



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
14 June 2007
Office of Global Health Affairs Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1300-1600

Members Present:

RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert McClelland, IHS-Elko, NV
CDR Christopher Allen, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CDR Tamara Close, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Richard DeCederfelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth, MN
CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Patricia Garvey, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Michael Shiber, BOP-Cumberland, MD
CDR Nita Sood (Chair), HRSA- Rockville, MD
CDR Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jacqueline Thomas, OCCO-Rockville, MD
CDR Kimberly Zietlow, IHS-Red Lake, MN
LCDR Brian Campbell (Ex-Officio JOAG), IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LCDR Violette Ganoë (Vice-Chair), BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR Larry Lim, FDA-Rockville, MD (alt for CDR Kremzner)
LCDR Jeffrey Newman, BOP-Springfield, MO
LCDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
LCDR Karen Williams, HRSA-Rockville, MD (alt for LCDR Glabach)
LCDR Christine Yu, INS-El Centro, CA (alt for LCDR Mouakket)

Members Absent:

CDR Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD (alt present)
CDR Michael Long (Ex-Officio Chair) BOP-Butner, NC
LCDR Richard Glabach, OCCFM-Rockville, MD (alt present)
LCDR Kristina Joyce (Ex-Officio JOAG), FDA-Philadelphia, PA
LCDR Jeff Mouakket, HRSA-Dallas, TX (alt present)
LCDR Tara Turner (Ex-Officio Executive Secretary), CMS- Baltimore, MD
LT Stacey Smith (Ex-Officio JOAG), IHS-Fort Washakie, WY

Guests*:

CDR Bradley Bishop, IHS-Sells, AZ
CDR Louis Flowers, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Daniel L. Hasenfang, Cape May, NJ
CDR Denise H. Howell, FDA-San Pedro, CA
CDR Mark Strong, BOP-Leavenworth, KS

CDR Deborah J. Thompson, New London, CT
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Vicky Borders-Hemphill, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Alisea R. Crowley, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR James Czarzasty, OASPR-Washington, DC
LCDR Cedric B. Guyton, IHS- Tucson, AZ
LCDR Jeff Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL
LCDR Kristen Miller, FDA- Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Diem-Kieu Ngo, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Mimi T. Phan, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL
LCDR James Saunders FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
LCDR Thuyanh Vu, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Teresa Watkins, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Chi-Ann Wu, FDA Rockville, MD
LT Dan Brum, FDA- Silver Spring, MD
LT Cicely Reese, FDA- Rockville, MD
LT Alice Silva, FDA-Worcester, MA

*Guests attending the meeting via call in are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location information to the acting PharmPAC secretary at brian.campbell@ihs.gov.

Call to Order: CDR Nita Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

CDR Sood called the June 2007 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order.

Acceptance of May 07 PharmPAC Meeting Minutes: CDR Nita Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

Minutes from the May 3, 2007 PharmPAC meeting were accepted as amended.

CPO Comments: RADM Robert Pittman

- 2007 PHS Scientific and Training Symposium
 - 800+ officers in attendance with over 100 pharmacists at the meeting
- USS Peleliu
 - CAPT Kathleen Downs named Officer in Charge
- Promotion Boards
 - 434 possible pharmacy promotions
 - Promotion rates different for categories based on number of billets
 - Suggestions for promotion
 - Prepare and submit to eOPF a current CV
 - Keep summary page to one page
 - Provide documentation of Achievement of advanced degree
- Retention
 - Pharmacy has a good retention rate
 - 97% retention rate, 94% with retirement
 - Pharmacy category retirement eligibility
 - 53% of pharmacy officers have less than 10 years of service
 - 36% have between 10-20 years of service
 - 11% are eligible for retirement today
 - Pharmacy officers separate within the first 4 years

- OCCO efforts to keep officers are to utilize 90 day surveys
 - Want to retain officers within our system
- Awards
 - Awards take forever
 - Trying to speed up the process
 - New awards CCIS
 - Has specific timelines (3 weeks) to process awards and if the timeline is not met then the award moves to the next higher level
 - Taking approval for awards to a lower levels
 - PharmPAC will still be able to initiate the awards process
- Immunization training
 - Training held at COA meeting
 - Looking for additional funding for future training
 - Contact PAC if interested in training
- Met with the emergency coordinators for the 8 states in Region 4
 - Reviewed hurricane preparedness
 - June 1st is start of the Hurricane season
- OFRD
 - Currently officers get an e-mail to respond if available for deployment
 - Changing the process in the coming months to respond to the e-mail if the officer is not available
- New Surgeon General Nominee
 - Dr. James W. Holsinger, Jr.
- Assimilation
 - 2006 assimilation list approved by the Senate in April 2007
 - 2007 group is working its way through the system
 - The 2800 ceiling is expected to be met with the 2007 group
 - Those who are interested in the Regular Corps should apply as soon as they are eligible
 - Permanent promotion rate will be affected by the 2800 ceiling
- Review of billets
 - New electronic billets for all officers as a part of transformation
 - Beta-testing new billet formats
 - Billets will not be looked at for 08 promotion cycle
 - Billets are preset for lowest level possible
 - Clinical billets will be out in the next year
 - Non-clinical billets will take longer and will be available later
- Special Presentation to LCDR Devvrat Patel
 - CPO Certificate of Appreciation for assisting the PharmPAC in implementation of recording the PharmPAC's monthly meetings

