



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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**07 April 2011**  
**Surgeon General's Conference Room**  
**Parklawn Building**  
**1400-1530**

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**Members Present**

RADM Scott Giberson (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD  
CDR Jeff Mallette (Chair), BOP-Pensacola, FL  
LCDR Peter Diak (Chair-Elect), FDA-Silver Spring, MD  
CAPT Mike Shiber, BOP-Washington, DC  
CAPT Edward Stein, IHS-Phoenix, AZ  
CDR Daniel Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD  
CDR Michael Crockett, BOP-Pollock, LA  
CDR James Czarzasty, DHS-New London, CT  
CDR Larry Lim, FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Timothy Murray, IHS-Claremore, OK  
CDR Devvrat Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM

LCDR Jefferson Freedy, IHS-Crownpoint, NM  
LCDR Cynthia Gunderson, IHS-Red Lake, MN  
LCDR Marisol Martinez, DoD-San Antonio, TX  
LCDR Kristen Maves, IHS-Anchorage, AK  
LCDR Aaron Middlekauff, DHS-Opalocka, FL  
CDR Vasavi Thomas (Assoc.)-CDC-Atlanta, GA  
LCDR Fortin Georges (Assoc.)-NIH-Bethesda, MD  
LCDR Carmen Kelly (Assoc.)-AHRQ-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Andrei Nabakowski (Assoc.)-OS-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Yvette Waples (JOAG)-FDA-Silver Spring, MD

**Guests:**

Guests attending the meeting are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location *in the following format*: LCDR MaryJo Zunic, IHS- Albuquerque, NM to [MaryJo.Zunic@ihs.gov](mailto:MaryJo.Zunic@ihs.gov) , the PharmPAC Executive Secretary, to validate attendance.

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**Call to Order:** CDR Jeff Mallette ([jxmallette@bop.gov](mailto:jxmallette@bop.gov))

Meeting began at 1400, EST.

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**CPO Report: RADM Scott Giberson**

- Please see the attached CPO report.
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**Open Forum:** CDR Jeff Mallette ([jxmallette@bop.gov](mailto:jxmallette@bop.gov))

- No updates yet on promotion results. All categories are moving forward smoothly with the promotion process.
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, enacted March 23, 2010, extended Regular Corps status to all Commissioned Corps officers already serving in a full-time capacity. Moving forward, all officers called to extended active duty will enter the Regular Corps.

- Multiple questions have been put forward regarding the impact of a potential furlough on officers, including military benefits. The answers are not known yet.

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**PHS COF Symposium Update from CDR Tim Murray** ([timothy.murray@ihs.gov](mailto:timothy.murray@ihs.gov))

- June 20-23, 2011 is the COF Symposium. The 21<sup>st</sup> is the Pharmacy Category Day. A request for volunteers was put forth. Please contact CDR Murray if you are interested in helping that day.
- To encourage student attendance and involvement in the COF, student essays are being solicited from the New Orleans area and the winner will have free registration to the meeting.
- The Surgeon's General Run will take place that Wednesday. Plan on registering and running.
- The impact of the budget on officer's ability to attend is unknown at this time. More information will be forthcoming.

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**Recruitment Section** → CDR Jim Czarzasty ([james.p.czarzasty@uscg.mil](mailto:james.p.czarzasty@uscg.mil))/LCDR Kristen Maves ([klmaves@scf.cc](mailto:klmaves@scf.cc))/LCDR Aaron Middlekauff ([Aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil](mailto:Aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil))

- LCDR Maves thanked those who volunteered at the APhA Recruitment Booth in Seattle, WA. Over 43 officers volunteered.
- The UPOC website redesign continues. In the meantime, send reports of your activities to LCDR Middlekauff at [Aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil](mailto:Aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil). Any questions regarding your activities that need documentation can be directed to LCDR Middlekauff. The following schools need Point of Contact's (POC's):
  - Touro University - California College of Pharmacy
  - Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy - Schaumburg, IL \*\*\*First class projected Summer 2011\*\*\*
  - Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Sciences College of Pharmacy - Chicago, IL \*\*\*First class projected Aug 2011\*\*\*
  - Western New England College School of Pharmacy - Springfield, MA \*\*\*First class fall 2011\*\*\*
  - D'Youville College School of Pharmacy - Buffalo, NY \*\*\* Program Awaiting approval by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the Accrediting Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
- The biannual report was disseminated for feedback on 1 Apr and the requested suspense date is 1 May. Any questions from workgroup members or UPOC members please feel free to contact LCDR Middlekauff at their convenience for assistance.

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**Communication Section** → LCDR Cynthia Gunderson ([Cynthia.gunderson@ihs.gov](mailto:Cynthia.gunderson@ihs.gov))/LCDR Marisol Martinez ([marisol.martinez2@amedd.army.mil](mailto:marisol.martinez2@amedd.army.mil))

- No updates for the communication section.
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**Career Development Section** → CDR Michael Crockett ([mcrockett@bop.gov](mailto:mcrockett@bop.gov))/CDR Jonathan Dando ([jonathan.dando@chokeehospital.org](mailto:jonathan.dando@chokeehospital.org))/LCDR Jefferson Fredy ([jefferson.fredy@ihs.gov](mailto:jefferson.fredy@ihs.gov))

- The Billet Transformation continues. The last metric report was released by OSG. There were 9 officers who had not completed step 1 yet, some were new CAD. There were 55 officers yet to complete step 2 and have been contacted multiple times already. If officers have lost or misplaced their email, contact CDR Dando for guidance or any other questions you may have as you try to complete this process.
- The multidisciplinary billet process has not started but later in the Fall 2011 is the target date.

