

JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP (JOAG)
 UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE



General Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 10, 2012

1300 – 1500 EST

 Call in number: (218) 936-4700
 Passcode: 791-9605

I. Roll Call

- a. LCDR Eva McLanahan, JOAG Executive Secretary, took attendance by performing roll call

Voting Membership					
Attendance	Rank	Last Name	First Name	OPDIV	Category
UA	LCDR	Arceneaux	Janice	CMS	Nurse
UA	LCDR*	Bell	Carlos	FDA	HSO
AA	LCDR	Burnham	Kit	BOP	Therapist
✓	LCDR	Chadwick	Benjamin	IHS	Engineer
✓	LCDR	Chan	Irene	FDA	Pharmacist
✓	LCDR	Ford	Latonia	FDA	Nurse
AA	LCDR	Guardia	Martin	FDA	HSO
✓	LT	Holliday	Mitchel	BOP	Dietitian
AA	LCDR	Hudson	Heidi	CDC	HSO
✓	LCDR	Johnson	Glendolynn	FDA	Pharmacist
✓	LCDR	Krueger	Liatte	FDA	Pharmacist
✓	LCDR	Lanier	William	FDA	Vet
✓	LCDR	Maycock	Brett	DHS	HSO
✓	LCDR	McLanahan	Eva	EPA	EHO
✓	LCDR	Pihlaja	Krista	IHS	ENG
✓	LCDR	Sawyer	Kate	PSC	Med
✓	LCDR	Schaffzin	Samuel	OSG	HSO
✓	LCDR	Smith	Damon	OFRD	HSO
✓	LCDR	Steffen	Scott	FDA	Scientist
AWA	LT	Tilghman	Tracy	FDA	HSO
✓	LT	Williams	Scott	IHS	Dentist

*Ex-Officio/Past Chair, non-voting member.

AA=Approved absence; AWA=absent with alternate; UA=Unapproved absence

II. Executive Committee Reports

CAPT Beck – JOAG Senior Advisor

- Presentation of two awards:
 - CDR Blakeley Fitzpatrick, PHS Citation, Cited for outstanding contributions and accomplishments while serving as the Vice Chair of the Junior Officer Advisory Group.
 - CDR Dien Ngo, Commendation Medal, Cited for outstanding leadership and contributions above and beyond the call of duty as the 2009-2010 Chair of the USPHS Junior Officer Advisory Group.
- Perspective from JOAG Sr Advisor:
 - Important role for Junior Officers (JOs) and JOAG Leadership
 - Use “Futuring” to envision and develop strategies – looking years and decades out. Envisioning your own reality—where do you see the Corps (or yourself) years to decades down the road.
 - JOs are the future of the Corps and JO vision will drive the future of the Corps.
 - CAPT Beck challenges JOs to take leadership role in developing strategy for the future and he will work through the JOAG EC in the coming weeks to help formulate more opportunities for JOs to take on this active role.
 - We Commissioned Corps of the USPHS, truly are experts in every field of public health. Our job is to reestablish the leadership role of Corps officers in the public health community. When individuals from the Office of the ASH speaks on topics of public health or looks for leadership, they ought to recognize that they have a direct resource through OSG to provide consultation, input, and expertise.
 - Corps officers shall lead by example.
 - Corps officers should understand the National Prevention Strategy.
 - JOs should embrace their role as leaders within the Corps.

a. Chair Report: LCDR Damon Smith

- i. Deployment Uniform Update: The policy on the new deployment uniform should be released soon. The plan is to transition to the Coast Guard Operational Dress Uniforms (ODUs). The specifications have been finalized and there will be a one year phase-in process.
- ii. The Co-Chairs of the new Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board will be RADM Sandra Kweder (kweder@cder.fda.gov) and CAPT Lynn Price (lgprice@bop.gov).
- iii. Working to schedule a member of the OSG senior leadership team to speak during an upcoming JOAG meeting (hopefully April).

b. Vice-Chair Report: LCDR Brett Maycock

- i. The COA is seeking Board of Directors Nominations for Dental, Engineer, Environmental Health, Scientist, one Retired Officer, and one Officer seat. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2012.
- ii. Registration is open for the 2012 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium. Visit <http://www.phscofevents.org/> to register and get the full details on the Symposium.

