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Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting 03 MARCH 2005 Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room 1300-1615

Members Present:

In Rockville

RADM Richard Walling (CPO) Rockville, MD
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT Sharon Gershon NIH-Bethesda, MD
LCDR Renu Chhabra FDA-Rockville, MD

Via Telephone

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA
LCDR Nita Sood CMS-Atlanta, GA
LCDR Burt Hill, BOP-Marianna, FL
CAPT Gary Baker, IHS-Ketchikan, AK
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Renu Chhabra FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Daniel Hasenfang INS-San Diego, CA
CDR Michael Long BOP-Ayer, MA

CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-Cass Lake, MN
CDR Doug Herold, BOP-Rochester, MN
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
LCDR Laura Pincock FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jeff Mouakkett, HRSA-Dallas, TX
CDR Mark Burroughs, USCG-Alameda, CA

Members Absent

CDR Patricia Garvey FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA

Guests:

Hal Pollard, Guest- ASHP
LT Jeff Vang IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
CDR Alice Knobon, FDA- Rockville, MD
CAPT Jim Imholte, DHS-Kansas City, MO
LCDR Jackie Thomas, OCCO- Rockville, MD
Dr. Rennan Bonnel, FDA- Rockville, MD
LCDR Sheila Ryan, FDA-Rockville, MD (Alt. CDR Patricia Garvey)
LCDR Tim Murray, HIS, Claremore, OK
LCDR Steven Dittert, FDA- Nashville, TN
LT Nancy Clark, FDA- Rockville, MD
LT Sheryl Gunther, FDA- Rockville, MD
LCDR Robert Hayes, IHS-Claremore, OK
CAPT Orville Brown, INS, Florence, AZ
CAPT Jim Minor (ret.)
Ann Richards, pharmacy student, FDA
Martha Villabona, FDA – Rockville, MD

LCDR Keith Olin, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Ted Hall, IHS-Baraboo, WI
CDR George Lyght, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Don Reese, CMS-Baltimore, MD
LCDR Sharon Oestereich, BOP-Allenwood, PA
LCDR Mary Jo Zunic, HIS- Albuquerque, NM
LT Phelicia Bush, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Mary Kemzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Oluchi Elewachi, FDA- Rockville, MD
LT Anthony Blash, IHS-Reno, NV
CAPT William Hess, FDA- Rockville, MD
LT Michael Hudson, IHS-Fallon, NV
LT Lori Garcia, FDA – Rockville, MD
Chioma Anyanwu, pharmacy student, FDA
CDR Josephine Lyght, HRSA, Rockville, MD

Call to Order: CAPT Raelene Skerda

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CAPT Skerda called the meeting to order

The meeting began with a presentation: Guest, Hal Pollard was introduced by LCDR Keith Olin

The Elements of Professional Publishing: Hal Pollard, ASHP

CAPT Skerda requested Hal Pollard's PowerPoint presentation to be posted on the PharmPAC website <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/main.html> along with the March Meeting Minutes.

CPO Comments: RADM Richard Walling

Rwalling@osophs.dhhs.gov)

RADM Walling thanked the Oklahoma pharmacists for inviting him to their education program and awards ceremony. RADM Walling challenged the Awards Workgroup to find a formal way of capturing these kinds of awards from the field and getting them to the PharmPAC for historical significance.

Basic Readiness seemed to be losing momentum. OFRD latest numbers indicate that ~ 50% of the pharmacists are Basic Ready qualified.

RADM Walling thanked the PharmPAC for their input on the 6th precept. A workgroup will be established for the 6th precept. The nomination process and details of the workgroup are TBD. RADM Walling requested 2 to 3 self-nominations to be forwarded to CAPT Skerda by 04 March 2005, for consideration.

RADM Walling recommended reviewing the Model Charter, focusing on the direction the Corps is heading. Volunteers needed for a one-day Pan American Health Organization workshop to be held on 08 April 2005. The workshop participants from Mexico, Canada and Colleges of pharmacy will share their experiences at Canadian and Mexican hospital based pharmacies.

The specialty pay deadline has been extended to 31 December 2005

Section Lead Comments:**Administration LCDR Sheila Ryan for CDR Patricia Garvey garveyp@cder.fda.gov)****Membership:**

- There is an immediate fill vacancy for the NIH representative on the PharmPAC.

