

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



DATE: May 2, 2011
TO: Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee
FROM: LCDR Yvette Waples
SUBJECT: JOAG Liaison Report – INFORMATION

- The JOAG COF Planning Committee is well underway with the planning of JOAG related events during this year's annual USPHS Training and Scientific Symposium taking place on June 19-23, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition to providing officers opportunities to grow as public health professionals in our respective fields, the annual Symposium gives us a great opportunity to meet and network with fellow USPHS officers.

Are you concerned about being able to afford the cost of lodging during this financially difficult time? Don't worry! There are opportunities to attend and save. Given that funding for the Symposium will be limited, JOAG is setting up the Officer Room Share Program to assist officers (junior or senior) with the cost of lodging. The room share program will help you get in touch with fellow officers who are looking to split the cost of a room or an officer on orders who is graciously willing to take on a fellow officer at zero cost. *Note: officers on orders, who wish to share their room, can not benefit financially from sharing a room.*

The JOAG COF Planning Committee has created a self-sustained easily accessible online spreadsheet where you can post your interest in a roommate.

Steps to accessing the online tool:

- 1) To access the online tool click here:
<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0Akhy3CsG18QadHg2Y3diZ24tR1VsbnpSOTJGUW92Unc&hl=en&authkey=CLuDrukJ#gid=0>
- 2) Once the link is open, click on the first empty cell under Column A.
- 3) Once the Column A cell is highlighted, click on the arrow to the right of the cell to pull up drop down options. From the drop down click on "Looking for a Roommate" or "Have a Room to Share" to indicate your room need.
- 4) Enter your name, email address, phone number and other pertinent information listed on the spreadsheet. This information will be used by other officers to get in touch with you or vice versa.
- 5) Once you have identified a roommate, please remove your information from the spreadsheet.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact LCDR Latonia Ford by email Latonia.Ford@fda.hhs.gov or call 301-796-4901.

- The JOAG General Meeting and Meet and Greet will be held on Sunday, June 19, 2011, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CST at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. This meeting is open to all officers. Uniform will be service khaki.

- The JOAG social will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 7:00pm at Pat O'Briens Courtyard Restaurant. This event is open to all officers. Officers will be responsible for purchasing their own food and drinks. Please click on link www.patobriens.com for restaurant information.