Winslow Wellness Center and PT Clinic are scheduled to open in upcoming months with over 4000 square feet of space.

Four Corner's Area Chief's Meeting on December 4th at WIHCC.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Claremore Indian Hospital

LCDR Bridgette Seago has been serving as the Combined Federal Campaign Coordinator and is busy organizing fund raisers. She also is serving on the planning team for the upcoming Drive Thru Flu Clinic at Claremore Indian Hospital.

Ret. CAPT Stolusky recently attended the Healthy Heart continuing education.

Koweta Indian Health Facility

The Koweta Indian Health Facility received the National Director's Award, which will be presented to the Health Systems Administrator in December at Rockville, MD.

LT Delana Westman-Berry and staff members of the physical therapy department at Koweta Indian Health Facility started the month long kick off for National Physical Therapy Month. Activities have been planned throughout the month of Oct and will finish with the PT Olympics to be held on Oct 24th, 2007.

- **IHS NM**

Crownpoint

PT Department soon to be EHR live.

Gallup

Monika Martin, PTA will be giving birth to her first child in November. It's a girl!

Ashley Watchman, PTA is also pregnant and due in Spring 2008.

LT Dawn Dineyazhe, PT will attend OFRD Team Training Mission, 10/16-19/07, Portland, OR.

LT Jennifer Bebo, PT will be transferring to an IHS clinic on the Choctaw Nation in Idabel, OK beginning January 2, 2008.

LCDR Ramon Ector, PT will be attending the Basic Officer Training Course, 11/5-16/07, Rockville, MD.

Edith Morris, HT completed 40 hours of training in Navajo Medical Interpreting, 8/3/07.

- **Multi-Agency**

CDR Michelle Jordan Garner gave birth to her first child: a baby boy named Jordan Michael Garner, on July 2nd, 2007.

- **NIH**

Best wishes and congratulations to CAPT Bonnie Thornton, USPHS (retired). Bonnie recently exchanged marriage vows with Reverend David Hodsdon.

III. Welcome/ Farewell To:

- **IHS AZ**

Fort Defiance

Welcome to Jamie Fenton, MPT from San Antonio, TX.

Tuba City

Welcome to Mr. Aaron Jones, DPT. Aaron is a recent graduate from NAU.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Koweta Indian Health Facility

Sandra Parke, AuD. to Koweta Indian Health Facility.

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WW Hastings Indian Hospital

David Marshall, Audiologist at WW Hastings Indian Hospital, passed away at the end of Sept. 2007 and will be greatly missed.

- **IHS NM**

ZUNI

Farewell to LCDR Megan Horeis, PT, separated 10/6/07. She relocated to PA with her family.

- **NIH**

The Rehabilitation Medicine Department in the Clinical Center at the NIH bids farewell to CAPT Karen Siegel. After 22 years of dedicated service at the NIH, CAPT Siegel is sailing on to a position at the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Center for Outcomes and Evidence in Gaithersburg, MD. Her physical presence will be missed! We wish her fair winds and flowing seas!

IV. Presentations:

- **IHS NM**

Chinle

LCDR Tanzillo & LT Cala presented “Geriatric Adaptive Feeding” and “Dysphagia Diagnosis & Treatment” to CNA students in October.

Tuba City

Staff presentations were given on Wound Care, Knee Assessment, Low Back Pain, and Hand Injuries.

Winslow

Michael LaPlante presented an update on Wound Care to WIHCC Nursing staff.

- **NIH**

Holly Cintas, 8/1/07: Poster Presentation; Relationships between Spine-specific Exercises and Scoliosis in Individuals with Types III and IV Osteogenesis Imperfecta. NIH Summer Research Internship. Bethesda, MD

Joe Shrader, 8/1/07: Poster presentation; NIH Biomedical Summer Research Internship Mentorship. Turnquist P, Shrader J, Levy E, Harris-Love M, Paul S. *Quantitative Muscle Strength And Fatigue Testing: Assessment Of Reliability And Validity*. National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center, Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Bethesda Maryland, 20892 - 1604, USA. NIH Research Festival. Mark O Hatfield Clinical Research Center, Bethesda, MD.

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CDR Michaele Smith, 8/1/07: Poster Presentation; NIH Biomedical Summer Research Internship Mentorship. Young, K, Smith M, Hildenbrand H, Danoff J, Smith ACM. *Assessment of Motor and Functional Performance in Children with Smith Magenis Syndrome*. National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center, Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892 – 1604, USA. NIH Research Festival. Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center, Bethesda, MD.

V. **Publications**

- **NIH**

Abstract:Research; Peer-reviewed abstract. Harris-Love MO, **Shrader JA**, Davenport T, Rakocevic G, McElroy B, Dalakas M. *Repeated Single-Limb Heel Raises Are Not Associated with Manual Muscle Testing Results or Peak Plantarflexion Force in People with Muscle Disease*. Accepted by APTA/CSM Feb 2008. In Press.

Peer Reviewed Paper; **Smith MR**, Danoff J, **Jain M**, Long T. *Genetic Disorders: Implications for Allied Health Professionals and Two Case Studies*. Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice. Nov 2007. In Press.

VI. Deployments:

- **IHS AZ**

Gila River Healthcare

Director deployed to Korea thru USAF RES, Director recently retired from HOOPA for USAF operation Phoenix.

Parker

LCDR Joe Golding was deployed to San Antonio with the Advance Team for RDF-5 for ESF 8 Hurricane Dean Mission August 19-23, 2007.

- **IHS Multi-site**

Tahlequa Hospital

CDR Cindy Carter attended the RDF 4 training in August.

- **IHS NM**

Zuni

LCDR Karen Kilman, PT was deployed 8/20-23/07 to Hurricane Dean in TX.

VII. Current Research:

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle

Mike Powers, PT will be presenting to the Navajo Nation IRB in November to propose his doctoral research project in EMG/NCS.

VIII. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider:

- **IHS NM**

Santa Fe

Recruitment: Designating 3 choices of locations for new applicant. Applicant can then being assigned to 1 of those locales.