



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
5 April 2007
Surgeon Generals Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1300-1600

Members Present:

In Rockville:

CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Nita Sood (Chair), HRSA- Rockville, MD
CDR Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Richard Glabach, OCCFM-Rockville, MD

LCDR Tara Turner (Ex-Officio Executive Secretary), CMS- Baltimore, MD

Via Telephone:

CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Christopher Allen, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CDR Bradley Bishop, IHS-Sells, AZ
(alt for CAPT McClelland)
CDR Susan Dunn, IHS-Phoenix, AZ
(alt for CDR Zietlow)
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth, MN
CDR Patricia Garvey, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Rey Marbello, IHS- Whiteriver, AZ
(alt for CDR Close)

CDR Michael Shiber, BOP-Cumberland, MD
CDR Jacqueline Thomas, OCCO-Rockville, MD
LCDR Brian Campbell (Ex-Officio JOAG),
IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LCDR Jeff Mouakket, HRSA-Dallas, TX
LCDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
LT Joseph Zagame, BOP-Lewisburg, PA
(alt for LCDR Ganoe)

Members Absent:

RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert McClelland, IHS-Elko, NV
(Unexcused -alt present)
CDR Tamara Close, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
(Unexcused – alt present)
CDR Richard DeCederfelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
(Excused – alt not present)
CDR Michael Long (Ex-Officio Chair) BOP-
Butner, NC
CDR Kimberly Zietlow, IHS-Red Lake, MN
(Excused -alt present)

LCDR Violette Ganoe (Vice-Chair), BOP-Bradford,
PA (Excused – alt present)
LCDR Kristina Joyce-Pittman (Ex-Officio JOAG),
FDA-Philadelphia, PA
LCDR Jeffrey Newman, BOP-Springfield, MO
(Unexcused – alt not present)
LT Stacey Smith (Ex-Officio JOAG),
IHS-Fort Washakie, WY

Guests*:

CAPT Lillie Golson, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Walter Holt, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CAPT Charles Hoppes, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Jim Imholte, OASPR-Kansas City, MO
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
CDR Dana Hall, OS-Kansas City, MO
CDR Koung Lee, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Michelle Dillahunt, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Lori Garcia, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR S. Christopher Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Connie Jung, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Paula Laplant, FDA-Swanton, VT
LCDR Larry Lim, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jeffrey Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL
LCDR Andrei Nabakowski, FDA-Silver Spring, MD

LCDR Diem-Kieu Ngo, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Binh Nguyen, FDA-Irvine, CA
LCDR Ryan Nguyen, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Mimi Phan, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Martin Shimer, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Brenda Stodart, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Chi-Ann Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Christine Yu, INS-El Centro, CA
LCDR Yon Yu, CDC-Atlanta, GA
LT Dan Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Cicely Reese, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Susan Pellock, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Christina Thompson, FDA-Rockville, MD
Miriam Chehab – pharmacy student

*Guests attending the meeting via call in are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location information to the PharmPAC secretary at tara.turner@cms.hhs.gov.

Call to Order: CDR Nita Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

CDR Sood called the April 2007 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order.

Acceptance of March 07 PharmPAC Meeting Minutes: CDR Nita Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

Minutes from the March 1, 2007 PharmPAC meeting were accepted as amended.

CPO Comments: CDR Nita Sood for RADM Robert Pittman

- ◆ **New PHS Recruitment Call Center**
 - Will go live on Monday April 9, 2007
 - Can be accessed through the current 800 number (1-800-279-1605)
 - Will direct applicants to the newly revised website at www.usphs.gov
 - Starting in May or June the system will be enhanced to push calls out to the associate recruiter category leads

- ◆ **Extension beyond 30 years**
 - New policy includes a new pay table with pay increases at 28 and 30 years and additional retirement pay percentages beyond 30 years
 - Does not guarantee that officers will be extended beyond 30 years, but if they are new pay and retirement will apply
 - Information is available at the OCCO website (http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/ppm07_004.pdf)

- ◆ **Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB)**
 - Now awarded quarterly to officers who meet the award qualifications
 - No application or paperwork is needed from officers
 - Total of 347 officers met the criteria in March
 - More information to come from OFRD

- ◆ **Uniforms**
 - DHHS has decided to link the PHS uniforms with those of the Navy
 - Uniform WIPT has been formed to work on this project
 - WIPT is expected to provide recommendations to the ASH within 30 days
 - Requested PAC feedback – LCDR Andrei Nabakowski is gathering information on behalf of the PharmPAC
- ◆ **Basic Officers Training Course**
 - OCCO is piloting an officer basic course for 30 new officers this summer
 - This is the course they hope to have all new officers attend when called to active duty
 - Will include what is currently included in BOTC and OFRD basic requirements

Section Lead Comments:

