



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee

Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
6 September 2007
Surgeon General's Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1300-1530

Members Present:

In Rockville:

RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD

LCDR Tara Turner (Executive
Secretary), FDA- Silver Spring, MD

Via Telephone:

CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert McClelland, IHS-Elko, NV
CAPT Kimberly Zietlow, IHS-Red Lake, MN
CDR Tamara Close, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Richard DeCederfelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth, MN
CDR Patricia Garvey, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Richard Glabach, OCCFM-Rockville, MD
CDR Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Michael Shiber, BOP-Cumberland, MD
CDR Todd Stankewicz, CMS-Chicago, IL
(alt for CDR Sood)
CDR Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jacqueline Thomas, CDC, Atlanta, GA

CDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
LCDR Brian Campbell (JOAG Liaison),
IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LCDR Violette Ganoe (Vice-Chair), BOP-Bradford,
PA
LCDR Lori Hall, CDC-Atlanta, GA
(alt for CDR Allen)
LCDR Jeff Mouakket, HRSA-Dallas, TX
LCDR Jeffrey Newman, BOP-Springfield, MO

Members Absent:

CDR Christopher Allen, CDC-Atlanta, GA
(Excused - alt present)
CDR Michael Long (Ex-Officio Chair) BOP-
Butner, NC
CDR Nita Sood (Chair), HRSA- Rockville, MD
(Excused - alt present)
LCDR Kristina Joyce (JOAG),
FDA-Philadelphia, PA

LT Stacey Smith (JOAG),
IHS-Fort Washakie, WY

Guests*:

CAPT Don Brown, DIHS-Florence, AZ
CAPT Michael Forman, IHS-Aberdeen, SD
CAPT Lillie Golson, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Arden Hanson, BOP-Fort Worth, TX
CAPT Mike Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT George Lyght, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CAPT Thomas Sinwell, BOP-Fort Worth, TX
CAPT Robert Taylor, HRSA-Rockville, MD
CDR David Diwa, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Scott Giberson, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Josephine Lyght, HRSA-Rockville, MD
CDR Glenna Meade, DOD-Falls Church, VA
CDR Judy Rose, IHS-Anchorage, AK
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM
CDR Christine Yu, DIHS-El Centro, CA
LCDR Irene Ahlstrom, BOP-Dublin, CA
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Vicky Borders-Hemphill, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Jim Czarzasty, OASPR-Washington, DC
LCDR Debra Emerson, FDA-Stoneham, MA

LCDR Sheryl Gunther, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Thomas Hinchliffe, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Janie Kim, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Christina Lee, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Larry Lim, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jeffrey Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL
LCDR Kristen Miller, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Sohail Mosaddegh, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Ryan Nguyen, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Kendra Stewart, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Vasavi Thomas, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Karen Williams, HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Chi-Ann Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Dan Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Susan Pellock, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Jeff Vang, IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
LT Nicole Vesely, FDA-Rockville, MD
Mona Patel – pharmacy student

*Guests attending the meeting via call in are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location information to the PharmPAC secretary at tara.turner@fda.hhs.gov.

Call to Order: LCDR Violette Ganoë (vganoë@bop.gov)

LCDR Ganoë called the September 2007 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order.

Acceptance of August 07 PharmPAC Meeting Minutes: LCDR Violette Ganoë (vganoë@bop.gov)

Minutes from the August 2, 2007 PharmPAC meeting were accepted with edits.

CPO Comments: RADM Robert Pittman

◆ Personnel Announcements

- ADM John Agwunobi resigned his position as Assistant Secretary for Health. His last day was August 29.
- Dr. Anand Parekh has been designated as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Science and Medicine).
- RADM Kenneth Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General, has announced his retirement after 37 years of service to the PHS. His last day will be September 30.
- RADM Charles Grimm, Director of the Indian Health Service, has announced his retirement, effective in 60 days.

