

HISPANIC OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the HOAC Meeting Held Via Teleconference On
April 14, 2011 from 1200 -1330 EST



Next Committee Meeting:
 June 9, 2011
 1200 - 1330 hours EST
 Via teleconference

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VOTING MEMBERSHIP					
Attendance	Rank	Last Name	First Name	OPDIV	Category
Present	CDR	Ruano-Rossil	Jorge	FDA, Irvine, CA	SCI
Present	CAPT	Galindo	Carmen	BOP, Coleman, FL	PHAR
Present	CDR	Aizvera	Jeasmine	NIH, Bethesda, MD	HSO
Present	CDR	Rondon	Luis	USCG, Arlington, VA	MED
Present	LCDR	Cruz	Miguel	CDC, Atlanta, GA	HSO
Excused	LCDR	Rodriguez	Luis	CDC, Ft Lauderdale, FL	EHO
Present	LCDR	Reeves	Marybel	BOP, Edgefield, SC	NUR
Present	LTJG	Santiago	Yvonne	FDA, Jamaica, NY	HSO
Present	LCDR	Wanca	Martha	OS, Rockville, MD	NUR
Excused	LCDR	De Jesus	Frances	FDA, San Juan, PR	HSO
Present	LT	Estevez	Carlos	BOP, Ft Worth, TX	THER
Present	LCDR	Faytong	Eduardo	USCG, New Orleans, LA	HSO
Present	LT	Sandoval	Michelle	CDC, Los Angeles, CA	HSO
Absent	CDR	Turcios-Ruiz	Reina	CDC, Atlanta, GA	MED
Present	CAPT	Lopez	Armando	HRSA, W. Palm B., FL	MED
Absent	CDR	Torres	Norman	HRSA, New Orleans, LA	MED
Absent	LCDR	Alicea	Candido	NIH, Ft Frederick, MD	SCI
Absent	LCDR	Martinez	Maria	BOP, Fairton, NJ	HSO
Absent	LCDR	Molina	Daniel	HIS, Ada, OK	MED
Present	LCDR	Alicea	Edgardo	USCG, Portsmouth, VA	MED

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

LCDR Antonio Vargas, LCDR Diana Vargas, LCDR Carlos R. Castillo

I. CALL TO ORDER

- **Welcome and Roll Call:** CAPT Galindo called the meeting to order at 1205 and roll call was started. When roll was completed thirteen voting members were present a quorum of voting members was obtained. Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2011 were approved.

II. ACTION ITEMS

- 2011 USPHS Scientific Symposium: Please send CAPT Galindo an email if you plan on attending the COF Symposium. If you would like to volunteer with the MOLC booth please send CDR Aizvera your name.
- Certificate of Appreciation for members that participated in the last year sub-committee:

- COF Symposium MOLC Luncheon
- Donations to purchase plaque
- Update of Juan Carlos Finlay Award: We have received 3 nominations.
- Update on University Contacts: LT Sandoval will provide CDR Luis Rondon will a list of the Universities.

Awards and Recognition Subcommittee:

Chair: LTJG Yvonne Santiago
 Members: LCDR Erik Cala
 LCDR Frances De Jesus
 LCDR Martha Wanca

- 3 nominations were received for the Juan Carlos Finlay Award. Award nomination was posted on Frontline this month and HOAC website. Nominations will close on Wednesday, April 20th, 2011. A Selection committee will be convened to make the final selection.

Charter and Bylaws Subcommittee:

Chair: LCDR Marybel Reeves
 Members: CDR Jeasmine Aizvera
 LCDR Martha Wanca

Nothing to report at this time

Communication and Public Relations Subcommittee:

Chair: CDR Jorge Ruano-Rossil

- The website has not been changed. CDR Ruano-Rossil will work with LCDR Rodriguez to begin working on the website. CDR Santiago has spoken to CDR Williams who will be joining the call in a couple minutes to answer any IT questions. Please send any IT questions to CDR Diana Williams. CDR Williams will follow-up on how to access the website and notify IT on some of the issues. It is currently not showing up anywhere.

Nomination and Membership:

Chair: LCDR Aguardo
 Co-chair: LCDR Frances De Jesus

- CAPT Galindo provided a brief description of the subcommittee. LCDR Edgardo Alicea has volunteered to Chair this committee.

Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee:

Chair: CDR Luis Rondon
 Members: LT Michelle Sandoval
 LCDR Erik
 CAPT Lydia Soto-Torress
 LCDR Miguel Cruz

- CDR Rondon has identified two lists of institutions with minority representation (United States Department of Education Accredited Postsecondary Minority Institutions and the Office of Civil Rights). From these sources CDR Rondon has identified the following: There are currently 10 states and 1 territory with high Hispanic enrollment. There are 15 institutions with more than 80% Hispanic undergraduates. California has 129 institutions. However, 13 of those institutions had more than 50% representation. AZ has 18 institutions with 35% representing minorities. CDR Rondon will review and the tool developed by LT Sandoval and the subcommittee to identify

POC/institution liaison. CDR Rondon has identified public health/medical conferences to set up and staff recruitment booths (APHA, ACOG, AAP). More to come on this. OCCO is looking for officers to staff appointment boards for new medical officers. If interested and need additional information contact CDR Clifton Reckley at Clifton.reckley@hhs.gov, 240-453-60521

Education and Outreach Subcommittee:

Chair: Vacant (to be solicited)

Members: CAPT Laura Aponte
LCDR Carlos Castillo

- CAPT Aponte and LCDR Castillo will request permission from the surgeon general's office to represent HOAC. The role of this subcommittee is to mentor Junior officers in Career preparation and promotion.

MOLC Representative

CDR Jeasmine Aizvera

- MOLC is gearing up for the USPHS scientific symposium. A major event is the minority officer's award ceremony. All four groups will be presenting awards to nominees. HOAC will present the Juan Carlos award. We must have a good representation of HOAC during the awards. Award ceremony will take place the luncheon on June 22nd. MOLC is asking for volunteers to run the booth and help with set up. Please send her your name if you are interested in volunteering. There will be a planning meeting today if anyone would like to participate. CDR Aizvera has proposed HOAC put together a one page ad to encourage officers to make donations to the COA through HOAC.

IV. ADJOURN. Meeting was adjourned at 1330 EST.

HOAC Website: <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/hoac>