

**Recruitment Section Meeting  
29-Jul-2010**

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**Exec**

- Recruitment Map Project – continues under development.
- PHS pharmacy school alumni list project – four-person workgroup, led by CDR Mark McClain has been formed and has begun work on the project.
- LT James Lee has completed the follow-up project from the ASHP Summer Meeting – contacted over 20 recruits who signed up at the DCCR-funded recruitment booth.
- 17-member workgroup – led by CDR Kofi Ansah – has completed the follow-up project following the APhA meeting in March – contacted over 70 recruits who signed up at the DCCR-funded recruitment booth.
- CDR (sel) Michelle Colledge from the HSO category presented information about the HSO Applicant Placement Program at the July 29 PharmPAC Recruitment Section teleconference. Section leadership is evaluating any applicability of this program within the Pharmacy Category.
- The Recruitment Section will be forming a workgroup to evaluate the Physician Pilot Project and its potential applicability within the Pharmacy Category.

**Website Workgroup**

- No new updates to report.

**UPOC/pharmacist.org**

- UPOC Master has been updated with correct officer ranks following PY2010.
- [www.phspharmacist.org](http://www.phspharmacist.org) continues to experience technical difficulties. If problem is prolonged, alternative method of reporting recruitment activity will be communicated to UPOCs.
- UPOC Spring Newsletter has been released on the PharmPAC Recruitment Section website. Thanks to CDR Peter Vermilyea for his many years of dedicated service at editor of this bi-annual newsletter. Anyone interested in taking over as editor of the newsletter please contact CDR Jeff Mallette at [jxmallette@bop.gov](mailto:jxmallette@bop.gov).

**Ready Reserve Corps**

- Note this subsection has been renamed the Ready Reserve Corps Subsection (formerly Inactive Reserve Corps Subsection)
- The Ready Reserve Working Integrated Project Team (WIPT) drafted recommendations for policy concepts for the establishment of the USPHS Ready Reserve. The recommendations were presented to the OIPT. Modifications were made based on the recommendations of the Oversight Integrated Project Team (OIPT) and now under Office of General Counsel (OGC) review.
- Appointments into the Ready Reserve will begin as soon as policies have been implemented.

**Student Programs**

- Student Message for July – topic is OFRD.
- The annual COSTEP Social Networking Hour – held at TGI Fridays in Silver Spring, MD, was held on Thursday, July 29, 2010.
- Small workgroup will be following up and maintaining contact with the 29 pharmacy 2010 JRCOSTEPS

**PHS Vacancies Document Workgroup**

- July report is posted on new PharmPAC website.
- August report is in production.

**Pharmacy's Best Kept Secrets (PBKS)**

- Dental Category has inquired with CAPT Shiber about the possibility of creating a PBKS version for their category.
- No update on status of the version of the PBKS DCCR is working on via contractor Booz Allen Hamilton.

#### **Policy**

- No new updates to report.

#### **Associate Recruiter Program (ARP)**

- The program is still on hold until a more specific plan is put into place.
- LtJG Velisa Jackson-Stephens (velisa.jackson-stephens@hhs.gov - 240-453-6082) is the contact to request recruitment funds and to request booth registration for a planned DCCR funded event (DCCR only funds when they know officers are planning to staff a booth).
- LT Felicia Watts (felicia.watts@hhs.gov - 240-453-6070) is the contact to request recruitment supplies

## July 2010 Student Listserv Message

### Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD)

As you embark on your career as a pharmacist, are you thinking about the challenges and opportunities awaiting you? One of the amazing opportunities that you will have if you join the United States Public Health Service is the experience of serving Americans in their time of need.

The Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD) is a cadre of full-time active duty PHS officers, uniquely qualified by education and skills, who can be mobilized in times of extraordinary need during disaster, strife, or other public health emergencies and in response to domestic or international requests. PHS officers provide leadership and expertise by directing, enhancing, and supporting the services of the PHS, and other U.S. government agencies.

Depending on the need, notification of officers can vary from selecting a small number of officers to the entire Commissioned Corps, as the Department of Health & Human Services Secretary did with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. For the individual officer this means getting the opportunity to utilize their pharmacy skills in unique situations to serve their nation.

To get a glimpse of a few experiences that are posted on the PHS website please click here:

<http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy/career/deploypresents.asp>

For more information on how YOU can make a difference as a pharmacist in the United States Public Health Services, go to <http://www.usphs.gov>

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