



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

Minutes of Meeting
15 JUN 2003
Scottsdale, AZ
COA Meeting
1700 H, MST

Members Present:

RADM Richard Walling (CPO)	CAPT Craig Hostetler (Chair)
LT Krista M. Scardina	CDR James Bresette
CDR Michael Forman	LCDR Daniel Hasenfang
CAPT Jim Imholte	LCDR Michael J. Long
LCDR Mariann Kocsis	CAPT Raelene Skerda
CDR Michelle Gemelas (alt/Strong)	Dr. Frank Pucino, Jr.
LT Rob Hayes	

In addition, there were approximately 40 additional pharmacists present in Scottsdale or on the teleconference for this meeting.

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

- The promotion precepts have gone through an extensive review and the package of comments has been forwarded to the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) for analysis.
- RADM Walling commented on the restructuring of the PharmPAC. The reorganization is in tune with how the Commissioned Corps is transforming into a more global direction. The goal is for the PharmPAC to be more proactive, instead of reactive to issues that arise. RADM Walling is very pleased and congratulates those who have taken a leadership role with the PharmPAC.

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

- Two new initiatives of the PharmPAC include a Readiness Team and Officership. Through a Readiness Team, the PharmPAC would like to create an environment that is nurturing in order to help pharmacists become deployable. The PharmPAC would like to see 100% of pharmacists CCRF ready by 2005.
- Officership is an area that may become more important as it becomes part of promotion. It is important to know how we need to serve and perform as officers of the PHS. The PharmPAC would like to create a comfortable environment to teach and learn from other officers about what it means to be an officer.

Section Reports:

1. Career Development Section: Lead, CAPT Jim Imholte (jimholte@hrsa.gov)
 - The Special Pay Group, lead by CDR Rob Tosatto, is working on an assessment of the effects of pharmacy special pay. The sunset law is in effect for four years and will run out FY2004. Congress has instructed that the Commissioned Corps

- Pharmacists must prove that the special pay has made a difference in efforts to recruit and retain more officers. Anyone with special skills that may enhance the progress of the Special Pay Group should contact CDR Tosatto (rtoatto@osophs.dhhs.gov).
- LCDR Mark Strong and LCDR Mike Forman are working on assessing the CCRF status of pharmacists. A letter is being distributed to all Commissioned Corps Pharmacists to collect information on the status of each officer's CCRF training and progress. Once the responses are in, the results will be analyzed. Anyone who would like to help compile results should contact LCDR Strong (mstrong@wsp.portland.ihs.gov) or CAPT Imholte (jimholte@hrsa.gov).
 - The comments on the promotion precepts have been submitted through RADM Walling and will be forwarded to the OSG.
2. Recruitment Section: Lead, CDR James Bresette (JBresett@hqe.ihs.gov)
- Point of Contact (POC) Program: Out of 87 Schools of Pharmacy, there are currently 82 with POCs. The program is lead by LCDR Beth Fritsch. A message has been sent in the Commissioned Corps Bulletin to attempt to provide the remaining 5 schools with a POC. Some POCs are also in the Associate Recruiter Program (ARP), a program run by the Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP). The pharmacy category currently has the highest representation of ARPs.
 - Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret has been updated and finalized for 2003 and is posted on the PharmPAC website.
 - The externship list is almost ready and will be turned over to the Career Development Section for maintenance.
 - The Recruitment and Communications Sections are collaboratively working on listserv messages that will be sent out to students about the PHS.
3. Communications Section: Lead, LCDR Mike Long (mjlong@bop.gov)
- We have reorganized the PharmPAC website similar to the new PharmPAC structure. The first step in the process has been completed; however, a complete revision is not yet complete. Next steps include updating content, adding content and development of a monitoring system to keep checks and balances on the information contained on the site. Information that will be added to the site include: slides from COA pharmacy category day, student award recipients, COA PharmPAC award recipients and articles written by and about PHS pharmacists. The section is looking for pharmacists interested in web design to continue to develop and make needed changes to the website. Please contact LCDR Long if interested. A message will be sent out to pharmacists asking for feedback regarding the website. Any information that is placed on the website will go through the proper channels to assess appropriateness for the PharmPAC website. Anyone that has comments or who would like to add information to the site should contact LCDR Long or LT Krista Scardina (scardinak@cdcr.fda.gov).
 - The section is currently working on guidelines for the listservs that are managed by the PharmPAC. A draft proposal has been forwarded to all PharmPAC members for review.

4. Administration Section: Lead, LCDR Gregg Davis (Davisg@cder.fda.gov). Report by CAPT Hostetler:
- Awards: The section is continuing to clean the backlog of work. COA PharmPAC awards were a success and congratulations to the recipients and all who have been nominated.
 - Membership: The deadline for membership package for the PharmPAC was 31 MAY 2003. All pharmacists are encouraged to become involved on the PharmPAC and the different sections and activities.

Next Meeting Date:

07 AUG 2003 @ 1300H EDT in SG Conference Room, 18-57, Parklawn Building

(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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LT Krista M. Scardina Date

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CAPT Craig Hostetler, Chair Date

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RADM Richard S. Walling, CPO Date