

JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP (JOAG)
2012-2013 COF PLANNING COMMITTEE
UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE



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Hello Fellow Officers,

I am completing my second year as the at-large JOAG voting member and Chair of the COF Planning Committee. I was commissioned in 2009 in the United States Public Health Service and joined the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) as a Patient Labeling Reviewer (PLR) and in the Office of Medical Policy. As a humanitarian of health, I take great pleasure in my role of being an advocate for patients and delivering information about the benefits and risks of taking medicines at FDA.

Along with my work at FDA, I have served on JOAG's Policy and Procedure Committee and the 2011 COF Planning Committee. I also manage my volunteer efforts as a voting member in District of Columbia Commissioned Officer Association (DC COA), active member of Surgeon General Honor Cadre, a member of the CDER Nursing Network (CNN), active member of Black Commissioned Officer Advisory Group Member (BCOAG), as a Co-Task Lead of the "Every Nurse is An Ambassador Campaign"(ENIAAC) of the Nursing Professional Advisory Committee (N-PAC), and a Missionary and member at Union Bethel AME Church, in Brandywine, Maryland.

I am married with 2 children and love spending time with my family and friends. I enjoy helping others and living my life's motto "Do All You Can While You Can".

I am thrilled to serve as the Chair of the COF Planning Committee for the 2013 Annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium.

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