



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

Minutes of Meeting
02 June 2011
Surgeon General's Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1400-1530

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 Michael Shiber, CMS-Baltimore, MD
CAPT Nita Sood, DoD-Falls Church, VA*
CDR Daniel Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Michael Crockett, BOP-Pollock, LA
CDR James Czarzasty, DHS-New London, CT
CDR Jonathan Dando, IHS-Cherokee, NC
CDR Larry Lim, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Dean Goroski, IHS-Toppenish, WA**

CDR Devvrat Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM
LCDR Jefferson Freedy, IHS-Crownpoint, NM
LCDR Kristen Maves, IHS-Anchorage, AK
LCDR Aaron Middlekauff, DHS-Opa Locka, FL
LCDR Amy Simon, IHS-Ft Totten, ND***
LCDR Carmen Kelly (Assoc.)-AHRQ-Rockville, MD
LCDR Andrei Nabakowski, OS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Yvette Waples (JOAG)-FDA-Silver Spring, MD

*alternate for LCDR Marison Martinez

**alternate for CDR Timothy Murray

***alternate for LCDR Cynthia Gunderson

Guests:

CAPT Alison Dion, IHS-Zuni, NM
CAPT Nitin K. Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Todd Stankewicz, CMS-Chicago, IL
CAPT Deborah Thompson, USCG-Washington, DC
CDR William H. Bender, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Mary Byrne, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Jim Gemelas, IHS-Warm Springs, OR
CDR Kenneth Hill, ASPR-Seattle, WA
CDR Teresa Watkins-Lackey, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Andrew K. Meagher, USCG-Norfolk, VA
CDR Mark R. McClain, FDA-Hartford, CT
CDR Christina Mead, HRSA-Denver, CO
CDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL
CDR Postelle Birch-Smith, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Mark N. Strong, IHS-Shiprock, NM
CDR Jeffrey J. Tworzyanski, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Chi-ann (Ruby) Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Cassandra White, BOP-San Antonio, TX

CDR Leo Zadecky, FDA-Stoneham, MD
LCDR Jin (Misu) Ahn, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Troy Bernardo, BOP-Butner, NC
LCDR Karen Abraham-Burrell, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Hollie Cook, CMS-Seattle, WA
LCDR Matthew D. Febbo, CMS-Philadelphia, PA
LCDR Shannon Hill, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Thomas Hinchliffe, FDA-Rockville, MD
LDR Shary M. Jones, OS-Washington,DC
LCDR Damion Killsback, IHS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jin Lee, SAMHSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Loan Nguyen, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Wanda Pamphile, BOP-Philadelphia, PA
LCDR Anna Park, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Lorelei, Piantedosi, CMS-Bethesda, MD
LCDR Andrew Potter, BOP-Philadelphia, PA
LCDR Selena ready, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Katherine S. Won, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Jerry Zee, BOP-New York City, NY
LT Ashlee Januszewicz, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Robert G. Kosko Jr., FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Tiffanie Myers, BOP- Oklahoma City, OK
LT Khan D. Ngo, IHS-Taholah, WA
LT Monica M. Reed, CMS-Baltimore, MD
LT Jonas Santiago, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Yiyiing (CoCo) Tsai, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Evan Bryce Wearne, FDA-Silver Spring, MD

FDA Student Interns on Rotation (Guests):

Olivia Han, University of Maryland
Taura Holmes, University of Maryland
Sanchali Kasbekav, Rutgers University
Judy Kong, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy
Paul Ortiz, University of Maryland
Jonathan Owen, Howard University

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 , the PharmPAC Executive Secretary, to validate attendance.

Call to Order: CDR Jeff Mallette (jxmallette@bop.gov)

Meeting began at 1400, EST.

CPO Report: RADM Scott Giberson

- Please see the attached CPO report.

