



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

Minutes of Meeting
06 JAN 2005
Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room
1300-1600

Members Present:

In Rockville

RADM Richard Walling (CPO) Rockville, MD
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jim Bresette IHS -Rockville, MD
CDR Patricia Garvey FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Sharon Gershon NIH-Bethesda, MD
LCDR Renu Chhabra FDA-Rockville, MD

Via Telephone

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA
CDR Daniel Hasenfang INS-San Diego, CA
CAPT Gary Baker, IHS-Ketchikan, AK
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR Nita Sood HCFA-Atlanta, GA
CDR Michael Long BOP-Ayer, MA
LCDR Burt Hill, BOP-Marianna, FL
Dr. Rennan Bonnel FDA- Rockville, MD(alt. Kim)
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA
CDR Doug Herold, BOP-Rochester, MN
LCDR Laura Pincock FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-Cass Lake, MN
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK
LCDR Jeff Mouakkett, HRSA-Dallas, TX

Members Absent

Mr. Jae Kim NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Dough Herold, BOP- Rochester, MN

Guests:

Kiohito Makai, Japan (guest)
LCDR Keith Olin, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Don Brown, INS-Florence, AZ
LT Jeff Vang IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
LT Ted Hall, IHS-Baraboo, WI
LCDR Mark McClain, FDA- Hartford,CT
LT Carol Vondall, IHS- Albuquerque, NM
CDR John Quinn, FDA- Rockville, MD
CAPT Tim Ames, FDA- Rockville, MD
LCDR James Saunders, FDA- Rockville, MD
LT Brian North, BOP- Jesup, GA
CDR Mark Burroughs, USCG-Alameda, CA
LT Tia Harper-Vazquez, FDA- Rockville, MD
Renan Bonnell, FDA, Rockville, MD
CDR Mary Fong, USCG, MD
Judy Cahill, AMCP (guest)
Kevin Alder, AMCP (guest)
LCDR Mark Strong BOP-Leavenworth, KS
LCDR Paul Shedd, BOP-Philadelphia, PA
CAPT Mike Forman, IHS- Aberdeen, SD
CAPT Jim Imholte, DHS-Kansas City, MO
CDR Pam Schweitzer, IHS - Phoenix, AZ
CDR Alice Knobens, FDA- Rockville, MD
CDR Charles Hoppes, FDA- Rockville, MD
LT Kristen Maves, IHS- Anchorage, AK
CAPT Alvin Lee, DHS- Seattle, WA
CDR W. Doug Figg, NIH - Bethesda, MD
ENS Ezra P. Mell, FDA, Rockville, MD
LT Daniel Brum, FDA - Rockville, MD
CAPT Richard Fejka, FDA - Rockville, MD

CAPT Carl Huntley, FDA – Rockville, MD
LCDR Louis Flowers, HRSA – Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert Pittman, HIS – Rockville, MD
CAPT Jim Mitchell (ret), HRSA – Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert M. Tayler, HRSA – Rockville, MD
CDR Josephine A. Lyght, HRSA – Rockville, MD

LCDR Samuel Wu, FDA – Rockville, MD
LT Quynh Nguyen, FDA – Rockville, MD

Call to Order: CAPT Raclene Skerda (rskerda@bop.gov)

- ◆ CAPT Skerda called the meeting to order and the last meeting minutes were accepted with some additional edits.
- ◆ LCDR Krista Scardina introduced Kiohito Makai, a visiting fellow for HRSA. Mr. Makai is the Deputy Director of Health Economics Division Ministry of Health Labor and Welfare.
- ◆ The meeting began with presentations:

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) Presentation: Judy Cahill, Kevin Alder

- ◆ AMCP is comprised of approximately 4800 pharmacists primarily employed in prescription benefit management or health maintenance organizations. AMCP is involved in public policy advocacy and legislation.
- ◆ AMCP encourages federal pharmacists to volunteer to become peer reviewers for the academy's journal.
- ◆ The annual meeting is held in the spring and the educational meeting in the fall. The deadline for submitting proposals for the fall meeting is April 29th.
- ◆ Information about AMCP can be found at their website www.acmcp.org

Public Health Pharmacy Workgroup Presentaion: LT Tia Harper-Velazquez

- ◆ The presentation informed AMCP and guests about the structure, mission, goals, and activities of the Public Health Pharmacy Workgroup.
- ◆ The mission of the group is to support and recognize interventions in the field of pharmacy that promote community health and prevent community health problems.
- ◆ Goals of the group include, encouraging pharmacist volunteerism in public-health related areas, partnering with organizations such as AMCP, and broadcast stories about pharmacists who have volunteered in their community.