- c. **Executive Secretary Report: LCDR Eva McLanahan**
 - i. I will be on maternity leave beginning sometime in March to early June. During that time LT Brittany Laymon (brittany.laymon@fda.hhs.gov) will be serving as JOAG Executive Secretary. Many thanks in advance for her willingness to do this again (she assisted during LCDR Mutter's maternity leave).
- d. **Financial Liaison Report: LCDR Glendolynn Johnson**
 - i. LCDR Johnson recently changed offices. She will send an email to the JOAG listserv with updated information for those interested in purchasing merchandise.

III. Committee Reports

- a. **Awards Committee: LCDR Liatte Krueger & LCDR Benjamin Chadwick**
 - i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The most recent Awards Committee meeting was held on 9 January 2012, went over the awards timeline and mentioned upcoming volunteer opportunities.
 2. The call has gone out to current committee participants about volunteering as de-identifiers and reviewers for the awards. Those who volunteered can expect to hear further details soon.
 3. The next Awards Committee meeting is scheduled for 5 March, 2012 at 1200 EST.
 - ii. Accomplishments
 1. The Call for Nominations for the three JOAG awards (JOAG Excellence Award, Junior Officer of the Year Award, and the VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award) is now open. The deadline for award nomination submissions is 16 March 2012. Details can be found on the JOAG website under the Awards section. LT Sara Azimi-Bolourian (sara.azimi-bolourian@samhsa.hhs.gov) will serve as the lead for the Junior Officer of the Year, LCDR Adora Ndu (adora.ndu@fda.hhs.gov) will serve as the lead for the JOAG Excellence Award, and LCDR Anne Marie Bott (ambott@anthc.org) will serve as the lead for the VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award.
 2. You may also contact LCDR Krueger (liatte.krueger@fda.hhs.gov) or LCDR Chadwick (Benjamin.chadwick@ihs.gov) with questions regarding JOAG awards.
- b. **COF Planning Committee: LCDR Latonia Ford**
 - i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. On June 20th 0600-0800 we will hold an APFT (no fee to participate). The goal is to encourage more officers to participate in the APFT together.
 - a. A t-shirt for this event will likely be available (for a fee).
 - b. You can register for the APFT on the COF website (<http://phscofevents.org/>)
 - c. This will be held instead of the Surgeon General's 5K.
 2. DC area COA will run a Marrow Drive "Be A Match" Wednesday, June 20, 2012 (8:00am to 1:30pm) and Thursday, June 21, 2012 @8am to 12 noon in the Exhibit Hall.
 3. CPR training will be available on June 19 (0800-1200), June 22 (0830-1200), and during preconference sessions from 1300-1700.
 4. A call for volunteers for community service project will be distributed via the JOAG listserv. This will be held on June 17 and 18th at the New Hope Academy.

5. Volunteer Subcommittee is working with COF to plan transportation and lodging (including base housing).
 6. Will be assisting officers to find roommates to help offset the cost of attending the conference again via the room share program. This will be sent forward to the COF National Committee soon.
 7. Keep an eye out for a JOAG Call for Volunteers to assist as session moderators.
- ii. LT Wheeler encouraged JOs to apply for JO scholarship to help pay your way to attend the conference.
 1. Most proceeds JOAG raises through merchandise goes toward JO scholarships for symposium.
 - iii. Accomplishments
 1. LT Wagner held the first planning meeting for the COF Meet & Greet on January 18, 2012; Ideas for the gift bag items are being put together
- c. Communications & Publications Committee: LCDR Janice Arceneaux & LCDR William Lanier**
- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Working on finalizing and distributing next issue of JOAG Journal
 2. Website: Has updated numerous updates, working to streamline update process. Going forward please submit update requests to LCDR William Lanier (william.lanier@fda.hhs.gov)
 - a. From the time a request is submitted it will typically take 1-2 weeks before the site is updated
 - b. Process: LCDR Lanier obtains EC concurrence, website subcommittee reviews, then forwards to PSC and they are the ones who actually update the site.
 - c. Many PHS websites, including JOAG, will be transitioning to a new format per PSC. This might affect the timing for updates in the immediate future.
 3. Updating roster of CP&C members, including member status – participants vs observers
 - ii. LCDR Chan: Wednesday, March 7 – good to go for Q&A session for officers interested in JOAG Voting Membership?
 1. Should be good to go, C&PC will work with Membership Committee on this.
 - iii. LCDR Steffen: Submissions for website should be sent to LCDR Lanier or LCDR Jolly?
 1. Send to LCDR Lanier. LCDR Jolly heads subcommittee, but LCDR Lanier will get concurrence from EC prior to sending to LCDR Jolly
- d. Development Committee: LCDR Kate Sawyer**
- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Research and Selection Subcommittee: In order to gauge the interest of JOAG members regarding types of JOAG merchandise they would be interested in purchasing, we created a draft Survey Monkey questionnaire. This draft questionnaire was forwarded to the JOAG EC. Once we receive feedback from the EC, we will email the Survey Monkey questionnaire to JOAG members and ask them to vote for the JOAG merchandise they would like to be made available for

