



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

Minutes of Meeting
01 November 2007
Surgeon General's Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1300-1530

Members Present:

In Rockville:

CDR Scott Giberson, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Josephine Lyght, HRSA-Rockville, MD
CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Nita Sood (Ex-Officio Chair), HRSA- Rockville, MD
CDR Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Sohail Mosaddegh (executive secretary), FDA-Rockville, MD

Via Telephone:

LCDR Violette Ganoë (Chair), BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR G. Brent Hobbs, IHS-AZ
CAPT Lia Prella, CMS- Baltimore, MD
CDR Christopher Allen, CDC-Atlanta, GA
CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Richard DeCederfelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
(alt for CDR Garvey)
LCDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL
CAPT Robert McClelland, IHS-Elko, NV
LCDR Jeffrey Newman, BOP-Springfield, MO
CDR Michael Shiber, BOP Central Office Washington, DC
CDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
CAPT Kimberly Zietlow, IHS-Red Lake, MN
LCDR Kristina Joyce (JOAG), FDA-Philadelphia, PA
CDR Christine Yu, DIHS-El Centro, CA

Members Absent:

RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Patricia Garvey, FDA-Silver Spring, MD

Guests*:

LCDR Tara Turner, FDA- Silver Spring, MD
 LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Vicky Borders-Hemphill, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
 CDR Chae Chong, DIHS Elizabeth, NJ
 CDR Michelle Dillahunt, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LT Dat Doan, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Oluchi Elekwachi, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
 LCDR Lori Garcia, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
 LCDR Jeff Haug, DIHS- Pearsall, TX
 LCDR Irene Ahlstrom, BOP-Dublin, CA
 LCDR Jeffrey Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL
 LT Glendolynn Johnson, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Christopher Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Lisa Kwok, FDA-Rockville, MD
 CDR Gayle Lawson, FDA-Philadelphia, PA
 LT Liatte Krueger, BOP-Rochester, MN
 LT Theresa Liu, FDA-Rockville, MD
 CAPT George Lyght, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
 LCDR Michael Eddy, DIHS-Port Isabel, TX
 LCDR Diem-Kieu Ngo, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR James M. Saunders, FDA-Rockville, MD
 CDR Kassandra Sherrod, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Jeanne Skanchy, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Kendra S. Stewart, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
 CAPT Robert C. Steyert, FDA-Central Islip, NY
 LCDR Roberta Szydlo, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
 CDR Mel Tempel, DIHS- Florence, AZ
 CDR James Good, DIHS- Tacoma, WA
 LCDR Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LT Alexander Townley, IHS-Lame Deer, MT
 LT Frank Verni, FDA- Jamaica, NY
 LT Susan E. Pellock, FDA-Rockville, MD
 LCDR Devvrat Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD
 CDR Jacqueline Thomas, CDC, Atlanta, GA
 CDR Richard Glabach, OCCFM-Rockville, MD
 Ericka Roback, pharmacy student
 Raj Patel, pharmacy student

**Guests attending the meeting via call in are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location (City and state) information to the PharmPAC secretary at sohail.mosaddegh@fda.hhs.gov .

Call to Order: LCDR Violette Ganoë (vganoë@bop.gov)

LCDR Ganoë called the November 2007 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order.

Welcome to new members: LCDR Violette Ganoë (vganoë@bop.gov)

LCDR Ganoë welcomed the newest PHARM-PAC members:

CAPT Lia Prael, CMS- Baltimore, MD
 CDR Christine Yu, DIHS-EI Centro, CA
 CDR Josephine Lyght, HRSA-Rockville, MD
 CDR Scott Giberson, IHS-Rockville, MD
 LCDR G. Brent Hobbs, IHS-AZ

LCDR Sohail Mosaddegh (Executive secretary), FDA-Rockville, MD

Acceptance of 10 October 2007 PharmPAC Meeting Minutes: LCDR Violette Ganoë (vganoë@bop.gov)

Minutes from the 10 October 2007 PharmPAC meeting were accepted with no edits.