Recruitment → CAPT James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov) / CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch (beth.fritsch@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ **Presentation**→CAPT Charles Hoppes
 - Pharmacy students are a source of future pharmacists
 - Communicating PHS opportunities: PLANT profiles, Pharmacy’s Best Kept Secret Slideshow, and COSTEP information are available on PharmPAC website
 - Want to provide links from pharmacy school websites to PharmPAC website
 - In 2001, checked all school websites and found that none of them linked to the PharmPAC website; a letter was sent to all pharmacy school deans resulting in 26 links
 - Recently checked and only 1 school is still linked to the PharmPAC website
 - Sent letters signed by RADM Pittman; 14 schools have linked back to us; have seen an increased number of hits on the student section
 - CDR Sood commented that the PAC needs to look at doing more with the student listserv
- ◆ **Student Programs**→CDR Mary Kremzner
 - Encouraging pharmacists to participate in the APhA Career Survey; ends April 30; as of March 21 there were 43 respondents indicating government service
 - COSTEP – working on contacting applicants not chosen to discuss other PHS opportunities
 - FDA experiential program – deployment presentation in addition to general PHS presentation
 - Recruitment presentation has been revised and will be posted
 - Creation of PHS business cards to hand out at meetings and career fairs
- ◆ **University Point of Contact (UPOC)**→LCDR Peter Vermilyea
 - Newsletter - finished first issue; sent to all UPOCs and ready for posting on website; includes pictures with articles; purpose is to provide an opportunity for officers to let others know what they are doing and to stimulate ideas
 - Frequently Asked Questions document – ready for posting on website
 - Reviewing nominations for Excellence in Public Health student awards
- ◆ **Associate Recruiter Program**→LCDR Christine Bina
 - Positive response from volunteers who staffed the booth at the APhA conference; appreciation letters to be signed by RADM Pittman
 - March 31 is the deadline for annual activities and training requirements; waiting for list from LT Oyster
 - If possible, please submit activity reports electronically to ARP@hhs.gov (there is a pdf fillable form available on the PharmPAC website)
- ◆ **WACS**→CAPT Bresette

- For each school report there is a blank spot where UPOCs could cut and paste the link from their respective school's website to the PharmPAC website; this would help to build our database

Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov) / CDR Kimberly Zietlow (kimberly.zietlow@ihs.gov)

- ◆ **Membership Nominations → CDR Garvey**
 - Sent call for nominations for 2007-2010 term; due date for nominations is June 1; so far have received only one nomination for IHS; current openings are as follows:
 - 1 CMS
 - 2 HRSA
 - 2 IHS
 - DHS slot – have received one nomination; putting package together to go to the Office of the Surgeon General
- ◆ **Student Awards → CDR Garvey**
 - Received a total of 35 nominations, including 6 group nominees
- ◆ **PharmPAC Honor Awards → CDR Garvey**
 - Received a total of 22 nominations as follows:
 - 5 – Brand Award
 - 10 - Anderson Award
 - 5 – Archambault Award
 - 2 – Managerial Excellence Award
 - Subcommittee will first review the nominations to ensure that they meet the criteria
 - PAC members will then review all of the nominations on the secure website
 - RADM Pittman makes the final decision on all awards
 - Awards will be presented at the COA conference in June
- ◆ **Liaison Reports → CAPT Holt (walter.holtjr@cdc.hhs.gov)**
 - AMSUS – LCDR Ngo
 - Currently accepting online nominations for the following pharmacy-specific awards to be presented at the conference in November (deadline for nominations is June 30; please send nominations through RADM Pittman):
 - Award for Excellence in Clinical Pharmacy Practice
 - Career Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Advancing the Profession of Pharmacy in the Federal Government
 - Commissioned Officers Foundation (COF) – CDR Sood for CAPT Quaglietta
 - 2007 Health Leader of the Year Award will be presented to RADM (ret) Helene Gale, MD, President and CEO of Care USA
 - JOAG is instituting the VADM Carmona Inspiration Award to be presented to a senior officer who has provided outstanding support to junior officers; Dr. Carmona has been asked to present the award at the COA conference in June; JOAG is considering the possibility of sponsoring the winner's travel to the conference
 - COA will advertise to NDMS and MRC groups in the Cincinnati area inviting them to participate in the exercise on Thursday as well as the rest of the symposium
 - "Rule of 20" – ASH intends to request a waiver
 - OFRD and ASPR will conduct a rehearsal for the Thursday exercise in the near future

Career Development → CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov)

- ◆ **“Pearls of Wisdom” Presentation**→CAPT Jim Imholte
 - Don’t hesitate to change agencies and programs
 - Take on difficult and unpopular assignments
 - Get involved with the PharmPAC and other activities
 - Write your own awards if you need to