◆ Policy Announcements

- The Commissioned Officers' Dental Clinic in the Washington metropolitan area is closing at the end of December; affected officers have been sent information regarding alternatives for obtaining dental care
- Uniform policy changes – implementation work group has been formed; changes will be implemented over an extended period of time

- Promotion counseling – will be required for all officers not recommended for promotion; CPO Board met this morning to finalize criteria for counseling and documentation; career counselors have already been identified; training will be held this month; counseling will start at the end of the month
- Humanitarian missions – possibility of more opportunities for pharmacists; up to 60 additional missions are planned; will be looking for volunteers.
- Training for RDFs has been completed at Camp Bullis, TX; Congratulations to all of the teams!
- COER – Question was asked about the release of the 2007 COER; RADM Pittman responded that he hasn't received information yet regarding a release date; he confirmed that the new design will not be implemented until the 2009 cycle
- Career Builders.com – will meet on Friday, September 7 with a government representative

Presentation: CDR David Diwa and LCDR Vasavi Thomas provided an overview of the CDC International Experience and Technical Assistance Program. (see handouts)

Section Lead Comments:

Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov) / CAPT Kimberly Zietlow (kimberly.zietlow@ihs.gov)

Liaison Reports → CAPT Walter Holt (walter.holtjr@cdc.hhs.gov)

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

- Posted highlights from the 2007 annual meeting

American Public Health Association (APHA)

- Posted 2 press releases:
 - Regarding nomination of Surgeon General
 - In support of independence and funding of the position of Surgeon General
- 2007 annual meeting scheduled for November 3-7 in Washington, DC

American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

- 2008 annual meeting scheduled for March 14-17 in San Diego, CA

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)

- Register for the 2007 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition on or before October 17 and save \$50 off member or non-member regular pre-registration fees! See the [Registration Form](#) for details. ASHP-discounted member rates also apply to members of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP). The meeting is scheduled for December 2-6 in Las Vegas, NV.

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

◆ **Student Programs**→LCDR Larry Lim

- Monthly message sent over student listserv; last month- deployment; this month- PHS opportunities
- Junior and Senior CoSTEPs not selected for summer position – followed up last month with phone calls and emails; of 58 students, received 17 responses; thanks to CDR Richard Decederfelt, CDR Peter Vermileya, LCDR Ruby Wu, and LCDR Christine Oliver for their help

- Summer CoSTEP Events
 - Happy Hour at Dave & Buster's
 - Pentagon tour
 - Capitol tour
 - Dr. Holsinger's Senate confirmation hearing
- Added PharmPAC monthly meeting to Student Section of PAC website
- ENS Brent Reed wrote about his experience as a CoSTEP with IHS; his report has been sent for posting to the PAC website

- ◆ **UPOC→CDR Fritsch**
 - CDR Peter Vermilyea is working on the second installment of the UPOC newsletter; will be sending an e-mail requesting trip reports
 - Drafting an e-mail to UPOCs urging them to contact their pharmacy schools this Fall
 - Discussing an open enrollment in the UPOC program; actively soliciting for new volunteers; LCDR Emily Thakur has agreed to draft the UPOC appointment letters
 - Drafting thank-you letters to UPOCs who presented the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award at universities

- ◆ **WACS→CDR Fritsch**
 - LCDR Karen Williams and her husband developed the database
 - LCDR Devvrat Patel is working on retrieving reports from the system

- ◆ **ARP→LCDR Christine Bina**
 - There are supplies left – fill out the form on the PAC website and e-mail to LCDR Bina
 - APhA midyear regional meetings are coming up soon – participation is being coordinated by LCDR Ganoë; need volunteers for Minneapolis, Houston, and West Lafayette; only allowed 4 officers per booth; booth space is free
 - CAPT Skerda is developing a pre-approved checklist for AR activities; will be posted soon
 - Updating active AR list and will post on PAC website
 - Career Builders.com – approximately 65 hits for the pharmacy category; 38 meet the requirements; 35 have been assigned to a recruiter
 - CAPT Bresette reminded the PAC that this is the season for career fairs; there are a lot of opportunities within 2 hours of the Washington metropolitan area; for instance, the University of Maryland has a career fair scheduled for Saturday, October 7 (LCDR Rebecca DeCastros is coordinating participation)

