



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

Minutes of Meeting
02 July 2009
Surgeon General's Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1400-1530

Members Present:

RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Patricia Garvey (Chair), FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Scott Giberson (Vice-Chair), IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Christine Chung, DHS-El Centro, CA
CDR James Czarzasty, DHS-New London, CT
CDR Jonathan Dando, IHS-Cherokee, NC
CDR Richard DeCederfelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Violette Ganoe, (Ex-Officio), BOP-Bradford, PA
CDR Josephine Lyght, HRSA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jeff Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL

CDR Michael Shiber, BOP-Washington, DC
CDR Edward Stein, IHS-Phoenix, AZ
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM
LCDR Karen Abraham-Burrell, CMS-Baltimore, MD
(alternate for CAPT Lia Praela)
LCDR Dan Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
(alternate for CAPT Matthew Tarosky)
LCDR Michael Crockett, BOP-Pollock, LA
LCDR Joseph Zagame, OS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Lori Hall (JOAG), CDC-Atlanta, GA
LCDR Peter Diak (Executive Secretary), FDA-Silver Spring, MD

Members Absent: (* Member's alternate present)

CAPT Lia Praela, CMS-Baltimore, MD*
CAPT Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD*
CDR Jennifer Fan, SAMHSA-Rockville, MD

CDR G. Brent Hobbs, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LCDR Cynthia Gunderson, IHS-Fort Totten, ND

Guests:

CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT Michael Forman, HCFA-Baltimore, MD
CAPT Mike Long, BOP-Butner, NC
CAPT Robert Steyert, FDA-Central Islip, NY
CAPT Chris Watson, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Thomas Berry, FDA-Raleigh, NC
CDR Bradley Bishop, IHS-Tucson, AZ
CDR Michelle Dillahunt, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Richard Glabach, OS-Rockville, MD
CDR James Good, DHS-Tacoma, WA
CDR Cedric Guyton, IHS-Tucson, AZ
CDR Jeff Haug, DHS-Pearsall, TX
CDR Haksong Jin, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Paula Laplant, FDA-Highgate Springs, VT
CDR Christina Lee, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Larry Lim, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Nina Nwaba, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Keith Olin, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Laura Pincock, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Richard Schallick, BOP-Elkton, OH
CDR Deborah Thompson, DHS-Oakland, CA
CDR Jeffrey Tworzyanski, FDA-Silver Spring, MD

CDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ (on assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan)
CDR Chi-Ann Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Irene Ahlstrom, BOP-Dublin, CA
LCDR B. Nhi Beasley, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Vicky Borders-Hemphill, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Dan Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Ray Carter, BOP-Elkton, OH
LCDR Ida-Lina Diak, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Matthew Dionne, FDA-Denver, CO
LCDR Jefferson Fredy, IHS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Robert Harkey, BOP-Butner, NC
LCDR Thomas Hinchliffe, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Glendolynn Johnson, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Robert Kang, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Marisol Martinez, DOD TMA- Fort Sam Houston, TX
LCDR William Meyers, BOP-Memphis, TN
LCDR Mark Miller, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Ryan Schupbach, IHS-Claremore, OK
LCDR Kendra Stewart, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Roberta Szydlo, FDA-Rockville, MD

LCDR Jerry Zee, BOP-New York, NY
LT Elizabeth Hoang, DHS-Taylor, TX
LT Liatte Krueger, BOP-Rochester, MN
LT Lisa Lee, BOP-Talladega, AL
ENS Ashley Burns, FDA-Rockville, MD
ENS Neha Nagesh Rao, FDA-Rockville, MD
William Albanese - University of Maryland

Sam Cinocotta - Mercer University
Anissa Ferguson - Howard University
Julie Plotnikov - St. Johns University
Katie Morneau - University of Maryland
Janet Shaw - University of Maryland
Melissa Smith - University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

**** New Procedures for PharmPAC Meetings:**

- 1) Held every-*other*-month (i.e. May, July, Sept.)
- 2) 90 minutes in duration
- 3) 1400 EST start time
- 4) Open Forum section after CPO report

The oral roll call for guests attending the meeting has been eliminated. Guests attending the meeting are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location (city and state) to Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov, the PharmPAC Executive Secretary, to validate attendance.

