



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

Minutes of Meeting
04 August 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
CDR Peter Diak (Chair-Elect), FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CAPT Michael Shiber, CMS-Baltimore, MD
CAPT Edward Stein, IHS- Phoenix, AZ
CDR Daniel Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Catherine Chew*, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Michael Crockett, BOP-Pollock, LA
CDR James Czarzasty, DHS-New London, CT
CDR Jonathan Dando, IHS-Cherokee, NC
CDR Jennifer Fan, SAMHSA-Rockville, MD

CDR Aaron Middlekauff, DHS-Opa Locka, FL
CDR Timothy Murray, IHS-Claremore, OK
CDR Devvrat Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jefferson Freedy, IHS-Crownpoint, NM
LCDR Marisol Martinez, DoD-Houston, TX
LCDR Andrei Nabakowski, OS-Rockville, MD
LCDR Carmen Kelly (Assoc.)-AHRQ-Rockville, MD
LCDR Yvette Waples (JOAG)-FDA-Silver Spring, MD

*alternate for CDR Larry Lim

Excused members: CDR Nate Yale; LCDR Gunderson; LCDR Maves

Guests:

CAPT Patty Garvey, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT George Lyght, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CAPT (ret) James M. Minor
CAPT Nita K. Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Irene Ahlstrom, BOP-Dublin, CA
CDR Jim Gemelas, IHS-Warm Springs, OR
CDR Lori Hall, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CDR Terry Harrison, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Diem-Kieu Ngo, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Thang X. La, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Jeanne Skanchy, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Diane C. Smith, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Mark N. Strong, IHS-Shiprock, NM
CDR Jeffrey Tworzyanski, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Teresa A. Watkins-Lackey-FDA, Rockville, MD
CDR Chi-Ann (Ruby) Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Leo Zadecky, FDA-Stoneham, MA

LCDR Jin (Misu) Ahn, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Troy Bernardo, BOP-Butner, NC
LCDR Stacey Degarmo, FDA-Stoneham, MA
LCDR Debra Emerson, FDA-Stoneham, MA
LCDR Matthew Febbo, CMS-Phila., PA
LCDR Shannon Hill, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Glendolyn S. Johnson, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Yoon Kong, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Lisa Lee, BOP-Fairton, NJ
LCDR Mary McGarry, FDA-Stoneham, MA
LCDR Loan Nguyen, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Wanda Pamphile, BOP-Philal, PA
LCDR Anna Park, FDA-Silver Spring ,MD
LCDR Andrew Potter, BOP-Phila., PA
LCDR Selena Ready, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Juliette Toure-FDA, Silver Spring, MD
LT Khang Ngo, IHS- Taholah, WA

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

- CDR Brum inquired about the post 9/11 GI transferability. Since we are in the beginning stages of this process, officers might need to wait until December 2011, when the full implementation occurs, to request transfers for dependents. It was emphasized again that we will also have to wait and see what impact if any, the budget has on the post 9/11 GI bill and transferability.
 - LCDR Myers had a question about how to place COSTEPS. She was wondering how to get the process going within the BOP. She was encouraged to follow-up with LT Velisa Jackson-Stephens and also CDR's Mallette and Middlekauff for further guidance. Other sources of information include CAPT's Bina and Shiber.
 - CDR Diak asked for an update on Senate Bill 637. This proposal would eliminate the need for senate confirmation of newly appointed officers, although officers would still be nominated by the President. This Senate Bill has not passed the House yet. Currently, commissioned officers are nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Senate, similar to the DoD at certain levels. Although passage of SB 637 may make the process quicker to get officers on board, there is concern of not having PHS in parody with DoD and the potential negative consequences.
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Readiness Section → CDR Nate Yale (nate.yale@ihs.gov) / CDR Daniel Brum (dan.brum@fda.hhs.gov)

- A reminder to begin the process for your 5-year physical in year 4 so that you can complete it on time.
- A power-point presentation on the PharmPAC website about Readiness is available to officers. Please see the following link for more information: <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy/readiness/readiness.asp>
- Influenza vaccinations will begin shortly. The MAB fax cover sheet may be used to update your profile once you receive your flu shot.
- There will be a “think tank” convened to review Readiness issues and planning for the coming year. The first meeting will take place in September and again in October. Any feedback or input is welcome to the Readiness Section leads on this topic.

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

- The Commissioned Corps Pharmacy Mentoring Network workgroup has met several times now. They are continuing to review and update resource materials. More information will be forthcoming. A call for volunteers to serve as mentors will be sent out as soon as the website is ready.
- A minor change will be made to the CV format. Many CV’s are submitted not in the correct format. To help officers with this, a word version of the template will be provided on the PharmPAC website.
- The Billet Transformation Process begins August 9, 2011 for multi-disciplinary positions. This will occur in a staggered way since there approximately 1200 officers in this type of billet. Officers are encouraged to respond to the timelines given. An email is sent to each officer to begin this process individually.
- Preliminary results of the Category specific billets have been sent to the Career Development section at the committee level. Those results are being reviewed before being uploaded in to Direct Access to ensure fairness.
- The COER will be available in October 2011. The narrative is very important to reflect an officer’s work. CDR Dando encouraged officers to look in the next 60 days to begin writing their narrative and use descriptive, active verbs that help describe the level of leadership and officership he/she has provided.
- A question was posed by CDR Matt Dionne to inquire how to handle how their billet was formalized. There is no grievance process in place but officers who feel they were negatively affected by the new billet (i.e., a lower billet) will have the higher of the two billets reflected in their e-OPF during the first two years. During that timeframe officers will have the option to request further review from their supervisor at the Agency level or to consider transferring. CDR Mallette encouraged officers to have good, open communication with Supervisors to help the process to work smoothly.