Presentation of awards/Certificates: CDR Nita Sood (Nsood@hrsa.gov)

CDR Sood presented Certificates on behalf of RADM Robert Pittman:

- Special Assignments Awards, for PAC members:
 - CDR Fritsch, CDR Vermilyea, LCDR Mouakket, LCDR Ganoë, CDR Glabach.
- Outgoing PAC members:

- CDR Close, CDR Foster, LCDR Mouakket, CDR Glabach
- Section Leads:
 - CDR Garvey, CAPT Zietlow, CDR Shiber, CDR Foster, CDR Glabach, CDR Fritsch, CAPT Bresette.
- Agency Reports:
 - LCDR Mouakket, CDR Tarosky, LCDR Romero, LCDR Newman, LCDR Allen, CDR Thomas, CDR DeCederfelt, CDR Bishop.
- Subcommittees:
 - LCDR Maves, CAPT Forman, CDR Garvey, CDR Phan, LCDR Ngo, CDR Fritsch, LCDR Thompson, LT Brum, CAPT Holt, CDR Long, LCDR Turner.

Presentation: CAPT Kathleen Downs gave a brief overview of the USS Peleliu Pacific Partnership Mission for the USPHS Pharm-PAC. (see handouts)

Section Lead Comments:

Administration → CDR Mary Kremzner Mary.kremzner@fda.hhs.gov / CAPT Kimberly Zietlow (kimberly.zietlow@ihs.gov)

Liaison Reports → CAPT Walter Holt (walter.holtjr@cdc.hhs.gov)

American Pharmacists Association (APhA)

- **The APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition**, held 14-17 March 2008 in San Diego, is the single event you need to attend to discover the latest trends and best practices in pharmacy, while sharing experiences and ideas with 7,000 pharmacy professionals from every practice setting; chain, independent, hospital, federal, long-term care, nuclear, and more.
- **Registration is now open: early registration 13 February 2008 (\$510 after: \$740).**

Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)

No new information given

American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)

No new information given

American Society of Health System-Pharmacists (ASHP)

- ASHP Deputy Executive Vice President William A. Zellmer, will give the Society's perspective on the possible creation of an intermediate or "behind-the-counter" category of drugs during a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [public meeting](#) on November 14.
 - ASHP Calls for Inclusion of Pharmacists in Loan Forgiveness Programs
 - ASHP is currently in discussions with congressional staff about expanding loan forgiveness programs to pharmacists.
- ASHP views this as an important mechanism to expand patient access to the critically needed services of pharmacists to improve medication therapy outcomes, prevent harm, and reduce overall health costs through more effective medication-use.
- Check the online Advocacy Resource Center at www.ashp.org/advocacy for updates on this important issue. For questions or comments, contact Joseph Hill, ASHP director of federal legislative affairs at gad@ashp.org
- ASHP is soliciting comments on draft guidelines on the following:
 - **Comment on ASHP's Draft Statement on Intermediate Class of Drugs**
 - ASHP is soliciting members' input to the Society's draft statement on criteria for an intermediate class of drugs.
 - The comments received will be used to finalize ASHP's guidance document and as part of the Society's testimony to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about the agency's proposal to create a behind-the-counter category of drugs.
 - The deadline for submitting comments is December 9. More information and a link to the draft documents are available at http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/cat1c.asp?CID=511&DID=553
 - **Managing drug product shortages : comments will be accepted until November 15, 2007**, To review this draft document,

please click on the following link: http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/cat1c.asp?CID=511&DID=553