purchase. After we review the feedback, we will submit our final list to the EC before ordering the merchandise.

2. T-Shirt Slogan Subcommittee: The Subcommittee met to brainstorm ideas for the annual contest and discuss vendors and timeframes. Keep an eye on your email for an announcement for the slogan contest that should be sent via the JOAG listserv in the next week or so.

e. Inter-Services Collaboration Committee: LT Michel Holliday

i. Current Activities/Updates

1. The transition of the TAPs Subcommittee over to the R&R Committee has continued to transition smoothly.
2. Guidelines for Let's Move community service projects continue to be developed by the Physical Fitness Subcommittee.
3. Our next JOAG Inter-Services Collaboration Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14th, 2012, 1130-1230 (EST). Call-in number: 1-712-432-0111; Passcode: 605726

ii. Accomplishments

1. DCMilitary.com recently had an article featuring the highlighting JOAG's involvement with the Wreaths Across America project that was led by the Community Services Subcommittee. This article is available online at: <http://www.dcmilitary.com/article/20111216/NEWS10/111219989/wreaths-across-america>
2. On January 28, 2012, 5 PHS Officers along with 3 family members joined members of the Joint Services Committee, other uniformed services, and community volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery to clean up the wreaths from the grave sites of fallen heroes placed during the Wreaths Across America project.

f. Membership Committee: LCDR Irene Chan & LCDR Kit Burnham

i. Current Activities/Updates

1. VM nomination process preparation is well under way. Targeting 3rd week of Feb for distributing call for nominations via JOAG listserv (stay tuned).
2. Worked with Communications & Publications Committee to identify date for Q&A session for officers interested in JOAG voting membership, March 7th from 1200-1300 EST.
3. Actively recruiting for new regional Meet & Greet leads for vacant areas
4. Working with current regional Meet & Greet leads to plan events during this quarter

ii. Accomplishments

1. Two kick-off calls for new and returning regional Meet & Greet leads have taken place
2. Seven letters have been sent to officers who reached their 1 year CAD anniversary
3. Webpage has been updated with current schedule and information for subcommittee leads
4. Draft documents for the voting member nomination process have been completed and sent to EC for review

g. Policy and Procedures Committee: LCDR Tracy Powell (for LT Tracy Tilghman)

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Updating JOAG SOPs – open to feedback about process
 2. LCDR Bell still has 5-year strategic plan
 - ii. Accomplishments
 1. Updated P&P website
- h. Professional Development Committee: LCDR Heidi Hudson & LCDR Samuel Schaffzin**
- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Meetings 2nd Monday 1030 EST, anyone welcome to join. If you are interested, please e-mail our Secretary, LT Halldin (vgx5@cdc.gov).
 2. Committee members will participate in the FDA PHS Awareness Day in April, 2012 - Uniform Inspection Booth and mini-presentations.
 3. Committee members are working on articles for the JOAG Journal that highlight and summarize past Journeyman Speaker Series (JSS)
 4. The Spring JOAG PD article for the JOAG Journal will be on the topic of Mentoring
 5. The Uniform Inspection Subcommittee is starting to ramp up work for an inspection booth at USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium
 - ii. Accomplishments
 1. LCDR May received good feedback on the 13 January JSS that covered the “Post 9-11 GI Bill”. Mary Boone and Norman Chichester from OCCO presented and approximately 144 Officers joined the call.
 - a. Past presentations are being archived on the website.
 2. Journeyman Speaker Series “Affordable Care Act: Implications for the Corps” by RADM Denise Canton has been scheduled for 09 March 2012.
 3. The Mentoring Subcommittee recently received approval from the EC to develop and launch the pilot for the "Take a JO to Work Day" program and will focus on FDA Silver Spring based officers as part of the pilot, which is scheduled to launch in the Spring. This is a Senior/Junior officer shadowing program. We will keep PACs informed as their input and support will be helpful.
 - iii. Other
 1. For future ideas on JSS themes and topics, e-mail LCDR May (amay@cdc.gov)
- i. Recruitment and Retention Committee: LCDR Martin Guardia & LCDR Krista Pihlaja**
- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. COSTEP Connection Subcommittee has issued a Call for Volunteers within the Recruitment and Retention Committee for volunteer mentors. The call closes on February 10 and, if necessary, the subcommittee will solicit for volunteer mentors from the general JOAG membership. We have done this in the past and looks like we will solicit additional help again this year.
 2. The COSTEP Non-Select Program is wrapping up the 2011 program and is compiling the data received from the volunteers. A final report will be completed and sent to DCCPR after reviewed by the EC.
 3. The Career Fair Information Subcommittee is investigating reformatting the list to be more user friendly. The list may take the form of a calendar or Google map.
 4. The TAPs Subcommittee is working to integrate the ISCC TAPs Subcommittee with the R&R Committee.

