



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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**06 OCTOBER 2005**  
**Office of Global Health Affairs Conference Room**  
**1300-1435**

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**Members Present:**

**In Rockville**

RADM John Babb (Acting CPO) ORFD-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Laura Pincock FDA-White Oak, MD  
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT Sharon Gershon NIH-Bethesda, MD  
LCDR Renu Chhabra, FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Patricia Garvey, DA-Rockville, MD

**Via Telephone**

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA  
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA  
LCDR Chris Allen CDC-Atlanta, GA (alt./Sood)  
LCDR Jeff Mouakket, HRSA-Dallas, TX  
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth Hospital, MN  
CDR Sandra Shipp IHS-Ketchikan, AK (alt./Baker)

CDR Michael Long BOP-Butner, NC  
LCDR Tamara Close IHS-Whiteriver, AZ  
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA

**Members Absent**

LCDR Nita Sood, CDC- Atlanta, GA  
CAPT Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD  
CDR Daniel Hasenfang USCG-Cape May, NJ

LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK  
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC  
CAPT Gary Baker IHS-Ketchikan, AK

**Guests:**

LCDR Keith Olin FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR James Saunders FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Steve Mazzella FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Connie Jung FDA-Rockville, MD  
CAPT(ret.) Craig Hostetler  
CDR Julienne Vaillancourt FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR William Figg NIH-Bethesda, MD  
LT Susan Pellock FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Bradley Bishop IHS-Sells, AZ  
LT Christine Thompson FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Chris Jones FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Beth Fritsch FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT Nick Quaglietta BOP-Tucson, AZ  
CAPT Mark Burroughs USCG-Alameda, CA  
LCDR Christine Bina FDA-Rockville, MD  
CAPT Bill Hess FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Walter Holt, CDC-Atlanta, GA  
LT Lori Garcia, FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Dev Patel FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Keri Suh FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Louis Flowers HRSA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Tara Turner CMS-Baltimore, MD  
Betsy Pachikara, pharmacy student  
Amy Hohenwarnter, pharmacy student,

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**Call to Order: CAPT Raelene Skerda ([rskerda@bop.gov](mailto: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 thanked the outgoing PAC Members for their service to the PAC:  
LCDR Krista Scardina                      CDR Paul Huntzinger

CAPT Raelene Skerda  
LCDR Michael Lee  
CDR Doug Herold

CDR Dan Hasenfang  
CAPT Sharon Gerson

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**CPO Report: RADM John Babb**

- ◆ RADM Babb discussed the ongoing missions involved with Hurricane Katrina. There have been 253 pharmacists deployed. RADM Babb thanked all the officers who have been deployed as well those staying back in their agencies and continuing the mission there.
- ◆ The category is at 71.8% Basic Qualified. RADM Babb commended the category for achieving the >70% goal. The entire corps is at 71.5%.
- ◆ RADM Babb's term as acting CPO has been extended until other CPO selections have been confirmed.
- ◆ RADM Babb presented CAPT Skerda with a PHS Citation for her service as PharmPAC Chair.

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**Section Lead Comments:**

- ◆ Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey ([garvevp@cder.fda.gov](mailto:garvevp@cder.fda.gov))
  - The new members cannot be announced until approved by the Surgeon General. CAPT Gary Baker has offered his resignation. The vacancy will be filled by the applicants already submitted for the new terms.
  - The student awards will be looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact LCDR Kristen Maves.
  - The call for nominations for the Responder of the Year Award is due by 01 Dec. 2005.

**LIAISONS:**

- ASHP: LCDR Keith Olin  
The mid-year meeting will be held Dec. 4-8<sup>th</sup>. An article is posted on the ASHP website on PHS's involvement with Hurricane Katrina.
  - ACCP: LCDR Louis Flowers  
The annual meeting will be held in San Francisco on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Apha:  
Apha would like to put together a series of articles on officers deployments to the hurricane. Anyone wishing to publish must receive permission. A request can be made through RADM Babb.
- ◆ Career Development → CDR Mike Long ([mzlong@bop.gov](mailto:mzlong@bop.gov))
    - The COER's have been released and are due to the rater by Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and to the reviewer by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - There is no word on permanent promotions from past cycle.
    - There is a calendar on the website with important dates such as award nominations, PAC Membership, and meeting announcements.
    - A discussion was brought about revising the current Pharmacy benchmarks and eliminating the requirement of 20 CE credits per year. Most state require only 15 CE credits per year and keeping active licensure is already a requirement. A motion was made and approved to remove CE credits as a benchmark. The recommendation will be submitted to OCCO.
  - ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette ([james.bresette@ihs.gov](mailto:james.bresette@ihs.gov))
    - LCDR Christine Bina reported the APha-ASP mid-year meetings are being organized. The first meeting will take place on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas. PHS officers will be involved in a panel discussion. Information on booths went out via email to the volunteers. Volunteers are still needed for the meeting in Montana.

- ◆ Communication → CDR Sam Foster ([Samuel.foster@ihs.gov](mailto:Samuel.foster@ihs.gov)) & LCDR Nita Sood ([Nsood@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Nsood@cms.hhs.gov))
  - There have been new PLANT profiles posted on the website.
  - The pharmacist list has been updated and will now include email addresses of officers.

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**New Business**

- ◆ The Pharmacy Category celebration is moving forward. CDR Vaillencourt expressed everyone to turn in reservations prior to the Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline if possible. The minimum amount of attendees needed to break even is 150. There is a possibility of refunding money to those who are deployed during the celebration.
- ◆ Voting for the new PAC chair and vice-chair took place. CDR Mike Long will be the next PAC Chair and LCDR Laura Pincock as Vice-chair.

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**Next Meeting Dates:**

**03 November 2005@1300 EST, Room TBA**

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

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**Useful Links and Contact Info:**

- ◆ Emails: [PharmPAC@list.nih.gov](mailto:PharmPAC@list.nih.gov)  
[PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov](mailto:PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov)  
[RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov](mailto:RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov)  
[Rx-Students@list.nih.gov](mailto: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>  
  
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

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CAPT Raelene Skerda, Chair

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RADM John Babb, Acting CPO

Date