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

- ◆ **Health Diplomacy Missions→CDR Foster**
 - Updates posted weekly on the pharmacist listserv

- ◆ **PLANT Profiles →CDR Foster**
 - Last profile posted was for CAPT Justina Molzon; encourage junior officers to read her advice

- ◆ **Call to Active Duty Package→CDR Foster**
 - Posted on PAC website (under “What’s New”)

- ◆ **PharmPAC Website →CDR Glabach**
 - Have received feedback from section leads regarding location of information
 - Last call for any additional concerns
 - Will start putting together a prototype for review by a series of increasingly larger groups

- ◆ **Public Health Pharmacy Workgroup→LCDR Sheryl Gunther**
 - School Outreach
 - New initiative to implement a community outreach activity
 - Will develop and deliver presentation to elementary students (3rd – 5th grades) about injury and poison prevention
 - Request for volunteers – to contact schools or to give the presentation
 - LCDR Kendra Stewart, LCDR Devvrat Patel, and LCDR Tia Harper-Velazquez have volunteered to research and prepare the presentation
 - This is a pilot project; will document experiences in an article
 - Suggestion to list contact information on the PAC website
 - Will send announcement over the listserv
 - For more information contact LCDR Gunther (Sheryl.gunther@fda.hhs.gov) or CDR John Quinn (john.quinn@fda.hhs.gov)

Career Development → CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov) / CDR Mary Kremzner (mary.kremzner@fda.hhs.gov)

- ◆ **Immunization Training → CDR Shiber**
 - Meeting with OFRD and RADM Pittman regarding pharmacist immunizers staffing the FOH clinics for the upcoming flu season
 - On September 14 an immunization training course was sponsored by the PharmPAC at the FDA White Oak campus; 32 officers registered
 - BOP and IHS are furthering their efforts at training their pharmacists in immunization; will have roll out coordinated with their CE programs
- ◆ **Mentoring Program→ CDR Shiber for CAPT Lillie Golson**
 - Training session was held on Thursday, August 16
 - Very successful – over 30 participants
 - Will provide full report next month
- ◆ **Non-APhA Immunization Training→CDR Kremzner**
 - Putting together a broader list of programs that offer immunization training
 - LCDR Jeff Mallette is the lead
 - CDR Brenda Stoddart has gathered information from 16 programs; 12 met the guidelines; only 4 did not match the criteria that the PAC established
 - Working on finishing the position paper to send to OFRD
- ◆ **Clinical Pharmacy Subgroup → CDR Scott Giberson**
 - Plan to develop sustainable, consensus-based objectives
 - The following are broad goals for the subgroup:
 - Develop a webpage with clinical components (i.e. guidelines, protocols)
 - Identify numbers of pharmacists with clinical roles and the types of clinical roles/survey pharmacists to identify needs
 - Interagency collaborations regarding NCPS
 - Assist pharmacists in publishing data
 - Seek recognition from CMS (reimbursement for clinical services)
 - Will draft a listserv message requesting volunteers and report to the PAC in October
- ◆ **Publishing Workgroup→ CDR Shiber for CDR Louis Flowers**
 - CDR Flowers will be looking for final edits for the first article; will plan a telecon with all contributors

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

- ◆ At the August meeting RADM Williams and CDR Eckert presented an update on transformation
- ◆ Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 1300-1500h; call-in information is on the JOAG website (www.joag.org); RADM Moritsugu is scheduled to participate
- ◆ Will assure that a new JOAG representative is selected before the October PAC meeting

