



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacy Professional Advisory Committee
Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
08-JAN-2003
1400H – 1530H

Members Present:

In Rockville

RADM Richard Walling (CPO)
CAPT Craig Hostetler (Chair)
LCDR Gregg Davis (Vice Chair)
CDR James Bresette

Dr. Frank Pucino, Jr.
LT Krista M. Scardina
LCDR Samuel Wu (Secretary)
LT Elizabeth Yuan (Ex-officio)

Via telephone

LCDR Cindy Dougherty
LCDR Daniel Hasenfang
CDR Paul Huntzinger
LCDR Michael Lee
LTJG Kristen Maves
LCDR Mark N. Strong

CDR Michael S. Forman
CDR Douglas P. Herold
CAPT Jim Imholte
LCDR Michael J. Long
CDR Raelene Skerda

Guests:

CAPT William Hess
Roger Liu (pharmacy student)
CAPT Richard Potter
CAPT Cathy Shaffer
LT Nhu Tran

CAPT Richard Lawson
LT Jeff Mouakket
LT Sonny Saini
CDR Matthew Tarosky
LTJG Jeffrey Vang

CPO Report: RADM Richard Walling (cporx@osophs.dhhs.gov)

- ◆ The 109th Annual Meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) is scheduled for 16 – 21 November 2003 in San Antonio, Texas. This year, VADM Carmona is serving as the President of AMSUS. The presidency rotates among the four uniformed service Surgeon Generals and the Veterans Administration Undersecretary for Health. As a result of this leadership role, the USPHS is responsible for planning the Annual Meeting. RADM Walling and CAPT Hostetler are co-chairs for the pharmacy category session. The theme for this year's meeting is "Partnerships in Preparedness, Prevention, and Public Health: Protecting the Nation." VADM Carmona is encouraging more cross-service and cross-discipline collaboration at the meeting for all three of the theme topics: partnership, prevention, and preparedness.

We want a very strong showing of PHS at this year's meeting in support of VADM Carmona's Presidency. Last year, only 44 PHS officers attended the meeting. RADM Walling noted that VADM Carmona is looking for a much larger participation from PHS this

year and he asked the PharmPAC to encourage PHS pharmacist to consider submitting abstracts for presentation or participating in the meeting.

- ◆ RADM Walling also encouraged all pharmacists to get involved and to volunteer in pharmacy professional organizations. Working with any of the pharmacy organizations is a good way to stay current with the major developments in pharmacy.
- ◆ RADM Walling reminded the PAC that the Office of the Surgeon General is looking for junior grade officers to serve as an Aide-de-Camp to the Surgeon General. This is an outstanding rotation opportunity and he encouraged junior grade officers to give this rotational assignment very serious consideration.
- ◆ As announced at last month's meeting, RADM Walling elaborated on the plans to restructure the PharmPAC's former committees into four sections. The purpose of the restructuring is to bring our limited resources to bear on the most urgent priorities for PHS pharmacists as well as increase our expose and participation in policy concerns of the Department and the Commissioned Corps. His expectation is the Professional Advisory Committees (PAC) will be increasingly called upon to engage in broader policy concerns and the PACs must be in the position to quickly and effectively react. Each section will 1) outline and prioritize their activities, 2) identify proposed outcomes, and 3) define benchmarks for measuring progress. The PharmPAC should be proactive in seeking out more diversity among section team members and activities. The section leaders are to prepare draft goals and work plans for presentation at the next PAC meeting.

PharmPAC Chair Report: CAPT Craig Hostetler (CHostetler@hrsa.gov)

- ◆ CAPT Hostetler presented the four new sections and their leads. Each lead gave a brief presentation on the status.
 1. Recruitment Section: Lead, CDR James Bresette (JBresett@hqe.ihs.gov)
 - This team will find better ways to work with DCP regarding the on-line application. Hopefully, this will broaden the shared interest. Many senior officers will retire in 2005, and there is a great need to fill that upcoming void.
 - Currently, there are three most frequently used ways to join PHS: 1) through IHS, BOP, FDA, etc., 2) student program (Junior/Senior COSTEP), and 3) peer recruitment.
 - Approximately 85% of the university Points of Contact are identified. They will be utilized to increase PHS visibility at the Nation's Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy.
 - "Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret" slide show needs to be made more accessible and easier to find.
 - There is a need to find ways to retain those who participated in the COSTEP program. Perhaps, a way to tackle this is to first solve any problems that currently exist with the method by which are initially placed in the various programs.
 - Funds are currently available from DCP to support some Associate Recruiter Program activities.
 2. Administration Section: Lead, LCDR Gregg Davis (Davisg@cdcr.fda.gov)
 - The goal of the section is to maintain and enhance the day-to-day functioning of the PharmPAC.
 - This team is also responsible for data analysis and reporting.

- The group will also develop a list and help track legislations pertinent to the category. Awards can be used as a management tool to reward and to retain officers.
- 3. Career Development Section: Lead, CAPT Jim Imholte (jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov)
 - The committee will tackle issues such as special pay review.
- 4. Communications Section: Lead, Vacant
 - CAPT Richard Potter, the PharmPAC Webmaster, has updated the pharmacist roster.
 - LT Elizabeth Yuan suggested that each committee should appoint a communication liaison to monitor the Website contents for needed updates or additions.

Other Reports:

- ◆ CDR Mathew Tarosky reported that there are ten teams being formed under the National Pharmacists Response Team. Each DHHS Regional team will have 200 pharmacists. Topic of emergency response will be discussed at the upcoming APhA meeting in March.
- ◆ RADM Walling presented Certificate of Appreciation to LT Krista Scardina, immediate past PharmPAC Executive Secretary.
- ◆ RADM Walling presented Special Assignment Award to CAPT William Hess for his efforts during his term as PharmPAC Chair.

Next Meeting Dates:

February 6, 2003 @ 1300H EST in SG Conference Room, 18-57, Parklawn Building

March 6, 2003 @ 1400H EST in SG Conference Room, 18-57, Parklawn Building

(After the March meeting, we will resume our bimonthly schedule. Please note that all meetings start promptly at 1300H ET in the Surgeon General's Conference Room, Room 18-57, Parklawn Building, unless otherwise specified.)

Agenda and Call-In Information will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ E-mails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov
Rx-Vacancies@list.nih.gov
Rx-Students@list.nih.gov
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>
PHS Rx Student <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
CCRF Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf-pharm.html>
RPh Jobs/Vacancies <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/>
DCP <http://dcp.psc.gov/>
USPHS CC <http://www.usphs.gov/>
CCRF <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>
PHS-1 DMAT <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/dmat/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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LCDR Samuel Wu, Executive Secretary Date

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CAPT Craig Hostetler, Chair Date

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RADM Richard Walling, CPO Date