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

- ◆ RADM Walling and LCDR Krista Scardina presented to the other CPO's the awards initiative report. The consensus was to move the report forward to the Surgeon General. RADM Walling recognized LCDR Scardina for her hard work.
- ◆ RADM Walling congratulated again those pharmacists who passed the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties exam. There were as of December 2004, 484 Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties-certified pharmacists currently employed in VA, DoD, and USPHS systems. This is approximately 10 per cent of all BPS-certified pharmacists worldwide.
- ◆ RADM Walling recognized the 4 PAC members who completed their terms this past year with a Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation and thanked them for their contributions to the PAC. Those individuals were:

LT Kristen Maves LCDR Mark Strong
CAPT Jim Imholte CAPT Mike Forman

Deleted: a total of 484 (10% of exams given) individuals from the federal sector who passed the exam.

Section Lead Comments:

- ◆ Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (garveyp@cder.fda.gov)
 - Awards:

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- CDR Garvey announced that the PAC pharmacist honor awards have been announced. Deadline for applications is 28 Feb 2005.
 - LT Kristen Maves stated the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award Nominations (student award) were sent out to the pharmacy schools. No packets have been received back yet. The Points of Contact (POCs) should be following up with their schools. Volunteers are needed to review each of the packets and interested parties can contact LT Maves (klmaves@southcentralfoundation.com).
 - History: LDCR Laura Pincock
 - There were 32 history surveys completed. Several options were presented in funding the history project such as a fundraiser at the COA meeting.
 - CAPT Robert Pittman will be presenting the history presentation at the 2005 COA meeting in Philadelphia. This year marks the 75th anniversary of pharmacists in the Corps and the 50th anniversary of IHS.
 - Charter: LDCR Renu Chhabra
 - The SOPs have been sent to CAPT Gil Rose for review and is awaiting comments.
 - JOAG: LT Ted Hall
 - The JOAG meeting had CAPT Furman as a special guest to discuss the 6th precept. The 6th precept will be phased in for the 2006 promotion cycle. It is meant to outline hard to fill assignments.
 - The Warrant Officer Corps will be initiated January 2006. These officers can hold associate degrees such as EMT, LPN, and RN.
 - The group will be submitting to the Surgeon General ideas for the PHS motto.
 - AMSUS: Nothing new to report.
 - ACCP: Nothing new to Report
 - APhA: The Call for Delegates has been announced. Anyone interested should submit requested information to LDCR Gregg Davis (davisgregg@mail.nih.gov) by 28 January 2005, COB.
- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov)
- There will be a presentation made on the Point of Contact program by CDR Beth Fritsch at the February PAC meeting.
 - CAPT Martin Johnson will be updating the Pharmacist's Best Kept Secret to reflect the 2005 pay increase.
 - There are currently 908 officers on active duty including 2 JRCOSTEP's. There have been 15 calls to active duty this year to date. There has been a decline in the number of applications received.
- ◆ Career Development → CDR Mike Long (mzlong@bop.gov)
- Readiness: The pharmacy category stands at 54% basic readiness qualified.
 - COA Category Day: CDR Potter is still looking for papers/presentations for the COA meeting.
 - Civilian Service: Dr. Rennan Bonnel discussed this past year as a positive step forward for the civilian pharmacists. There is now more awareness in the civilian service about the PharmPAC.
- ◆ Communication → CDR Sam Foster (Samuel.foster@ihs.gov) & LDCR Nita Sood (Nsood@cms.hhs.gov)
- A new workgroup needs formed to update the PLANT project. The current profiles need updated and obsolete profiles need to be deleted.
 - The website proposal was presented. It was recommended by the workgroup to move the website to a private host.

New Business

- ◆ CAPT Skerda brought a question on the qualifications for Board Certified Special Pay to RADM Walling's attention. This will be further researched by RADM Walling and CAPT Skerda.

Next Meeting Dates:

03 FEB 2005 @ 1300 EST Surgeon General's Conference Room 18-57, Parklawn Building, Rockville, MD

Agenda and call in information will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov
RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov
Rx-Students@list.nih.gov
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacist.html>
PHS Rx Students <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
CCRF Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf-pharm.html>
RPh Job Vacancies <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://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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LT Violette Geza, Executive Secretary

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CAPT Raelene Skerda, Chair

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Date

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RADM Richard Walling, CPO

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