5. Working to establish a new "Retention" Subcommittee.
 - a. Looking primarily corps wide, why officers leave the Corps other than retirement
- ii. Accomplishments
 1. The PAC update memo was sent out to the JOAG category liaisons by the JOAG Chair.
 2. The Publications Subcommittee submitted an article for the JOAG Journal under the "Recruitment and Retention Matters" recurring segment regarding the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
 3. The March and April career fair lists have been sent out on the JOAG listserv and will be posted soon on the JOAG webpage.
- j. **Welcoming Committee: LCDR Scott Steffen**
 - i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Had our third bi-monthly Welcoming Committee teleconference on 02/03/12
 2. The COF subcommittee made contact with the COF Planning Committee for the upcoming COF conference. In addition, the group got three quotes for printing out the JOAG poster.
 3. Submitted updated information and documents (e.g. meeting minutes and Tips of the Month) for incorporation into the Welcoming Committee website.
 4. We had 31 and 53 CADs for the months of December and January, respectively.
 5. SOP subcommittee prepared a SOP template for distribution to all the Welcoming Committee subcommittees.
 - ii. Accomplishments
 1. LT Castellanos's paperwork has been processed and she has been granted access to the office locator tool and will be involved identifying new CADs.
 2. All new CADs have received a JOAG Welcoming email.
 3. Several officers volunteered for attending OBC Open and Graduation. Thank you to LCDRs Ford, Nhu, and Schaffzin.
 - iii. If anyone interesting in volunteering for OBC JOAG Open House table or Graduation
 1. Contact LCDR Danso or LCDR Steffen

IV. Workgroup/Program Reports

- a. **Forward Thinking Workgroup: LCDR Joel Nelson**
 - i. No report submitted
- b. **Historian Workgroup: LT Joe Hill**
 - i. No updates at this time
- c. **HOSA Workgroup: LCDR Schaffzin (for LCDR Stefanie Glenn & LCDR Skip Payne)**
 - i. HOSA = Health Occupations Students of America
 1. The Commissioned Corps is a strong advocate of HOSA.
 2. Organization is composed of future health professionals (>100,000) across all states (secondary and post-secondary students)
 3. Partnership with USPHS Commissioned Corps started in 2006

4. Recently launched a HOSA student internship program in the Office of the Surgeon General
5. The Commissioned Corps is a HOSA sponsor and offers a few scholarships to help pay for school
- ii. JOAG HOSA Workgroup is working on a mentoring program that will be implemented all over the country
 1. If you are interested in participating in the program contact LCDR Glenn (glennstefanie@mail.nih.gov) and LCDR Payne (skip.payne@hhs.gov)
- iii. Hope to have a session at COF related to HOSA
- iv. HOSA is working to identify locations of alumni, many members of JOAG may be alumni of HOSA.