Open Forum: CDR Jeff Mallette (jxmallette@bop.gov)

- LT Januszewicz from the FDA asked a question regarding a pharmacy student's concern regarding the future of the Corps. This student wondered if the Corps could be dissolved in the future based upon Congress' recent actions and the potential for officers to be furloughed. RADM Giberson mentioned that is a valid concern, however, there is no indication currently that this will occur. Instead, there is a focus on the need to recruit in specific 'categories': vulnerable and medically underserved populations; hard-to-fill positions; supporting other uniformed services; unmet public health needs and our 24/7 response capacity and responsibility.
- LCDR Ready asked how many of the recent CAD are pharmacists. Between the three lists pending Senate confirmation, there are over 100 pharmacists.
- CDR Hill asked a question regarding the promotion cycle and when would be the most appropriate time to update one's CV. RADM Giberson mentioned officers should update their CV regularly and not worry about how this might conflict with their CV submitted for the promotion cycle.
- CDR Brum asked if through the Special Pay Workgroup recommendations, the BPS special pay might be increased or if this was part of their current focus. RADM Giberson mentioned many factors are being considered for pay and that all Categories are trying to become consistent and similar, not with amounts but in ways that individuals are compensated. No decision has been made yet.
- Officers were encouraged by RADM Giberson to ask questions, state opinions during the Open Forum and to not hesitate to interact.
- LCDR Rivera asked about the potential increase in leadership positions within the Corps. RADM Giberson mentioned that through the restructuring of OCCO, many positions will be advertised. There should be about nine positions available and those interested are encouraged to apply. The positions haven't been advertised yet until the Director of DCCPR (the new organizational name) is hired and in place, most likely after 1 July 2011.
- An officer in the field asked where pharmacists fit in the "Affordable Care Act" and in "Meaningful Use" as some of the language or focus doesn't specifically mention pharmacists. RADM Giberson encouraged collaboration and mentioned he has presented a proposal to our Surgeon General.
- LCDR Ready asked about OFRD and deployment. For pharmacists within IHS, they would need approval from the IHS director, through their chain of command which begins with their Supervisor.

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

- Just over 94% of pharmacists are Basic Ready. CDR Yale wants to see us over 95%. He encouraged officers to find five officers to help maintain or achieve readiness.
- Junior officers just recently called to active duty should work on their readiness right away rather than relying upon the end of the year to achieve that status.
- Question from an officer from FDA asked about his Basic Readiness not reflecting in Direct Access. CDR Yale says for officers in this similar situation please contact him to get corrected.
- At the COF Symposium at New Orleans, LA, there will be BLS certification classes on

Thursday, June 23, 2011. Contact person is CAPT Jane Kreis at jane.kreis@fda.hhs.gov .

- CDR Yale mentioned that most BLS can be completed online and the actual Skills Assessment can be completed by an instructor. Contact him if you need help with this.

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

- Application packets have been received from 42 officers for the PharmPAC membership. There are 3 BOP, 4 IHS, 1 FDA and 1 ex-minimus positions available.

PHS COF Symposium Update from CDR Tim Murray (timothy.murray@ihs.gov)

- June 20-23, 2011 is the COF Symposium. The 21st is the Pharmacy Category Day. The schedule will stay on time for Category Day
- The Surgeon's General Run will take place that Wednesday June 22nd. Plan on registering and running. There is no fee for officers attending the COF, you can register for the run on <http://www.phscofevents.org/related/sg5k.cfm> .
- APFT will precede the Surgeon General's 5k on 22 June 2011.
- Pre-retirement seminar on Friday, 24 June 2011.
- Uniforms for the conference are Summer Whites, Service Khaki. Due to the heat and humidity in New Orleans in June, officers presenting are authorized to wear an appropriate uniform of the day (i.e. – summer white or service khaki are appropriate uniform wear for presenters).
- JOAG had sent an email for officers who wanted to share lodging or for Senior Officers to sponsor a Junior Officer.
- Volunteers are still needed for brief, specific times. Please contact CDR Murray or see the email announcement if you are available and interested.
- CDR Lea mentioned that officers attending the COA meeting can participate in the Blood Drive Monday 20 June 2011 from 2:30 to 6:30pm, located in the Sheraton. An email announcement will be forthcoming.

