



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

Minutes of Meeting
07 JULY 2005
Office of Global Health Affairs Conference Room
1300-1530

Members Present:

In Rockville

RADM John Babb (Acting CPO) ORFD-Rockville, MD
CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Lisa Tonrey, HRSA-Bethesda, MD (alt/Moukkett)

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

Via Telephone

CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-Cass Lake, MN
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA
CDR Daniel Hasenfang USCG-Cape May, NJ
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR Sheila Ryan, FDA-Rockville, MD (alt/Garvey)

LCDR Nita Sood, Atlanta, GA
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
CAPT Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK

Members Absent

LCDR Jeff Mouakkett, HRSA-Dallas, TX
CDR Patricia Garvey, DA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Gary Baker, IHS-Ketchikan, AK

CDR Michael Long BOP-Butner, NC
CDR Doug Herold, BOP-Rochester, MN

Guests:

Dr. Rennan Bonnel FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Keith Olin FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Gregg Davis NIH-Bethesda, MD
LCDR Beth Fritsch FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Nina Nwaba, FDA – Rockville, MD
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Patrick Butley IHS-AK
LCDR Robert Hayes IHS-Claremore, OK
CAPT Mike Jones FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Chris Allen CDC-Atlanta, GA
LCDR Don Reese CMS-Baltimore, MD
LCDR Mel Temple INS-Florence, AZ
CAPT Robert Pittman IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Denise Howell FDA-San Pedro, CA
LCDR Jacqueline Thomas OCCO-Rockville, MD
CAPT Bill Hess FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Beth Fritsch FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Julienne Vaillancourt FDA-Rockville, MD

LT Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Craig Keister FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jeff Fritsch FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR John Quinn FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Matt Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Jeff Vang, IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
CDR John Coleman IHS-Anchorage, AK
LCDR Timothy Murray IHS-Claremore, OK
CDR Walter Holt, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CDR Steven Dittert, FDA- Nashville, TN
LT Lori Garcia, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Mark Strong, BOP-Leavenworth, KS
CDR Alice Knobon FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jane Kreis FDA-Oakland, CA
LCDR Stephan Ortiz FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert Taylor HRSA-Rockville, MD

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 with a few edits.
- ◆ CAPT Skerda presented the Allen J. Brands Clinical Pharmacy Award to Dr. Alice Pau.

CPO Report: RADM John Babb

- ◆ RADM Babb congratulated all the officers who were promoted in the 2005 promotion cycle in the pharmacy category. RADM Babb gave some incite on what reviewers are looking for in a “best qualified” officer. Everyone should be reviewing such things as the benchmarks, your CV, and PIR(promotion information report))
- ◆ The selection of a CPO is ongoing and no announcement has been made.
- ◆ RADM Babb thanked the PAC, LCDR Pincock and the generosity of APhA with developing the Pharmacy Commemorative coin.
- ◆ RADM Babb expressed appreciation to his predecessor RADM Walling for his service to the category and well deserved retirement.

Section Lead Comments:

- ◆ Administration→ LCDR Sheila Ryan for CDR Patricia Garvey (garveyp@cder.fda.gov)
 - The membership packets have been scanned and will be sent to the voting members this week.
 - History: LDCR Laura Pincock (pincockl@cder.fda.gov)
 - The Pharmacy commemorative coin was distributed to the pharmacists at the PAC meeting. The coin will be sent to each Commissioned Corps pharmacist.
 - LCDR Pincock thanked CAPT Robert Pittman for his history presentation at the COA meeting.
 - The June issue of Pharmacy Today has an article about the PHS Pharmacy Commemorative Coin.

LIAISONS:

- ASHP: LCDR Keith Olin
 - LCDR Olin attended the summer meeting held in June, in Boston, MA. Anyone interested in reviewing policy and guidelines can do so on the ASHP website.
 - The ASHP Foundation is sponsoring the Young Investigator Grants. Applications are due by 03 Oct 2005.
 - On 18 Sept 2005, the Walter Jones Golf Classic will be held in MD at the Cross Creek Golf Club. The golf tournament serves as a scholarship program.
 - JOAG:
 - There will be a meeting 08 July 2005. The minutes will be posted on the JOAG website. www.joag.org
 - CDR Livingston made a motion to encourage the Geriatric Pharmacy certification be made into a BPS (Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties) certification. Volunteers are needed for a workgroup.
- ◆ Career Development→ CDR Mike Long (mzlong@bop.gov)
Readiness (LCDR Strong): The category is now at 66.9% basic qualified.
 - A discussion was brought forth on eliminating the part on OFRD requirements for pharmacists on the number of clinical hours. There is a redundancy in the 2 sections with the number of hours spent in role and the number of hours filling prescriptions. It was agreed to send forward our proposition for eliminating the requirement for “hours spent fulling prescriptions” after agreeing that this element is also covered in the stated requirements for the Primary Role of Pharmacist or SNS pharmacist. LCDR Strong will formulate the PAC’s suggested revision for submission to OFRD.

Civilian Service: Dr. Rennan Bonnel submitted a letter from the civil service workgroup stating the group has accomplished all that it could and would be dismantled. CAPT Skerda encouraged civil servant participation in PAC, stating its impact in the past few years on other sections and stressed the importance of continued involvement and cooperation between Civil Service and Commissioned Corps pharmacists in Public Health..

3-H Workgroup: CAPT Pittman stated that the final recommendations will be made and should have something out by the end of the month.

- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov)
 - The number of commissioned corps pharmacists is now 910. There are currently no SRCOSTEPs on active duty. The breakdown of pharmacist by agency is:
BOP= 127, FDA= 237, IHS= 431
Within these top 3 agencies, it accounts for 795 of the pharmacists.
 - It was noted that this is the first year the pharmacy category is without any LTJGs on active duty, due to the PharmD degree now being the initial Pharmacy degree.

- ◆ Communication → CDR Sam Foster (Samuel.foster@ihs.gov) & LCDR Nita Sood (Nsood@cms.hhs.gov)
 - The section has sent a welcome email to new officers to get them interested in the Pharmacy PAC, and encourage their participation in PHS activities and enrollment to the PharmPAC List serv.
 - There is no update on the website.
 - If anyone has contact information changing, they should contact LCDR Sood to update it on the website.

New Business

- ◆ CAPT Skerda called out to PAC members to start thinking about leadership for the upcoming PAC year. Interested parties should contact CAPT Skerda.

Next Meeting Dates:

04 August 2005@1300 EST, Room TBA

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>
OFRD <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>
PHS-1 DMAT <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/dmat>
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--Respectfully Submitted,

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LT Violette Geza, Executive Secretary Date

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CAPT Raelene Skerda, Chair Date

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RADM John Babb, Acting CPO Date