



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

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AWARD FOR MANAGERIAL
EXCELLENCE IMPROVING PHARMACY SERVICE OR PUBLIC
HEALTH COVER SHEET (please print or type)

CANDIDATE'S

GRADE/RANK/NAME: O-5 / Commander / Sharon Oesterlich

POSITION TITLE: Chief Pharmacist

WORK ADDRESS: FCI Allenwood
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PROPOSED CITATION (not to exceed 25 words):

Cited for her numerous contributions to FCC Allenwood,
dedication to the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Public
Health Service

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SUPERVISOR:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (OPTIONAL):

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CDR Sharon L. Oestereich, Chief Pharmacist, began her career with the Bureau of Prisons in May 1993 at the United States Penitentiary, Lompoc, California. She transferred to the Federal Correctional Institution, Allenwood, in September 2001, which is a medium security facility housing over 1400 adult, male inmates. Over the past eighteen months, she has made substantial contributions to the mission of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Public Health Service.

In preparation for our upcoming Program Review, Joint Commission and Health Care Organization re-accreditation, American Correctional Association re-accreditation, CDR Oestereich has performed perpetual audits to ensure we are compliant with required directives. For those directives that were not complaint, CDR Oestereich made recommendations for changes in procedure and enacted on these recommendations to ensure future compliance.

CDR Oestereich provided technical and professional expertise to the Pharmacy Departments within the Federal Correctional Complex, Allenwood; Metropolitan Correctional Center, New York; United States Penitentiary, Canaan; and United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, by performing perpetual audits within the Pharmacy and assisting their departments during the absence of the Pharmacist. She identified deficiencies within the department and made several recommendations to correct these deficiencies and improve the orderly running of the pharmacy.

She has also mentored new pharmacists hired within the Bureau of Prisons. In the area of recruitment of pharmacy students, CDR Oestereich had provided a clinical rotation to pharmacy students through an affiliation agreement with the Wilkes University School of Pharmacy.

CDR Oestereich is very involved in the provision of clinical care to the inmate population. She coordinates the mental health clinics, via Telemedicine, with the Psychiatrist at the Federal Medical Center, Devens, Massachusetts. She monitors medication compliance for those inmates being treated for hepatitis C, HIV, and those inmates on coumadin. She ensures that laboratory tests are done in a timely manner, discusses the results with the medical officer, and makes changes in the treatment regimen according to physician orders. She further counsels the inmates on the laboratory results and medication changes.

CDR Oestereich prepares and submits paperwork for non-formulary medication requests and for those inmates with a diagnosis of hepatitis C for interferon approval. She follows-up with these requests to ensure a timely response from Central Office Health Service Division and to maintain a continuity of care.

Along with her duties as a Pharmacist, she had been acting Assistant Health Service Administrator during his absence. As such, she was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Health Service Department, would respond, both verbally and in writing, to inmate questions, and would keep the administrative staff apprised of unusual occurrences within the department.

CDR Oestereich assists in other areas throughout the department, to include medical records and correctional assignments. She is readily available to offer a "helping-hand" to other staff in the performance of their duties.

As is evidenced by the above, CDR Oestereich has sustained a high quality of work performance in her professional field. She has been a strong advocate for the Public Health Service and Federal Bureau of Prisons through her recruitment efforts. CDR Oestereich has proven, without a doubt, to be an asset to both the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Public Health Service and is well deserving of the U.S. Public Health Service Award for Managerial Excellence Improving Pharmacy Service or Public Health.