JOAG Report → LCDR Brian Campbell (brian.campbell@ihs.gov)

- Next General Meeting is 15 June 2007 at 1300 EST see JOAG website for meeting information
- Assignment of COSTEP mentors
 - JOAG is matching mentors with COSTEP's who are in the same agency as well as geographic location

Section Lead Comments:

Career Development → CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov)

Special Presentation: Proposal – USPHS Pharmacist Readiness Training Program (P RTP) (PowerPoint Attached) – CAPT Michael Montello who is the Team Leader for RDF 2, CDR Laura Pincock who is the Pharmacy Director for RDF2.

Special Presentation: USPHS Office of Force Readiness and Deployment Response Readiness Training Lifecycle – CDR Kimberly Elenburg and CDR (sel) Patrick Dennis

CDR Sood invited CAPT Montello and CDR Pincock to proceed with development of the pharmacy training programs.

- ◆ **Non-APhA/OFRD Immunization Training Work Group → LCDR Jeff Mallette**
 - First draft checklist developed
 - Tested checklist against 5 Non-APHA Immunization programs
 - All 5 programs met all criteria on checklist
 - Submitted checklist for PharmPAC review
 - Need to identify all immunization programs to submit to OFRD
 - Utilize UPOC and State Boards of Pharmacies to help contact immunization program coordinators

- ◆ **CCPMN→CAPT Lillie Golson**
 - Need for 2 different checklists
 - One for new call to active duty and the other for junior officers
 - Send checklist to mentor and mentee
 - Training for mentors via the WebEx Training Program
 - Develop a contractual agreement so a mentor will understand his/her responsibilities

- ◆ **Immunization Training at COA**
 - Trained 20 officers

2007 Scientific Symposium Highlights → CDR (sel) Marty Shimer / LCDR Connie Jung

- ◆ 100 officers at category day
- ◆ Suggestions for future category day
 - Leadership training
 - Mock response exercise
- ◆ Hands on smallpox vaccination training completed by 44 officers
- ◆ Awards
 - 2007 Pharmacist Responder of the Year – CAPT Michael Monetllo
 - 2007 Allen J. Brands PHS Clinical Pharmacist of the Year – Dr. Karim Calis
 - 2007 Mary Louise Anderson Pharmacist of the Year Leadership Award – CAPT Mary Fong
 - 2007 George F. Archambault Managerial Excellence Award – CDR Sharon Oestereich
 - 2007 George F. Archambault PHS Career Achievement in Pharmacy Award - RADM John Babb
- ◆ Speaker RADM Pittman
 - New billeting structure
 - Retention policies on officers who don't meet the requirements for basic readiness
 - Incentive pays for isolated hardship sites
- ◆ Paper Sessions well attended
 - 7 of 9 posters will be posted on the website
- ◆ 500 coins sold
 - Some are still left – contact CDR Pincock
- ◆ 2008 COF symposium
 - June 9-12 in Tucson, Arizona
 - If anyone is interested in volunteering for category day contact CDR Nita Sood

Agency Reports

- ◆ Indian Health Service (IHS)→CDR Bradley Bishop
 - **IHS Senior Pharmacist of the Year** – CAPT Daniel A. Diggins, Jr.

- IHS **Junior Pharmacist of the Year** – LCDR Allison M. Paynter
- The IHS pharmacy residents for 2007-2008 have been selected (EOD ~7/2007):

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>School</u>
Blankenship, Lacey Kay	Tahlequah, OK	SW OK State
Covrett, Casey James	Shiprock, NM	Campbell Univ
Houck, Misti Michele	Whiteriver, AZ	Samford University
Irwin, Crystal Lee	Gallup, NM	Rutgers
McCallum, Ryan Eliot	Gallup, NM	University of Tenn
McCoy, Jeffrey Scott	Warm Springs, OR	Oregon State
McDermott, Kevin Paul	Shiprock, OK	Univ of WA
Murray, Carl Arthur	Claremore, OK	Univ of Oklahoma
Nelson, Jessica Layne	Ft Defiance, AZ	Lake Erie
Niiha, Erica Michelle Harker	Phoenix, AZ	Univ of New Mexico
Troutt, Angela Marie Oldacre	Choctaw, OK	Univ of Oklahoma
Tveit, Adrienne Hilda	Anchorage, AK	Washington State Univ
Walker, Lindsay Allison	Cherokee, NC	Univ of NC - Chapel Hill
Wilkerson, Thaddus Donovan	Anchorage, AK	Univ of New Mexico