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**Readiness Section** → CDR Nate Yale ([nate.yale@ihs.gov](mailto:nate.yale@ihs.gov))/ CDR Daniel Brum ([dan.brum@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:dan.brum@fda.hhs.gov))

- Readiness continues to move forward and officers need to regularly check their status and plan ahead of time for maintaining their status. One area for officers to be careful of is their CPR certification, this seems to be the hold up for many officers.

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**Administration Section** → CDR Jennifer Fan ([Jennifer.fan@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Jennifer.fan@samhsa.hhs.gov))/CDR Larry Lim ([Larry.Lim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Larry.Lim@fda.hhs.gov))/CDR Timothy Murray ([timothy.murray@ihs.gov](mailto:timothy.murray@ihs.gov))

- Nine positions will be open for PharmPAC membership. By May 27, 2011 nominations should be sent to CDR Murray. The positions will take effect November 1, 2011, with 4 openings in I.H.S.; 3 in BOP; 1 in FDA and 1 ex-minimus.
- PHS Honor award nominations have been received. The winners will be announced during the COF Symposium.
- 51 students will be receiving the PHS Excellence in Pharmacy Practice awards. The following schools still need presenters for the awards: Purdue, Appalachian and Butler. Please contact CDR Dean Goroski at [dean.goroski@ihs.gov](mailto:dean.goroski@ihs.gov).

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**PAC Chair Report** → CDR Jeff Mallette ([jxmallette@bop.gov](mailto:jxmallette@bop.gov))

- The APhA meeting was very successful. First a big thanks to CAPT Michael Shiber for standing in for CDR Mallette to represent the PharmPAC at the Federal Forum PHS Breakout session. Thank you to LCDR Helen Saccone for organizing and collating the Breakout session presentations. Thank you to the PHS Delegates and alternates, CDR Mark Strong, LCDR Helen Saccone, LT Khang Ngo and LT Alister Rubenstein. A big thank you to LCDR Kristen Maves for organizing the over 40 volunteers who staffed the recruitment booth and thank you to those who helped staff the booth. Thank you to the Division of Commissioned Corps Recruitment (DCCR) for funding the recruitment booth and supplying the booth display and recruitment materials and thanks to LCDR Aaron Middlekauff for coordinating this effort with DCCR. Thank you to CDR Dean Goroski for organizing a pre-meeting shipment of booth display and supplies from DCCR and driving them to the meeting site to insure there would no hiccups or lost packages at this most important recruitment event. Thank you to all the breakout session presenters.

And, last but not least, a big thank you to Admiral Giberson for his very strong PHS pharmacy presence and his support of our officers at the meeting. Admiral

Giberson devoted several hours of his time at the meeting talking with and counseling our officers in the evening before the meeting and also assisting at the recruitment booth – all the while encouraging officers to “tell their story” while recruiting. Every officer CDR Mallette has consulted with who attended the meeting was very impressed with the way he represents PHS pharmacy, and we thank you for all you do.

- When it comes to our leading recruitment document, the Pharmacy’s Best Kept Secret, it has been decided that there is no reason to “mess with success”. That document has always been very well received by recruits – with a number of current PHS pharmacists stating that document is the reason they explored the possibility of a PHS career. We have attempted to come up with an effective alternative naming of the document to reflect our leadership position within the profession, but in the end it was decided that the most effective thing to do is to leave the document titled as is. Please continue to freely distribute and utilize the PBKS as a lead recruitment tool.
- Two volunteers have been selected to represent PHS pharmacy at the 2011 AMSUS Conference, to be held in San Antonio Nov 6-9. The planning committee volunteer is LCDR Marisol Martinez and the PHS pharmacy section lead is CDR Lou Feldman. Congratulations to you both and thank you for your willingness to serve.
- LCDR Aaron Middlekauff has been chosen to serve as a PHS pharmacy representative peer reviewer for the Military Medicine Journal. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering.
- The March 3, 2011 amended PharmPAC Meeting Minutes with guest attendance was approved by the PharmPAC members at the Business Meeting earlier today. This version will be posted to the PharmPAC website and available for viewing soon.

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**Old/New Business** → CDR Jeff Mallette ([jxmallette@bop.gov](mailto:jxmallette@bop.gov))

- CAPT Shiber acknowledged all the presenters at the PHS breakout session of the APhA Federal Forum and thanked them for volunteering.
- RADM Giberson reminded officers to buddy up during the PharmPAC meetings as the phone lines have been maxed to the capacity of 100 callers. Two meeting rooms have been reserved for officers in the D.C. area – the Surgeon General’s conference room at Parklawn and FDA White Oak Bldg 22 Rm 1201. Where possible, officers in the field should try to join together to call into the PharmPAC meetings.

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**The meeting was adjourned @ 1434.**

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**Next Meeting Date: 05 May 2011, from 1400 to 1530 EST, Surgeon General’s Conference Room; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting**