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)

- There were 9 voting positions open to add to the PharmPAC. The non-voting membership is now open for associate members. Please contact CDR Murray if you are interested. The deadline is August 15, 2011.
- Thank you to the 42 PHS pharmacists who submitted nominations to serve as a PharmPAC voting member for the 2011-2014 term. The selections were tough, and we are pleased to announce the selections of the following nine new PharmPAC Voting members:
 - BOP – CDR Michael Crockett, LCDR Troy Bernardo, LCDR Tiffanie Myers
 - Ex-Minimus – CDR Jinhee Lee (SAMHSA)
 - FDA – CDR Aaron Sigler
 - IHS – LCDR MaryJo Zunic, LCDR Brittany Keener, LCDR Jodi Sparkman, LT Khang Ngo

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

- Please see attached Recruitment report.

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

- The Pharmacy category page on the usphs.gov website is undergoing an update. The Communications section will monitor the website to make sure it is current. Please contact LCDR Martinez if you have updates, comments or want to submit a new bio to be profiled.
- The CAD Welcome Packet has been sent to 25 new officers via email.
- More volunteers are needed to assist with the CAD workgroup. Please contact LCDR Troy Bernardo at tbernardo@bop.gov if you are interested.

The National Prevention Strategy → CDR Peter Diak (peter.diak@fda.hhs.gov)

- The NPS was developed by 17 Federal departments under the leadership of VADM Regina Benjamin to strategically plan a way to improve the health and quality of life for individuals, families and communities with a focus on disease prevention. The PharmPAC has a workgroup of 10 officers, focusing on developing a report to show how pharmacists fit within this strategy. The topic areas will be smoking cessation, cardiovascular disease prevention, diabetes

prevention, immunizations, dental hygiene, HIV prevention, prescription drug abuse prevention, patient safety and community collaboration. The report will be shared with the Pharmacy category once finalized. If you want to read the National Prevention Strategy see

<http://www.healthcare.gov/center/councils/nphpphc/strategy/report.pdf>

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

- The COF Symposium Category Day in June was a great success. Thanks to the planning committee – CDR Tim Murray, CDR Josephine Lyght and LT Khang Ngo. Thanks to CDR Postelle Birch-Smith for coordinating the Pharmacy Social. The PharmPAC Awards were presented at the COF symposium – the recipients are:
 - George F. Archambault PHS Career Achievement Award in Pharmacy – RADM Thomas McGinnis
 - Allen J. Brands PHS Clinical Pharmacist of the Year – CDR Ryan Schupbach
 - Mary Louse Andersen Leadership Award – CAPT Michael Shiber
 - US Public Health Service Award for Managerial Excellence in Pharmacy – CAPT Michael Dupree
- The Pharmacist Responder of the Year Award, which was renamed in honor of RADM (Retired) John Babb as the RADM John Babb Responder of the Year Award is CAPT Dana Hall.
- Thanks to CDR Tim Murray for serving as the PHS representative to the ASHP House of Delegates at the June Summer Meeting in Denver. Thanks also to those staffing the DCCR funded recruitment booth which was led by CDR Christina Mead, LCDR Zack Miller, LT Christina Andrade and LT Ashley Schaber. Also, thanks to LCDR Jefferson Fredy for volunteering to serve as the PHS representative on the Federal Pharmacy Forum planning committee for the upcoming ASHP Midyear Meeting in December in New Orleans.
- Testing for the first Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Ambulatory Care Pharmacy certification occurs in October. The PharmPAC – thanks to LCDR MaryJo Zunic and CDR Peter Diak, created a position paper asking that this certification be added to the list of approved special pay certifications in Commissioned Corps Instruction 22.2.8, Exhibit II. That has been forwarded to Admiral Giberson who has submitted to the Commissioned Corps Pay Advisory Board for comment.

- For those interested in the PHS Pharmacy Challenge Coin, the supply has been replenished. The cost is \$12 – that includes shipping. The contact to order is CDR Laura Pincock – she can be contacted at laura.pincock@fda.hhs.gov. The order form can be viewed on the PharmPAC website – click on Administration, then PHS Coins, then ordering, then on “Click Here” on the top right.
- A note for the record that the June 2, 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)

- The OBC Open House takes place monthly and is part of the two-week Officer Basic Course that new officers are required to take. Please contact CDR Diak at peter.diak@fda.hhs.gov if you are interested in volunteering at the next one.
- CDR Matt Dionne asked about deployment and special insignia to place on the BDU’s that specify the discipline/profession that the officer is representing. For example DoD has insignia to specify pharmacists. LCDR Nabakowski mentions that was specific to Operation LoneStar in Texas where that was required. There appears to be an operational need in general but has not been addressed before to his knowledge. This request may occur through a revised uniform policy through the OSG. This recommendation can be routed through the PharmPAC and CDR Dionne will follow-up with CDR Mallette to pursue this.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1450.

Next Meeting Date: 01 September 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
PHS-RX-JOBS@list.nih.gov
PHS-Rx-Students@list.nih.gov
- ◆ 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