V. Agency/Organization Reports

a. COF Board: LCDR Brett Maycock

- i. See Vice-Chair Report

b. MOLC: LCDR Karen Ho Chaves

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Planning for MOLC general meeting at COA Scientific and Training Symposium is underway.
- ii. Accomplishments
 1. New MOLC Charter was approved by Office of the Surgeon General on January 11, 2012.

c. OCCFM: LCDR Kyle Lyons

- i. No report submitted

d. OCCO: LTJG Andrew Okolo

- i. No updates at this time

e. OFRD/OSG/OS: LCDR Damon Smith

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The December 2011 readiness figures have been finalized and CPOs and PAC Chairs should receive this information from CAPT Beck soon. All readiness related inquiries can be submitted to OFRD via the following link: http://ccrf.hhs.gov/ccrf/readiness_assistance_form.htm.
 2. OFRD is working on the backlog of deployment-related awards.
 3. Working on next FMRB run and hope to have this done by the end of this month.
 - a. Check total deployment days on OFRD website, deployment credit days should be updated.
 - b. Recent completed courses should be correctly reflected online now.
 4. Global Health Campaign Medal & Global Health Initiative Service Medal: OFRD will be submitting a combined list of eligible officers who deployed on the following missions/ships: Pacific Partnership 2008 (USNS Mercy & USS Peleliu), Continuing Promise 2008 (USS Boxer), Partnerships for the Americas 2007 (USNS Comfort). Other global health missions will be considered at a later date.

VI. PAC Liaison Reports

a. Dental Category: LT Scott Williams

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The next All Hands On Dental Meeting will be Wednesday, 02 MAY 2012 at 1400 EST. Conference call information will be posted later.
 2. DePAC is looking for new subcommittee and workgroup members. If interested please contact any DePAC member or you can contact CAPT Deborah Smith at deborah.l.smith@uscg.mil
- ii. Accomplishments
 1. Call for JOAG Awards Nominations was posted on the Dental Bulletin Board

b. Dietitian Category: LT Mitchel Holliday

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The next Dietitian PAC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, 15 MAR 2012 @ 12:30 EST
- ii. Accomplishments
 1. Annual DietPAC award winners were announced during the January DietPAC Meeting. Congratulations to the Junior Dietitian of the Year LCDR Merel Kozlosky; Senior Dietitian of the Year CAPT Silvia Benincaso; and the Responder of the Year CDR Joseph Frost.

c. Environmental Health Category: LCDR Eva McLanahan

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The next EHOPAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 14 1300-1500 EST via telephone and WebEx. Please see announcement via the EHOPAC listserv or contact LCDR McLanahan for access information.
- ii. Accomplishments
 1. Recently elected EHOPAC members includes 2 Junior Officers: LCDR Michael Reed (IHS) and LCDR Carla Tuite (FDA); and 3 Senior Officers: CDR John Spriggs (IHS), CDR Melanie Mayor (FDA), and CDR Chris van Twuyver (FDA).
 2. In addition, a new Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer were selected - CDR Scotty Hargrave (FDA), CDR Lisa Delaney (CDC), CDR James Howell (IHS), respectively.
 3. With these leadership changes, we will soon be announcing changes to the Subcommittee Chairs and plan to update the EHOPAC website (<http://ehopac.org>) with this information in the near future.

d. Engineer Category: LCDR Benjamin Chadwick

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The last EPAC meeting was held on 18 January 2012.
 2. The PHS Engineers Week Awards Breakfast will be held on February 23rd at the Food and Drug Administration White Oak Facility in Silver Spring, MD starting at 0730 EST. RADM John C. Villforth, C.H.P (ret), will be the Keynote Speaker.
 3. The next EPAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 1400 EST. Call-in information will be forth coming.

- ii. Accomplishments
 1. The latest issue (January 2012) of the Engineer Newsletter (Machinatores Vitae) is now available on the EPAC website.