- **The roles and responsibilities of the pharmacy executive: comments will be accepted until 26 November 2007.** To review this draft document, please click on the following link: http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/cat1c.asp?CID=511&DID=553
- Things to think about when commenting:
 - Is the guidance or statement of position clear? Is the issue a concern for pharmacists or their patients?
 - Does the background adequately explain the need for the guidance document?
 - Is the guidance sound, based on your experience and your understanding of practice and the literature on the topic? Are the references current, and do they support the guidance or position? (ASHP guidance documents are not intended to be comprehensive reviews of the literature, but supportive references should be cited.)
 - Will the guidance help pharmacists improve patient outcomes or the efficiency of care?
 - Please submit your comments to LCDR Keith Olin at keith.olin@fda.hhs.gov by November 9th.
- **ASHP Foundation has a new Web Site!**
Visit the new website at www.ashpfoundation.org
- 42nd ASHP Midyear Meeting:
 - Will be held at the Venetian Resort and Sands Expo Center in Las Vegas, NV (2-6 December 2007)
- **Research Boot Camp Now Accepting Applications**
The ASHP Research and Education Foundation's Research Boot Camp is a research skills development program composed of distance education, on-site, and research conduct components. Participants will develop a research idea into a well-structured research plan to be executed following program completion. Applications for this program should demonstrate motivation to acquire research methods skills to conduct rigorous practice-based research, and should include an initial research idea. The deadline to apply is 04 January 2008. For more information, visit www.ashpfoundation.org.
- **Apply Now for Pain Management Traineeship**
The ASHP Foundation is now accepting applications for its Pain Management Traineeship. The program, which is sponsored by Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., is a 10-day experiential program designed for pharmacists in acute settings who are providing specialized services for patients in pain. The traineeship prepares participants to design patient-specific pharmacotherapy; solve drug therapy problems; and develop protocols, policies, and procedures for the treatment of such patients. Importantly, the traineeship will also strengthen pharmacists' ability to help their institutions meet pain assessment and management standards issued by The Joint Commission. The deadline to apply is 26 November 2007.
- **Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant Accepting Applications**
The ASHP Foundation is now accepting applications to the Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant Program, which is sponsored by Abbott. Grants will be awarded to junior investigators to provide funding for research related to medication adherence and persistence studies that focus on individuals with either autoimmune diseases, dyslipidemia, HIV/AIDS, psychiatric disorders, or stages 3 and 4 renal disease. The deadline to submit applications is 03 December 2007. Applications and other information about this program can be found at www.ashpfoundation.org.
- **Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Grant Program**
This research grant program support practice-based research in medication use conducted by residents in ASHP-accredited pharmacy residency programs and residents in pharmacy residency programs that have submitted an application for ASHP accreditation. Applications are now available. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 01 November 2007.
- **Scarce Pandemic Vaccine to Be Given in Order**
In the early weeks of a flu pandemic, the first to receive scarce supplies of vaccine will include the military, medical and emergency workers, pregnant women and babies — nearly 23 million people — under a draft federal plan.

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

- **Applications Are Now Being Accepted for Managed Care Internships**
The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) is offering two summer internship programs. AMCP in conjunction with the Foundation for Managed Care Pharmacy, and under the auspices of Pfizer Inc., has made available twelve managed care internships for the summer of 2008. The goal of this program is to enhance a student pharmacist's awareness of career options in managed care pharmacy practice settings or within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by direct hands-on involvement. AMCP, in partnership with Allergan, Inc., is also offering two ten-week appointments to the Specialized Summer Internship Program in Health Outcomes for pharmacy students. The goal of this program is to create awareness of career paths in health outcomes and pharmacoconomics research, the foundation for evidence-based decision making in managed health care systems. For additional details visit the Foundation of Managed Care's Web site at <http://www.fmcenet.org>.

- **2008 Interim Meeting Abstracts**

AACP is seeking abstracts for roundtable discussion leaders prepared to share innovations in pharmacy education! The theme for the 2008 AACP Interim Meeting is creating value through innovation in health care in each of the mission-connected dimension of pharmacy education. The program will highlight innovations in health professions education, research and service presented in a variety of keynote presentations, panel discussions and roundtable sessions. Abstracts should be submitted electronically as a Word document by 5 p.m. **15 November 2007**, to Melinda Colon at [mcolon@a acp.org](mailto:mc colon@a acp.org).

