



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

Minutes of Meeting
05 MAY 2005
Office of Global Health Affairs Conference Room
1300-1445

Members Present:

In Rockville

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA

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

Via Telephone

CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-Cass Lake, MN
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA
CDR Daniel Hasenfang INS-San Diego, CA
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
LCDR Robert Hayes, IHS-Claremore, OK(alt/Lee)
CDR Chris Allen, CDC Atlanta, GA (alt/Sood)
LCDR Sheila Ryan, FDA-Rockville, MD (alt/Garvey)

CAPT Gary Baker, IHS-Ketchikan, AK
CDR Doug Herold, BOP-Rochester, MN
CDR Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Michael Long BOP-Ayer, MA

Members Absent

RADM Richard Walling (CPO) Rockville, MD
LCDR Burt Hill, BOP-Marianna, FL
CDR Patricia Garvey, DA-Rockville, MD

LCDR Jeff Mouakkett, HRSA-Dallas, TX
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK
LCDR Nita Sood, Atlanta, GA

Guests:

LCDR Jacqueline Thomas, OCCO-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert Taylor, HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jouhayna Saliba, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Arianne Camphire, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Matt Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert Young, IHS-Sitka, AK
LCDR Linda Sampson, IHS-Tuba City, AZ
CDR Brian Schafer, IHS-Lacduflambeau, WI
LT Sheryl Gunther, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Christina Thompson, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Neel Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Kimberly Knutson, IHS-Fort Washakie, WY

Susan Pellock (student)
CDR Val Jense, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Dan Brum, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Mark Burroughs, USCG-Alameda, CA
CDR Lu Livingston, IHS-Zuni, NM
LT Ted Hall, IHS-Baraboo, WI
LT Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Connie Jung, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Lori Garcia, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Walter Holt, CDC-Atlanta, GA
LCDR Steven Dittert, FDA-Nashville, TN

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

- ◆ CAPT Skerda called the meeting to order and the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.
- ◆ CAPT Skerda and LCDR Scardina presented special assignment awards to the following PharmPAC members for 30 consecutive or non-consecutive days of PharmPAC activities:

LCDR Laura Pincock	CDR Jim Bresette
CDR Dan Hasenfang	CAPT James Imholte
LT Kristen Maves	CAPT Raelene Skerda
- ◆ Update from CPO/SGPAC:
 - The workgroup for the 6th precept has been put together.
 - The corps has reached 70% in basic readiness. As of May 1st, the requirements will change. (Example: Starting hepatitis series will not be sufficient; everyone will need a positive titer recorded.) These requirements are being put in place to ensure the safety and protection of our officers in times of deployment.

Section Lead Comments:

- ◆ Administration→ LCDR Sheila Ryan for CDR Patricia Garvey (garveyp@cder.fda.gov)
 - CDR Garvey will be accepting nominations for a chairperson of the external affairs committee. There is a need for someone to compile a database of all the organizations and maintain the records. Nominations are due to CDR Garvey by COB 20 May 2005.
 - LCDR Louis Flowers has been chosen as the AACP liaison and LCDR Clint Hinman as the American Public Health Association liaison.
 - Awards:
 - Members need to respond to CDR Garvey on their ranking of the PAC honor awards. To date, there have only been 12 responses.
 - The student awards have been all reviewed. There were 31 nominations and 29 were selected to receive the award and a PHS officer will be awarding each of them. Thanks to the committee and LCDR Beth Fritsch as the POC lead for their hard work
 - History: LDCR Laura Pincock (pincockl@cder.fda.gov)
 - APhA has agreed to sponsor a commemorative coin for the PHS pharmacy category, hopefully to be distributed at the COA meeting. The coin will be similar in format to those given out at the Federal Pharmacy Form.
 - The American Pharmacists Association will be publishing an article on the Pharmacy Commemorative Coin and the anniversaries of the BOP and IHS in the June 2005 issue of Pharmacy Today.
 - The history project was looking at the COA Foundation for funding. This has led the COA Foundation inquiring of all the PACs their interest in an overall history project for each Category. This is presently in the inquiry stage, and the History sections will keep the PAC posted.
 - **LIASONS:**
 - ASHP: LCDR Keith Olin
 - The summer meeting will be held June 11-15 in Boston, MA. The policies will be reviewed. Anyone having comments can review them on the ASHP website (<http://www.ashp.org>) and email LCDR Olin at olink@cder.fda.gov.
 - CAPT (ret.) Jim Mitchell will be receiving the ASHP Award of Excellence at Mid-year meeting in Las Vegas.
 - JOAG: LT Ted Hall
 - VADM Carmona attended the March JOAG meeting.
 - The JOAG meeting minutes will be linked with the PAC website so anyone can review them.

- Anyone interested in learning more about JOAG can visit their website at www.joag.org and sign up on the listserv.
- AMSUS: LT Ted Hall
 - The deadline for the AMSUS awards is 30 June 2005. There are 2 pharmacists' awards. There are also leadership awards that are open to all disciplines including pharmacists. The criteria can be found on the AMSUS website (<http://www.amsus.org>).
 - The upcoming meeting will be held Oct. 30– Nov. 4th, in Nashville, TN
- ◆ Career Development → CDR Mike Long (mzlong@bop.gov)
 - The 6th precept (AKA 3-H) work committee is being formed. Anyone with further comments on the precept, can forward them to CDR Long to compile together. The 6th precept is exploring methods to recognize those officers assigned to duty stations that are considered hazardous duty, hard to fill, and hardship.
 - Readiness (LCDR Strong): The category is now at 72.8% basic qualified.
 - Civilian Service: No Report.
 - COA: COA category day is going. Commemorative coins are being made for the day.
- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov)
 - The number of commissioned corps pharmacists has dropped below 900. The numbers should increase with the new graduates coming out.
 - Volunteers are needed locally in DC area to help with JRCOSTEPs and get the acclimated.
 - The Pharmacists Best Kept Secret was updated prior to the APha meeting. Thanks to CAPT Robert Pittman and CAPT Martin Johnston for their hard work.
 - Associate Recruiter Program: LCDR Christine Bina
 - The proposals for funding of events have been submitted.
- ◆ Communication → CDR Sam Foster (Samuel.foster@ihs.gov) & LCDR Nita Sood (Nsood@cms.hhs.gov)
 - The section is still waiting for a response from CAPT Canton in regards to migrating away from the HHS website.

New Business

- ◆ Anyone planning to attend the reception for RADM Walling at the COA meeting needs to register for it through the COA website.
- ◆ CAPT Skerda asked PAC members to submit their rankings for the PAC awards and the NIH vacancy. Anyone interested in the PAC membership vacancies for the upcoming term, needs to submit their packets by COB 30 May 2005.
- ◆ There was discussion that the OFRD website is too strict on requirements. For example, if an individual's PPD is current today but not tomorrow, they are automatically not "basic qualified" and can be removed from promotion consideration. There is no window to allow an officer to rectify their requirements.
- ◆ There has been no word on who the new CPO for the pharmacy category will be.
- ◆ A question was posted on the IHS website if anyone has a policy/procedure if a person is being physically threatened by a patient. Anyone with ideas or suggestions can contact CAPT Pittman or CDR Sam Foster. It was recommended this be an agency specific question and not something the PAC will address.
- ◆ The COSTEP orders are currently being processed. If any students have any questions, refer them to contact a HR technician.
- ◆ A discussion was brought up by CAPT Robert Taylor on ethics for pharmacists dispensing morning after pill and birth control pills. There have been several states addressing legislation to this issue (ex. Illinois). The issue has been forwarded to the