- e. **Health Services Category: LCDR Brett Maycock**
 - i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. The HSPAC meetings are held every other month, on the first Friday of every month. The meeting schedule for 2012 is as follows: APR 6, AUG 3, OCT 5, DEC 7. All meetings are held from 1230 - 1600 EST in the Parklawn Building, RM (12A-55), Rockville, MD. Dial-in Number: (888) 455-8166; Conference Code: HSPAC
 2. The HSPAC is seeking members for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2013. Application information can be found on the HSPAC website. Nominations are due June 29, 2012.
 3. The HSPAC Mentoring Subcommittee is seeking volunteers to participate in the HSPAC Mentoring program. If interested in volunteering, please contact CDR Iris Valentin-Bon (iris.valentin-bon@fda.gov)
 4. The Social Work Professional Advisory Group (SWPAG) is seeking nominations for the Social Worker of the Year Award. Nominations are due Feb 24, 2012.
 5. If not on HSO listserv, you are encouraged to sign up so you will receive the important weekly updates.
 6. **Call for award nominations:**
 - a. **Health Services PAC 2012 Kissel and Garcia Awards**
 - i. The Health Services Professional Advisory Committee (HS PAC) to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the “Stanley J. Kissel Jr. Award for Outstanding Health Services Professional of the Year.” The nominee must have made a significant impact on public health, on either a national level or local population. Nominations must also include evidence of leadership in the achievement(s) being cited, and must describe how the officer serves as a role model to others. Furthermore, the nominations must demonstrate how the accomplishments are above and beyond their usual duties and responsibilities of the nominee per their billet or job description.
 - ii. The HS-PAC is also inviting nominations for the “Joseph Garcia Jr. Award for Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year”. This award will go to a junior health service professional who made a significant contribution to the advancement of the nation’s public demonstrated leadership in their work, and show involvement in health-related professional or community organizations or activities.
 - iii. Commissioned corps officers from the Health Services category and equivalent civil service professionals, excluding current voting members of the 2012 HS-PAC, are eligible for these awards. **Nominations must be received by March 9, 2012.** The award will be presented in June at the 2012 U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Scientific and Training Symposium in College Park, Maryland.
 - iv. Nominations that do not follow the correct format will not be reviewed. Award criteria and nominations forms for either of these awards may be

obtained from the HS PAC webpage at <http://www.usphs-hso.org> or contact CDR Cecile Town at cecile.town@ihs.gov or 505-248-4233.

- b. **DHPAG – Dental Hygiene 2011 Awards**
 - i. **Nomination Deadline: COB March 19, 2012**
 - ii. Candace M. Jones Dental Hygienist of the Year Award
 - 1. The nominee must have made a significant contribution in the advancement of the nation’s oral health and to the advancement of dental public health. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership in his/her work and serve as a role model to others.
 - iii. Junior Dental Hygienist of the Year Award
 - 1. Any Commissioned Corp Dental Hygienist at the rank of 0-4 and below, with at least one year of service in the USPHS at the time of award submission, is eligible. Candidates may self-nominate. Dental Hygienists who are current voting members of the DHPAG Executive Committee are ineligible during their term with the DHPAG.
 - iv. Please review the attachments for more detailed information about the Awards and on submitting a nomination package: Call for nominations- Candace Jones Award and Junior Dental Hygienist of the Year Award
 - v. For additional questions please contact LTJG Paige Geffre paige.geffre@dhs.gov or visit the DHPAG site [DHPAG website](http://usphs-hso.org/pags/dhpag/dhpag_main.shtml) (http://usphs-hso.org/pags/dhpag/dhpag_main.shtml).
- c. **2012 BASPAG Officer of the Year**
 - i. The Basic and Applied Sciences Professional Advisory Group (BASPAG) is seeking nominations for the "Basic and Applied Sciences Officer of the Year Award". This award was developed to acknowledge a United States Public Health Service (USPHS) officer that is a member of the Health Services Category, with a concentration in scientific disciplines such as the biological sciences, epidemiology, health sciences, mathematical sciences, and physical sciences. The nominee should have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the Nation's health, demonstrated leadership in their work and the USPHS, and show involvement in health-related professional or community organizations or activities.
 - ii. **Complete nomination packages must be submitted no later than Friday, March 9, 2012.** Incomplete award nominations will not be considered. Nominations may come from a supervisor, professional colleague, or anyone who, through a professional working relationship, can attest to the impact of the nominee's contributions to the advancement of public health
 - iii. Submit nomination package electronically to LCDR Shani Smith at shani.smith@fda.hhs.gov
- f. **Nurse Category: LCDR Janice Arceneaux**
 - i. No report submitted
- g. **Pharmacy Category: LCDR Liatte Krueger**
 - i. Current Activities/Updates

1. Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) announces the annual pharmacist honor **awards call for nominations**:
 - a. The U.S. Public Health Service Allen J. Brands Clinical Pharmacist of the Year Award, Mary Louise Andersen Leadership Award (Non-Clinical), George F. Archambault PHS Career Achievement Award in Pharmacy, and the Award for Managerial Excellence Improving Pharmacy Service or Public Health.
 - b. Details of the award criteria and nomination packets can be found on the Award section of the PharmPAC Website - <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy/admins/awards.asp>.
 - c. Please take the time to nominate deserving junior officer pharmacists, both civil service and commissioned corps, for these awards. The awards will be presented during the 2012 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium in College Park, Maryland.
 - d. **All nominations and appropriate documentation must be received by COB March 30, 2012.**
 - e. Please send all electronic nominations and requests for additional information or assistance to: CDR Jinhee Lee Jinhee.lee@samhsa.hhs.gov
2. All interested junior officers who wish to serve as a University Point of Contact should send their letter of interest to Aaron.P.Middlekauff@uscg.mil.
3. The 2012 APhA annual conference will be held in New Orleans, March 9-12. The Federal Pharmacy Forum will be on Friday, March 9, 2012. Go to <http://www.aphameeting.org/index.cfm?do=cnt.page&pg=2007> for further details. All junior officers attending are encouraged to coordinate through the PHS Pharmacy booth lead (CAPT Mike Shiber Michael.Shiber@cms.hhs.gov).
4. Next PharmPAC General Meeting:
 - a. 01 March 2012, from 1400 to 1530 EST, FDA White Oak Conference Room 1201; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting.

h. Physician Category: LCDR Kate Sawyer

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. **PPAC AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**: The Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC) is seeking nominations for four physician awards: Clinical Physician of the Year, Research Physician of the Year, Applied Public Health Physician of the Year, Junior Physician of the Year These awards will be presented on category day at the USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. If you have any questions, please contact the Awards Subcommittee Chair, CDR Alicia Vantran (alicia.g.vantran@uscg.mil). The **deadline is April 16**.
 2. **TOWN HALL IN ATLANTA**: RADM Clare Helminiak, Chief Professional Officer for the Medical Category, will be hosting a town-hall meeting for PHS medical officers in the Atlanta area on the afternoon of Monday, March 19, 2012. RADM Helminiak will discuss findings from the recent medical officer retention survey and any issues related to careers, the PHS, or other topics of interest to medical officers. All Atlanta-area medical officers are encouraged to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

3. NEW TIME FOR FEB FORUM: Next PPAC Forum will be WEDNESDAY, February 15, at 1400 EST. Call-in number: 866-816-2251 or 517-477-5361, code: 9700730. Topic: PPAC Retention Survey Results

i. Scientist Category: LCDR Scott Steffen

- i. Current Activities/Updates
 1. Two SciPAC points of contact have been identified for the AMSUS planning committee. Any Scientist officer interested in volunteering should contact LCDR Angele Steele (angela.j.steele@us.army.mil) or LT Yoran Grant (exu4@cdc.gov).
 2. SciPAC is compiling a list of officers interested in deploying in order facilitate deployment requests being received by the CPO. If you are interested on being added to the deployment list please contact LCDR Dominic Frasca (Dominic.Frasca@fda.hhs.gov). If added to this list, a copy of the officer's CV summary sheet will be requested. Adding your information to this list is COMPLETELY voluntary.
 3. SciPAC will be sending out a survey monkey via the SciPAC listserv pertaining to members' activities. This survey will be used to evaluate potential external partnerships. All scientist officers are encouraged to participate. Any scientist officer with a suggestion for an external partnership is encouraged to contact CDR Ryan Novak (rnovak@cdc.gov).
 4. The Awards committee will be sending out nomination packages for Junior Scientist Officer of Year later this month via the SciPAC listserv.
- ii. Accomplishments
 1. Brought to the attention of the PAC that the JOAG Awards packages will be due March 16th.
 2. Announced the call for volunteers for the 2012 Health Promotion Summit.
 3. Announced the distribution of the February Career Fair list.

j. Therapist Category: LCDR Kit Burnham

- i. No updates at this time

k. Veterinarian Category: LCDR William Lanier

- i. Trying to reach out to all Veterinarian JOs to assess involvement in JOAG. Starting point is whether or not they are on the JOAG listserv. Found out that a number of officers were not aware of the JOAG listserv and encouraged those not signed up, to sign up for JOAG listserv. Other category liaisons might want to consider this type of outreach.
 1. LCDR McLanahan mentioned this might be something for the Membership Committee new PAC Liaison Coordination Subcommittee to look into, as well.

VII. New/Old Business

- a. None

VIII. Final Announcements / Adjournments

- a. Call adjourned 1419