- The 2007 IHS Southwest Clinical Pharmacy Meeting (Quad) was held April 27-29, 2007 in Scottsdale, AZ. National Pharmacy Council face-to-face meeting was held April 27 as part of the meeting. This was the 30th anniversary of the Quad meeting and was well attended by current and former IHS pharmacy folks.
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) is in effect as of 5/23/2007. All IHS pharmacists should have an NPI and all pharmacies and facilities as well. NPI should be used for all providers for pharmacy billing purposes. (There will be a grace period when most plans will still accept DEA numbers for billing) Any questions about NPI in IHS should be directed to CAPT Pam Schweitzer.
- **2007 Annie Dodge Wauneka Award** presented by the American Indian/Alaska Native Commissioned Officers Advisory Committee and the **American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) Award of Excellence** Team members: LCDR Mike Lee, LCDR Tim Murray, LCDR Ryan Schupbach, LT Jodi Sparkman, CAPT Travis Watts

- New pharmacists survey – targeted graduates between years of 2002 and 2007
 - 83 pharmacists responded on how they found out about the IHS
 - 81.9 had previous contact
- ◆ National Institutes of Health (NIH) – CDR Sood for CDR Richard DeCederfelt
 - No new business
- ◆ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – LCDR Lori Hall Alternate for CDR Chris Allen
 - No new business
- ◆ DHS – LCDR Patrick Romero (DHS)
 - Looking for pharmacist for the Alameda, CA position
- ◆ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – LCDR Christine Yu for LCDR Jeff Mouakket
 - No new business
- ◆ Bureau of Prisons (BOP) – CDR Mike Shiber for LCDR Jeffrey Newman
 - 7 pharmacy offers participating in billet beta-test
 - BEMRRx – new pharmacy package deployed to regional pharmacy consultants
 - Announcing applicants for Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regional HIV pharmacy consultant positions
- ◆ Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – CDR Matthew Tarosky
 - Approved 2 new products
 - Lybrel
 - Nupro (rotigotine transdermal system)
 - Safety announcements
 - Black box warning regarding CHF and Avandia and Actos
 - Caution glycerin may be contaminated with diethylene glycol
 - Manufactures of antidepressants add a black box warning regarding about increased risk of suicidal thinking or behavior in patients aged 18-24
 - Pending Revitalization Act
 - Reauthorization of drug and medical device user fee
 - Pediatric exclusivity
 - New drug safety issues
 - Guaifenesin timed release products must submit an NDA
 - Medication guides
 - Available electronically
 - Question if guides should be dispensed with just new prescriptions and not refills
 - Establish uniformity of layouts of guides
 - FDA White Oak is considered a covered area
- ◆ Office of the Secretary (OS) – CDR Jacqueline Thomas
 - Picnic next Friday

Recruitment → CAPT James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov) / CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch (beth.fritsch@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ **Student Programs** → LCDR Larry Lim
 - E-mails sent out to Jr. and Sr. COSTEP's not selected for COSTEP on options for those students who have a year remaining
 - Monthly messages on what is happening with the Corps – June highlighted the reserve medical Corps
 - DC COSTEPs get together will be on a more informal basis

- ◆ **University Point of Contact (UPOC)→LCDR Peter Vermilyea**
 - UPOC handout that can be given out at recruitment activities that is designed for those who have not committed to joining the Corps will be available on the PAC website
 - UPOC FAQ document updated
 - Thank you letters who presented the 32 Excellence in Public Health student awards
 - Associate Recruiter Program will consider the presentation of the Excellence in Public Health student awards a recruitment activity

- ◆ **Associate Recruiter Program→LCDR Christine Bina**
 - Contact LCDR Christine Bina or one of the other AR leads if you have submitted your documentation of AR activities and are not listed on the active AR list
 - The new USPHS web site is not allowing applicants to check on their application status – LCDR Bina has instructions for working around this problem
 - Post information on PAC web site on criteria for getting credit for presenting Excellence in Public Health Student Awards
 - Working on a pre-approved list for associate recruiter activities
 - CareerBuilder.com to advertise Commissioned Corps vacancies
 - 80 leads for pharmacists
 - Need to set up system for contacting these leads

- ◆ **WACS→LCDR Karen Williams**
 - Database has been exported
 - Need assistance with Access and creating reports please contact LCDR Karen Williams (kcwilliams@hrsa.gov)
 - UPOC should go to site and check information on site