Call to Order: CDR Patty Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov)

- CDR Patty Garvey called the July 2009 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order
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CPO Report: RADM Robert Pittman

- **Promotion**
 - Promotions results have been announced
 - Congratulations to all officers being promoted
 - Letters have been sent to officers in the lower quartile concerning required career counseling by the category and their supervisor
 - Letters direct officers to promotion website
 - Officers in the lower quartile will have a senior officer contact them to go over their file and provide suggestions to improve promotion scores
 - All officers, regardless of promotion results, can have a senior officer go over their file and provide suggestions
 - Send RADM Pittman an email if you want career counseling
- **Special Pay**
 - The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act consolidated all Uniformed Services health professions special pays into one new law
 - Pharmacy workgroup developed a document with suggestions for pharmacy special pays that will be presented to the Compensation and Pay Advisory Board
 - Report will be used by the ASH and OSG in developing recommendations on special pays that will be sent to the DoD special pay workgroup
 - Additional updates on special pays will be announced as information becomes available
- **Appointment Standards**
 - Proposed appointment standards are being reviewed
 - Changes for pharmacists are minor
 - Will help individuals coming into the Corps with a dual BS/PharmD degree in pharmacy
- **Recruitment Call Center**
 - Call center for individuals interested in the Commissioned Corps has been activated
 - Partially funded by DoD initiative to recruit mental health workers

- Will benefit recruitment efforts of the Commissioned Corps

Open Forum

- **Q:** Do you have any updates on when officers will be contacted about the OFRD training scheduled in August?
A: Several thousand officers will be trained this summer. An official notice will be sent out to officers within the next couple of weeks.
- **Q:** Are there any updates on establishing a pharmacy school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)?
A: There has been transition of the federal chiefs within DoD. When the new DoD Chief Pharmacists come on board later this summer, the discussion on establishing a pharmacy school at USUHS will resume.
- **Q:** Is the federal pharmacy forum still accepting donations?
A: Yes, the federal pharmacy forum is still accepting donations.

Presentation:

- **Direct Access Presentation (see attachments) → CDR Richard Glabach**
 - Direct Access went live June 1, 2009
 - The Public Health Service has partnered with the Coast Guard to share this human resources information system and will migrate existing Corps programs and information to Direct Access over the next several years.
 - Please access the PHS Self Service Procedure Guide, Ver. 3.0. This guide is located at <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/phs/>

Section Lead Comments:

Administration → CAPT Mary Kremzner (Mary.kremzner@fda.hhs.gov) / CDR Jennifer Fan (Jennifer.Fan@SAMHSA.hhs.gov)

- **Membership – CAPT Kremzner**
 - Deadline for nominations for next year's PharmPAC members are due July 5th (July 12th for IHS)
 - Openings for PharmPAC membership include 1 opening for IHS, 1 opening for BOP, 4 openings for FDA, and Associate Members from OPDIVs not represented by an Ex-minimus voting member
 - Please send in your nominations on time to CAPT Kremzner and get involved in the PharmPAC

Recruitment (see attachment) → CDR Jeff Mallette (jxmallette@bop.gov) / LCDR Joe Zagame (joseph.zagame@hhs.gov)

- **Pharmacist Vacancy Document –CDR Mallette**
 - Pharmacy vacancy document is available online
 - It is located under the recruitment section link on the PharmPAC website
 - The document can be used at recruiting events and will be updated monthly
- **University Point of Contact (UPOC) –CDR Mallette**
 - Request for volunteers interested in joining the UPOC working group
 - Email CDR Mallette at jxmallette@bop.gov if interested

- Looking for volunteers with good communications skills and willing to commit for an extended period of time of at least one year
- Workgroup leader also needed; preferably one with experience entering data into the website
- **Recruitment website – CDR Mallette**
 - Request for volunteers interested in joining the recruitment website working group
 - Email CDR Mallette at jxmallette@bop.gov if interested
 - A leader for this workgroup is also needed

Communication → CDR Richard DeCederfelt (rdecederfe@nih.gov) / CDR Josephine Lyght (Jlyght@hrsa.gov)

- **PLANT Profile - CDR DeCederfelt**
 - New profile released on the listserv and the website
- **New PharmPAC Website - CDR DeCederfelt**
 - The PharmPAC website has been migrated to www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy
 - The old hhs.gov website will redirect you to the new site
 - Officers with old bookmarks should update them to the new website

Career Development → CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov) / CDR Nate Yale (nate.yale@ihs.gov)

- **Promotion - CDR Shiber**
 - Promotion results have been released
- **Readiness – CDR Yale**
 - Officers are reminded to maintain readiness and check the OFRD website often
 - Readiness status for the pharmacy category is over 90%
- **Clinical Sub-Committee – CAPT Giberson**
 - Attending many meetings and discussions about where pharmacy fits as a profession in health reform
 - Advocating to expanded the role of pharmacy in these health reform discussions
 - PHS has been and should continue to be the innovators and leaders in the pharmacy profession

PharmPAC Chair Report → CDR Patty Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov)

- CDR Garvey thanked everyone for working hard during the year and for representing the PharmPAC and the PHS so well

Old/New Business → CDR Patty Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov)

- The Salt-n-Pepper uniform will be retiring on July 31, 2009. A farewell picture of officers wearing this uniform is being planned at FDA.
- Please fill out the reassessment pharmacy survey on the PharmPAC website during the month of August. This survey will help the PAC better understand what is desired from the PAC and provide input on if the changes made to the PAC this year are being well received.

- 5. BOP Report**
- 6. NIH Report**
- 7. IHS Report**
- 8. JOAG Report**