- ◆ **Mentoring Program** → CAPT Lillie Golson
 - Have matched all new officers since March 1
 - At end of 6 months officers are notified that they need to submit evaluations (both mentor and mentee)

- ◆ **Non-APhA/OFRD Immunization Training Work Group** → LCDR Jeff Mallette
 - Currently OFRD only accepts the APhA training certification
 - Initial certification checklist submitted to CDR Sood for review
 - Working to prepare a position paper for submission to OFRD
 - To volunteer, contact CDR Shiber at mjshiber@bop.gov

- ◆ **Readiness Workgroup**→ CDR Shiber
 - Put forward recommendations; have received comments back from the Corps leadership
 - Major recommendations are regarding age-related BMI and physical fitness requirements
 - Will make the draft document available to PAC members; requesting feedback

- ◆ **Immunization Initiative**→ CDR Shiber
 - Training will be held immediately after the national COA conference on Friday June 8
 - Offering free registration to the first 50 people to sign up; there are still slots available
 - Register on the COA conference website
 - 5 more PHS officers completed the faculty training at the APhA conference in March:
 - CDR Mike Dupree
 - CDR Scott Giberson
 - CDR Sam Foster
 - LCDR Keith Olin
 - LCDR Tena Jessing

Communication → CDR Samuel Foster (Samuel.Foster@ihs.gov) / LCDR Richard Glabach (Richard.Glabach@hhs.gov)

- ◆ **PharmPAC Website Updates**→LCDR Glabach
 - USPHS website is being rebranded; will have more of a recruitment look
 - Initiative to standardize PAC websites
 - Draft from ORC Macro (includes Info on PAC; Recruitment; Career Development; Readiness and Response; Officer Resources; Announcements)
 - CPOs have been asked to provide feedback
 - Currently only seeking input from PAC voting membership

- ◆ **Deployment Forms**→LCDR Glabach
 - Sent in draft to PAC voting membership
 - Will be forwarded through OFRD and ASPR for approval and will be made available on PAC website
 - Presentation made by LCDR Nguyen and LCDR Jung

- ◆ **Manpower Project**

- Defer to May agenda
- ◆ **PLANT Profiles→CDR Foster**
 - Recently posted CAPT Raelene Skerda's profile
 - Scheduled to post new profiles every 2 months
- ◆ **Call to Active Duty Package→CDR Foster**
 - Need volunteers for a work group to convert the existing physician package to a pharmacy package
 - Have short time to do this but it's not a huge job
 - Contact CDR Foster to volunteer (samuel.foster@ihs.gov)

JOAG Report → LCDR Brian Campbell (brian.campbell@ihs.gov)

- ◆ Next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 1300h; call in information will be available on the JOAG website
- ◆ Thanks to PAC for sending out JOAG call for nominations
- ◆ There are 2 slots for pharmacists this year
- ◆ LCDR Campbell is rotating off; will need a new liaison

Agency Reports

- ◆ Ex-Minimus Agencies – CDR Chris Allen provided a report from CDC
 - Released state of CDC report (available at www.cdc.gov/about/stateofcdc); provides overview of history and activities
 - LCDR Yon Yu served as a delegate at the APhA annual meeting in Atlanta in March; she reported on the following issues:
 - Expansion of pharmacist patient care role to include independent prescriptive authority to enhance healthcare outcomes
 - Recognition of pharmacists as primary care providers in community based health clinics
 - Protection of pharmacist personal information
 - Support for development of safe, effective, affordable generic versions of biologic drug products
 - Opposing redistribution of previously dispensed medications once they are out of the control of a health care provider
 - Support for increasing immunization rates for healthcare professionals and promotion of pharmacist based immunization services
- ◆ Indian Health Service (IHS)→CDR Bradley Bishop
 - National Provider Identification Number (NPI) – deadline is approaching in May; fast process; will e-mail the number to you; all IHS pharmacists are being encouraged to get their own number (as well as pharmacists doing TDY with IHS); contact CAPT Pam Schweitzer for more information
 - 2007 IHS CE seminar (“The Quad”) will be held April 27-29 in Scottsdale, AZ (this is a change as this meeting is usually held in June); information is available on the IHS pharmacy intranet
- ◆ National Institutes of Health (NIH) – CDR Sood for CDR Richard DeCederfelt
 - Continue to work on development of inpatient pharmacy information system to interface with existing computerized physician order entry system; estimated completion date is end of 2007
 - Construction of new facility to house all non-dispensing functions; estimated completion date is Summer 2008