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

- An email was sent to UPOC's requesting that those that have an MOU with their University and a PHS worksite or if your site is interested in establishing an MOU to contact the Recruitment section.
- Any sites able to take COSTEPs should contact the Recruitment section.

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

- CDR Kendra Stewart provided an update on the Facebook Workgroup. There are over 730 fans of the Facebook page. A poll exists currently to see how many officers will be attending the Social. Please participate if you will be attending. They are currently working to see which Colleges of Pharmacy have a Facebook page and include them on the PHS one. The Workgroup would like photos of PHS officers presenting awards at one of the Colleges of Pharmacy. Please send those to Kendra.stewart@fda.hhs.gov Provide any wording that goes with the photo. Finally, the Workgroup would like feedback on users experience with the Facebook page.
- The link is www.Facebook.com/usphspharmacists

Career Development Section → CDR Michael Crockett (mcrockett@bop.gov)/CDR Jonathan Dando (jonathan.dando@cherokeehospital.org)/LCDR Jefferson Fredy (jefferson.fredy@ihs.gov)

- The Billet Transformation is complete with Step 1. There are only 6-8 officers to complete Step 2. CDR Crockett hopes to have them complete this final step by the next update.
- The Career Development section is working on providing Career Counseling at the COF Symposium. More information will be forthcoming.
- CMS has made available Meaningful Use funding for IHS sites. Goals and measures will be reported based upon a clean pharmacy package. CDR Dando encourages those interested to contact their Area office or Meaningful Use coordinator. The IHS website also has training available.

PAC Chair Report → CDR Jeff Mallette (jxmallette@bop.gov)

- The ASHP Summer Meeting is June 12-15 in Denver. CDR Tim Murray is serving as the PHS representative to the House of Delegates. DCCR has funded a recruitment booth and it comes with four registrations – volunteering to coordinate the recruitment booth are CDR Christina Mead, LCDR Zach Miller, LT Christina Andrade and LT Ashley Schaber. If you are attending this meeting and would like to volunteer to staff the recruitment booth, please contact the PharmPAC Recruitment Section leads.
- The COF Symposium in New Orleans is right around the corner June 20-23. Several PharmPAC members will be in attendance. Special thanks to the Pharmacy Category Planning Team for coordinating and planning a full and vibrant day for the pharmacy category.
- Thanks to all those who submitted nominations for PharmPAC membership. The interest level was high with 42 total nominations. Our Administration Section is working to collate all the information and present it to the PharmPAC voting members for review and selection of new PharmPAC voting members. Once this process is complete, there will be a call sent out via the PHS Pharmacists listserv for nominations for Associate Members.
- A quick reminder for PHS pharmacists to please utilize the full spectrum of resources available to you through the different sources and section leads of the PharmPAC. The PharmPAC website, section leads, and other knowledge base experts can provide answers to most questions or issues that arise. Let's please utilize appropriate chain of command for all correspondence.

***Please note that the PharmPAC will not hold a General Meeting in July 2011. The next general meeting will be on August 4, 2011.

- A note for the record that the May 5, 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.

Old/New Business → CDR Jeff Mallette (jxmallette@bop.gov)

- LCDR Damion Killsback reported that the IHS Facebook page is up and running now.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1454.

Next Meeting Date: 04 August 2011, from 1400 to 1530 EST, Surgeon General's Conference Room; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov
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- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>
PHS Rx Students <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
OFRD <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf.html>
RPh Job Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
CCMIS <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccinformation-l.html>
CC Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccvacancies-l.html>
PHS Immunizing Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-immunizing-pharm.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy>
CCMIS <http://dcp.psc.gov>
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--Respectfully Submitted,

