

Chief Pharmacy Officer Report
December 4, 2008

1. Senator Daschle Nominated to be HHS Secretary

Senator Tom Daschle is President-elect Barack Obama's choice to head the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Senator Daschle brings a wealth of experience in health care policy and is very knowledgeable about HHS programs.

2. Commissioned Corps Transition Briefing Document

Attached is the Commissioned Corps discussion document intended for use by Commissioned Corps officers, particularly those who will be involved in briefing incoming leadership new to the Department. Feel free to use this document when describing the Corps - who we are and why we do what we do. In a few months, we will revisit this document and determine, based on your feedback, how useful it has been in our continuing efforts to educate others about America's Health Responders.

3. American Military Surgeons of the United States Annual Meeting – Nov. 9-13, 2008

Both the AMSUS Meeting and the PHS Leadership forum were a great success. PHS officer attendance was much greater than in previous years and the PHS planning committee did an outstanding job. Thanks to all those who participated in the program development especially LCDR Diem-Kieu Ngo from FDA who worked on the joint Optometry/Pharmacy meeting.

4. Family Medical History Tool

On November 25, 2008 the Acting Surgeon General and other public health leaders unveiled the Surgeon General's next generation Family Health History (FHH) Tool. FHH 2.0 brings family health histories to the forefront of healthcare services. Its easily shareable information format allows data to be integrated rapidly into a patient's health record. Using established, standards-based references, the tool is ready to be customized for inclusion in other patient healthcare information tools to enable improved patient care and health risk assessments. For more information, go to <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/pressreleases/sg11152006.html>.

5. Promotion

Officers up for promotion in Promotion Year (PY) 2009 are reminded to review their electronic Official Personnel File and submit any updated materials prior to December 31, 2008 (the fax machines get very busy toward the end of the month, so send materials in early, if possible). For more information go to http://dcp.psc.gov/promotions_table_of_contents.aspx.

6. 2010 Promotion Benchmarks

The PY 2010 Promotion Benchmarks are expected to be released in January 2009.

7. American Society of Health System Pharmacists Meeting – Dec. 7-11, 2008

The ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting starts next week in Orlando, Florida. The federal forum this year will focus on the treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Both IHS and OCCO will have booths in the exhibit hall to recruit pharmacist and pharmacy residents for PHS.