Agency Reports

- ◆ Food and Drug Administration (FDA) –CDR Matthew Tarosky (see written report)
 - 2 new products approved: 1. Selzentry – for treatment of HIV and 2. new smallpox vaccine
 - Advisory committees – risks and benefits of ESAs (next week); OTC cough and cold products (next month)
 - CDER has developed a public health certificate program in collaboration with Georgetown University (contact CDR Louis Flowers for more information)
 - Congress went on vacation before authorizing the FDA Revitalization Act (FDARA)
 - FDA is partnering with DOD to share data and expertise related to the review and use of FDA-regulated drugs, biologics, and medical devices.
 - White Oak Commissioned Corps group meets monthly (contact CDR Joe Tanning for more information)
 - Labeling changes for warfarin, now includes pharmacogenomic information
 - Pending transformation of Office of Regulatory Affairs
 - New regulation for OTC sunscreen products
- ◆ Indian Health Service (IHS)→CDR Bradley Bishop
 - Representative not present (see written report)
- ◆ Bureau of Prisons (BOP) –LCDR Jeffrey Newman
 - CAPT Chris Bina participated in a meeting regarding the treatment of TB in prison populations; coordinated through the Office of Global Health Affairs
 - Scheduled regional training for the BEMR Rx system (electronic medical record)
- ◆ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Representative not present. Report given by CDR Christine Yu
 - Brown bag lunch scheduled for September 12; topic of discussion is COERs
 - www.hrsa.gov – link to inside HRSA – feature article with RADM Moritsugu
 - Plans to move DIHS from HRSA to Dept. of Homeland Security (effective October 2007)
- ◆ Office of the Secretary (OS) – CDR Jacqueline Thomas (see written report)
 - Encourage all officers to review the CCMIS website; several Commissioned Corps Instructions and Personnel Policy Memoranda have recently been released
 - Beginning in the month of September, the Transformation Team will be surveying a group of officers to gather feedback in four different areas: post-hiring satisfaction, periodic satisfaction, pre-exit satisfaction, and assignment support. There is an article in the eBulletin.
 - CDR Thomas is no longer with the Office of the Secretary
- ◆ DHS – LCDR Patrick Romero (USCG)
 - Nothing new to report
- ◆ National Institutes of Health (NIH) –CDR Richard DeCederfelt
 - Nothing new to report

- ◆ Ex-Minimus Agencies – LCDR Lori Hall for CDR Chris Allen
 - Representative not present

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

- For October meeting, the PAC would like to invite RADM (ret) Richard Walling to speak about pharmacy leadership training; PAC members voted to change the meeting date to October 10 to accommodate RADM Walling’s schedule; a message will be sent over the listserv
- The PAC is soliciting nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2007-2008 PAC year; if you are interested in either of these leadership positions, send an e-mail to CDR Sood by September 19
- The PAC is soliciting volunteers for the position of Executive Secretary.
- The PAC is soliciting volunteers for the position of Communication Section Lead.
- Encourage all officers to look at the updates from the humanitarian missions; sent via pharmacist listserv

Old/New Business:

- ◆ CAPT Robert Taylor reported that a fellow officer, LCDR Daryl Crutchfield, was killed in a car accident earlier this week; encouraged all officers to review their service members life insurance policy
- ◆ RADM Robert Pittman –notice regarding leadership training was sent over the listserv; this is a new program directed by RADM (ret) Richard Walling; encourage officers to consider applying
- ◆ CAPT James Bresette – Regarding the testing of the deployment forms at Camp Bullis, asked when the assessment will be completed. Report will be provided at the next PAC meeting.
- ◆ CDR Lydia Velazquez asked others who attended the RDF training when the pictures would be available. Individuals should follow up with OFRD on the matter.

The meeting was adjourned @1530.

Next Meeting Date:

October 10, 2007, from 1300 to 1600 EST, Surgeon General’s 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>
 PHS Immunizing Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-immunizing-pharm.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://hhs.gov/pharmacy>
 CCMIS <http://dcp.psc.gov>

USPHS
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<http://www.usphs.gov>
<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. **FDA Agency Report**
2. **IHS Agency Report**
3. **Office of the Secretary Report**
4. **Recruitment Section Report**
5. **CDC IETA presentation**