

September 2009 PharmPAC Meeting
Recruitment Section

Exec Section
CDR Jeff Mallette

- Pharmacist Vacancy Document - has become stagnant with no information available to form a report since June. Workgroup members recently asked to reaffirm their status on the workgroup - announcement for replacements will go out soon if necessary.

Website Update
Given by CDR Jeff Mallette

- Working on enlisting new volunteers to take on the posting protocol project and to lead this subsection – many of things are out of date and need updating.

UPOC / PHSpharmacist.org Update
Given by CDR Brent Hobbs & CDR Jeff Mallette

- UPOC Workgroup has been formed
 - 22 member workgroup
 - Members have been assigned to the UPOCs for 4 to 6 schools.
 - Phase 1 has begun: The workgroup members have contacted their assigned UPOCs, introduced themselves, and updated their UPOCs status. This information is being used to update the UPOC listing for the PharmPAC website (the list is currently quite dated).
 - Phase 2 will begin in the next few weeks: the workgroup members will be trained on how to navigate www.phspharmacist.org. Then they will contact their assigned UPOCs twice a year and offer to assist them or to enter any UPOC activity in the .org site. This will be an on-going project/process.
 - Phase 1 has led to a number of schools with no contacts. An advertisement to fill these UPOC positions will be sent out soon on the phs pharmacist listserv.
- UPOC program is removing the primary and secondary designations - this has been approved by the PharmPAC at the June 2009 business meeting and is being announced at the Sept 2009 general meeting.

Student Programs Update
Given by LCDR Kavita Dada

- September Message: Application process to PHS (attached)
- August Message: PBKS (attached)
- The “Annual Summer Costep Social” was held at TGI Fridays on 8/12. It was a great turnout, we had several PHS officers come to support the event, and to share there experiences with PHS. In addition to the summer costeps, we had a few of the students who were on rotations attend as well.

PBKS Update
CDR Peter Vermilyea

- Proposal to be presented by CDR Peter Vermilyea to add annual salaries to PBKS document.

Associate Recruiter Program Update
CAPT Raelene Skerda & CDR Violette Ganoë

- Distribution of the Recruitment Service Ribbon (RSR) and certificate has begun and will be recorded in officer's eOPFs. Officers should be locating the Recruitment Service Ribbon on their eOPF if they qualified.
- List of awardees can be found on PAC recruitment website close to bottom.
- The ARP is currently being revised through a collaborative effort between OSG, OCCFM and Corps/Operating Division leadership. More information on this process will be forthcoming with updates provided through CCMIS and PAC listserves."

Inactive Reserve Corps Update
Given by LCDR Jefferson Fredy

- The Inactive Reserve Corps (IRC) workgroup (6 member group) is continuing to locate IRC pharmacy officers to update contact information. Thus far, the group has located 63 additional officers. This is a 90% increase from the previous total. The Office of Reserve Affairs (ORA) currently has 132 officer contacts out of a total of 217 pharmacy officers.
- In May 2009, RADM Carol Romano was named the director of the ORA. RADM Romano is currently, also, the Chief Nurse Officer and Acting Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General.
- There are an increasing number of opportunities for IRC officers. Several IRC officers have deployed on different OFRD missions this summer. There are 12 IRC officers (which includes 1 pharmacist) attending the OFRD training at Fort AP Hill in September.

August Message:

Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret

Is your quality of life all that it could be? Is it important to you to have time to spend with your family and friends, doing the things you enjoy? As a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS), you receive 30 days of annual leave plus 10 federal holidays. Many duty stations operate Monday through Friday during the day only. This organization allows you to pursue life in literally hundreds of locations - near the ocean, the mountains, the Grand Can-yon, the Gulf Coast, or National Parks - from the largest cities to the smallest communities. Be prepared to enjoy a camaraderie and sense of common purpose unlike anything you have yet experienced.

Pharmacists who join the PHS

- Will receive a \$30,000 sign on bonus
- Will have excellent medical and dental benefits
- Will have a housing allowance
- Will have plenty of other benefits available

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September Message:

Application to PHS

You will realize upon graduation, if you haven't already that the profession of pharmacy has endless opportunities. You should be proud of yourself for the career path you have taken, and it would be wise to start learning about opportunities in the Public Health Service.

As a pharmacist, your accessibility to the general public provides a real opportunity to help improve public health.

As a pharmacist, YOU are uniquely equipped to make a positive impact on your patients because you are:

- trained in effective communication
- part of a well-connected group of health care providers with nationwide networking through excellent professional organizations, trade publications, and continuing education programs
- the expert in the community in providing drug information
- amongst the nation's most trusted and respected workers and you are already established as a great source of information on health issues.

You do not need a master's degree or certification in public health pharmacy to make an impact on the public health of our nation. The Public Health Service (PHS) provides an extraordinary opportunity to make a difference as a clinical pharmacist in medically underserved populations. For more information on improving public health by becoming a PHS pharmacist go to:

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