- CE opportunity: Pharmacotherapy Frontiers; scheduled for April 21; 8am-12:30pm (provides 4 hours of CE); registration has reached 480 people (www.cc.nih.gov/phar)
- CAPT Bob DeChristoforo has been appointed as interim chief of pharmacy
- Several civil servants have expressed interest in the Corps; 1 has submitted a PHS application
- ◆ DHS – LCDR Patrick Romero (USCG)
 - USCG pharmacists are asking about the availability of training programs
 - Strategic National Stockpile
 - Combined humanitarian response
- ◆ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – LCDR Jeff Mouakket
 - LCDR Christine Yu will serve as the new HRSA alternate
- ◆ Bureau of Prisons (BOP) –CDR Mike Shiber for LCDR Jeffrey Newman
 - CAPT Bina was speaker for the APhA Federal Forum
 - Had strong BOP recruitment booth at APhA meeting
 - 2 BOP pharmacists attended the faculty immunization course at APhA meeting
- ◆ Food and Drug Administration (FDA) –CDR Matthew Tarosky
 - Office of Regulatory Affairs reorganization – unclear what effect these changes will have; also proposing to close 5 regional offices
 - Safety issues – MedWatch is resource for timely information; 2 products have been withdrawn from the market
 - Zelnorm – causes severe cardiovascular adverse events
 - Permax – causes heart valve damage
- ◆ Office of the Secretary (OS) – CDR Jacqueline Thomas
 - New electronic CAD did not launch on April 2
 - New phone line – calls will go directly to recruitment (for callers who have not submitted the PHS 50)
 - LCDR Greg Davis has been selected to serve as special assistant in the OSG (CAPT Gil Rose’s former position)

2007 COA Category Day Planning → LCDR Martin Shimer (martin.shimerii@fda.hhs.gov) /LCDR Connie Jung (connie.jung@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ CE credits for category day – still pending; accreditation board will decide by this Friday; question was asked from the field regarding the number of CE credits that will be available for the other days of the conference
- ◆ Pharmacist enrollment – planners declined to give concrete information on registration; vast majority of registrations take place in the last week or two before the earlybird deadline
- ◆ Global Health Summit – poster submission deadline is April 20
- ◆ Early bird registration – ends April 23
- ◆ Junior officer scholarship - application deadline is April 30
- ◆ Other planned events:
 - Saturday, June 2 – charity golf tournament - \$75 per player
 - Sunday, June 3 – Global Health Summit – Dr. Carmona is the luncheon speaker; Secretary Leavitt has been invited as the keynote speaker
 - Monday, June 4 – Luther Terry lecture – RADM Vanderwagen is the speaker
 - Tuesday, June 5 – Category Day followed by SG run/walk
 - Wednesday, June 6 –Papers and presentations (pharmacists contributed 9 papers, 3 posters, 1 disaster preparedness presentation and 2 global health presentations)
 - Wednesday, June 6 - Social Event (7pm-12MN) - \$40 per person (includes dinner and entertainment)

- Thursday, June 7 – Biological disaster response training – CE credits not determined yet
- Friday, June 8 – APhA immunization training

PAC Chair Report → CDR Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

- ◆ CDR Sood thanked all officers who are working on the WIPTs and WPDGs. These meetings require an enormous investment of time on top of officers' busy schedules. We appreciate their work on behalf of the pharmacy category. Transformation is here and it is important. Feedback from the PharmPAC is going to the Corps leadership. The following officers were thanked for their service:
 - CDR Mark Strong – Readiness
 - CDR Laura Pincock – Applied Public Health
 - CAPT Doug Figg – Research
 - LT Ermias Zerislassie - Mental Health
 - CDR Beth Fritsch – Billet/Officer Profile and Selection
 - LCDR Kun Shen – Career Development and Training
 - CAPT (ret) Paul McSherry – Recruitment
 - LCDR Mark Allanson – 3H Family Support and Incentive
 - CAPT Robert McClelland – 3H Assignment

Old/New Business:

- ◆ CDR Sam Foster emphasized the need to improve coordination with OCCO to get COSTEP students on board in a more efficient manner.

The meeting was adjourned @ 3:31pm.

Next Meeting Date:

May 3, 2007, from 1300 to 1600 EST, Surgeon General's Conference Room; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov
PHS-RX-JOBS@list.nih.gov
PHS-Rx-Students@list.nih.gov
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>
PHS Rx Students <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
OFRD <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf.html>
RPh Job Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
CCMIS <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccinformation-l.html>
CC Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccvacancies-l.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://hhs.gov/pharmacy>
CCMIS <http://dcp.psc.gov>
USPHS <http://www.usphs.gov>
OFRD <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf>

--Respectfully Submitted,

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LCDR Tara Turner, Executive Secretary Date

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CDR Nita Sood, Chair Date

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RADM Robert E. Pittman, CPO Date

Attachments:

- 1. Recruitment Section Report – April 2007**
- 2. FDA Agency Report – April 2007**
- 3. Presentation – USPHS Deployment and Pharmacy Forms**