Communication → CDR Samuel Foster (Samuel.Foster@ihs.gov) / LCDR Richard Glabach (Richard.Glabach@hhs.gov)

- ◆ **Public Health Pharmacy Workgroup (PHWP)→LCDR Sheryl Gunther**
 - Community outreach and need of public health officers to be proactive as public health specialists
 - Target elementary to high school
 - Anti-smoking, anti-drugs, anti-alcohol
 - Target nursing home residents
 - Present on Diabetes, CVD, nutrition
 - Consider looking at the PHPW recommendation forwarded to RADM Pittman regarding the Surgeon general's Health Priorities
 - CDR Sood requested that the PHWP select top 2 or 3 topics to present at the July PharmPAC meeting that the Group should target

 - ◆ **PharmPAC Website Updates→CDR Foster**
 - Data Information Page
 - Meet CPO page – Communications
 - Meeting minutes – Communications
 - Student Programs – Recruitment
 - COSTEP Experience – Student Programs
 - Outside Activities – Career Development
 - Other Agencies - Communication

 - ◆ **PLANT Profiles→CDR Foster**
 - LCDR Brian North 's profile to be posted on the website
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Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov) / CDR Kimberly Zietlow (kimberly.zietlow@ihs.gov)

- ◆ **Membership Nominations** → CDR Garvey
 - 14 nominations received for 2007-2010 term
 - 1 CMS
 - 2 HRSA
 - 11 IHS
 - Nominations to be sent out to PAC members to be completed by June 22, 2007
 - Special Assignment Award documentation to be submitted to CDR Garvey

- ◆ **Coin Report** → CDR Laura Pincock
 - Over 500 of 700 sold
 - Get orders in as soon as possible
 - Make check payable to COF for \$12.00

- ◆ **Liaison Reports** → CAPT Walter Holt (walter.holtjr@cdc.hhs.gov)
 - American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
 - Second edition for geriatric pharmacist curriculum
 - Seniorcarepharmacist.com
 - American Pharmacists Association
 - On Wednesdays WebNR's will be started for those who were not able to attend the national meetings
 - TV and radio PSA's in response to ABC 20/20 story on pharmacy technicians
 - American Association of Colleges of Pharmacies
 - Meeting July 14 – 18
 - Revising oath for pharmacists – suggestions contact CDR Flowers
 - American Society of Hospital Pharmacy
 - Midyear meeting poster deadline is 11:59 July 1, 2007
 - Registration process for meeting will start July 16, 2007
 - ICERX.org
 - Get prescription history for patients
 - Community Specialty Pharmacy Network (www.cspnrx.com)
 - For patients who are having difficulty finding specialty drugs for various disease states

PAC Chair Report → CDR Sood (NSood@HRSA.GOV)

- ◆ Congratulations to officers successful in their promotions
 - ◆ 2008 benchmarks are posted
 - ◆ Career development section will be updating the CV template to coordinate with the PY2008 benchmarks
 - ◆ If you are interested in having a senior officer review your electronic OPF please contact the career development lead, CDR Michael Shiber, at MJShiber@bop.gov
 - ◆ The Acting Surgeon General is supportive of the PharmPAC's initiative to have all pharmacists trained to provide immunizations.
 - ◆ The PharmPAC Deployment forms will be field tested at the RDF trainings at Camp Bullis and feedback for the test will be used to create the final version of the forms and will be available on the PharmPAC website.
 - ◆ PAC members start thinking of activities you would like to be a part of in the next year. If you are interested in the Chair and Vice-Chair position please e-mail your expression of interest and position statement by September 14, 2007.
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Old/New Business:

- ◆ LCDR William Pierce presented RDF1 coin to RADM Pittman
- ◆ Will need a Co-lead on Communication Section as CDR Foster will be rotating off PAC

The meeting was adjourned @ 1554 EST.

Next Meeting Date:

July 12, 2007, from 1300 to 1600 EST, Office of Global Health Affairs Conference Room; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov
PHS-RX-JOBS@list.nih.gov
PHS-Rx-Students@list.nih.gov

- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>
PHS Rx Students <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
OFRD <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf.html>
RPh Job Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
CCMIS <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccinformation-l.html>
CC Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccvacancies-l.html>

- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://hhs.gov/pharmacy>
CCMIS <http://dcp.psc.gov>
USPHS <http://www.usphs.gov>
OFRD <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf>

--Respectfully Submitted,

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LCDR Tara Turner, Executive Secretary Date

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CDR Nita Sood, Chair Date

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RADM Robert E. Pittman, CPO Date

Attachments:

1. **Presentation - Pharmacist Readiness Training Program (PRTP)**
2. **Presentation - USPHS Office of Force Readiness and Deployment Response Readiness Training Lifecycle**