Awards:

The annual PharmPAC honor award nomination window is now closed. We have received 24 total nominations for the four awards. The awards workgroup is moving forward with reviewing submitted award nominations.

The deadline for the PHS student award is 04 March 2005. To date, 11 nomination packages have been received.

History: LDCR Laura Pincock (pincockl@cder.fda.gov)

An idea was proposed by RADM Walling to work with IHS to help finance the history project. The proposal is to work with IHS produce a commemorative coin for recruitment.

Public Health Pharmacy

CAPT Sharon Gershon solicited comments from PHS pharmacists on a joint position paper by ASHP and APhA on "Pharmacist's Role in Public Health". This message will go out on PHS Pharmacist Listserv. The article can be found on the ASHP website at www.ashp.org.

LIAISONS:**JOAG: LT Ted Hall**

On 11 March 2005, VADM Carmona will be attending the JOAG meeting. Junior members can call LT Hall with any issues at 608-355-1521 ext 5521 or tedhall@ho-chunk.com

AMSUS: LT Ted Hall

The elected member of the Northern Lights chapter is looking for someone to assist

Charter: LCDR Renu Chhabra

- The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) - There was discussion about changing the name from Pharmacy to Pharmacist category. There have been similar discussions in the past PharmPAC Meetings. LCDR Krista Scardina will review prior PharmPAC Meeting Minutes and copies of old SOPs as to why the name was not changed.

APhA: The national meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida from April 1st- 5th. The uniform at APhA will be summer blue (salt and pepper) unless a presenter or a moderator then the required uniform is Service Dress Blue.

Career Development CDR Mike Long mzlong@bop.gov

Readiness (LCDR Strong): No report

Civilian Service: Dr. Rennan Bonnel

Only one civil service member responded after survey to volunteer for a PharmPAC sub-committee.

Rennan offered to assist anyone who may have questions or need help with publishing.

The civilian pharmacists have expressed the PharmPAC meeting is too long and most of the issues discussed are pertaining to the Commissioned Corps. CAPT Skerda suggested moving the civilian issues earlier in the agenda rather than towards the end. That was acceptable to Dr. Bonnel.

NIH is experiencing problems with retention. There are paygrade disparities between NIH and FDA pharmacists.

RADM Walling offered using Commissioned Corps recruiting expertise to help with civilian service recruiting.

- COA: COA has requested a waiver so more officers can attend the 2005 conference.

Recruitment CDR James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov)

LCDR Renu Chhabra: Update on the recruitment PowerPoint, it is too big and HHS is having trouble posting on the website.

LCDR Mike Lee: The update of the Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret is almost complete and will be ready for APhA and will reflect the 2005 pay scale.

Associate Recruiter Program:

The ARP is still going through reorganization. The booths at APhA and ASHP midyear meeting will be funded by OCCO. Other funding requests have been forwarded to OCCO through CDR Stephen Blackwell.

Communication CDR Sam Foster Samuel.foster@ihs.gov) & LCDR Nita Sood (Nsood@cms.hhs.gov)

The PLANT workgroup has completed two new profiles to be posted on the website. The profiles will also be sent out on Student Listserv.

The HHS website will be moving from the NIH server in the next 30 days. The HHS web team will work with PharmPAC Communications group in redesigning the website to "look and feel" like other HHS websites. HHS will be able to create statistical reports for PharmPAC on # of hits, # of repeat visitors and most frequently visited area, etc.

The communication section will continue to seek and update obsolete information from the website.

New Business

- CAPT Skerda gave highlights from the combined meeting of SG PAC/ CPO/PAC chair. The Precept dealing with Isolated hardship/ Hazardous duty/ Hard-to-fill duty stations/ billets has been referred for more discussion and a Workgroup will be formed as stated by CPO.

Communications between USPHS Administration/ OCCFM/ OCCO/ CPOs/ PACs was stressed as important beginning at the initiation of proposed policy changes.

Next Meeting Dates:

05 May 2005@1300 EST, Room TBA

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

Useful Links and Contact Info:

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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/Hlt62479523_Hlt62479524h_Hlt62479523.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html

Websites:

PharmPAC <http://hhs.gov/pharmacy/>
DCP <http://dcp.psc.gov>
USPHS CC <http://www.usphs.gov>
OFRD <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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RADM Richard Walling, CPO

Date