- **NACDS Foundation Pharmacy Student Scholarship Program**

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores is awarding a minimum of 45 \$2,000 scholarships to students at schools and colleges of pharmacy across the country. In addition, select recipients will receive named scholarships in the amount of \$2,500. Visit the [NACDS Foundation Web site](#) to find out how to apply today!

- **Motivational Interviewing Training Institute**

AACP, the Case Management Society of America and Auburn University have teamed up once again to offer pharmacy educators an innovative workshop, [Motivational Interviewing Training Institute](#), that focuses on motivating patients to make life-long health behavior changes (through addressing patient ambivalence and resistance) and identifying dynamic interviewing tools. Join Drs. Bruce Berger, Bill Villaume and Jan Kavookjian on 30 November 2007 to 02 December 2007 at Auburn University for this informative and enriching experience that has been implemented in early patient care experiences, practice labs, OSCE's, and advanced practice experiences. Visit www.cmsa.org/aumiti for more information.

American Public Health Association (APHA):

- **FINAL REMINDER: Annual Meeting** will take place later this week, 3-7 November 2007, in Washington, DC. <http://www.apha.org/meetings/registration/>. The theme is *Politics, Policy and Public Health*. Great opportunity if you have never been to attend an APHA meeting. It has a very large multidisciplinary attendance upwards of 13,000 participants. The 2008 meeting will be in October in San Diego.
- APHA offers a Public Health 'Newsroom' on its website at <http://www.apha.org/about/news/>. This newsroom is very informative for up-to-date public health happenings and contains press releases and press tool kits (which contain fact sheets that provide a snapshot of the most critical current public health issues in the US and globally).
 - Finally, the newsroom gives anyone (free of charge) the ability to sign up for an email listserv to the American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) monthly press release, which summarize articles from their widely distributed and popular public health journal.
- **BIOTECHNOLOGY HEALTHCARE**
[Eighth Annual Pharmaceutical Regulatory and Compliance Congress and Best Practices Forum](#)
 Omni Shoreham Hotel
 Washington, DC
 7-9 November 2007

Communication → CDR Richard DeCederfelt (rdecederfe@nih.gov) / LCDR Patrick Romero (Patrick.L.Romero@uscg.mil)

- **Public Health Pharmacy Workgroup**→LCDR Sheryl Gunther

- **School Outreach** LCDR Sheryl Gunther
 - There was an overwhelming response for volunteers
 - 55 volunteers have participated in the program
 - 12 schools participated in Washington D.C., Maryland, New Jersey, and Oklahoma
 - The principals and teachers at these schools were very receptive to the program
 - The students were interested in the topics discussed and were engaged in the presentation. Students seemed particularly interested in bicycle and injury safety
- CDR Sood commented that the PHPW should look at Childhood Obesity. This public health issue is the Acting Surgeon General's priority.
- **Presentation: LCDR Postelle Birch-Smith** gave a brief overview on "the Officer Health Program". (see handouts)

Career Development → CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov) / CDR Scott Giberson (Scott.Giberson@ihs.gov)

- **Non-APhA Immunization Training**→ LCDR Mallette/CDR Shiber

- 15 programs have matched the criteria set by the PAC
- The program is awaiting final approval by OFRD
- Once approval is given, an additional 9 pharmacists will have met the training criteria
- A new list of these programs will be submitted upon approval

- **FOH Clinic Updates → CDR Giberson for LCDR Keith Olin (keith.olin@fda.hhs.gov)**
 - There were about 35 pharmacists participating in 8 different flu clinics this year.
 - All had received the APhA vaccination training
 - The flu clinics will end on 15 November 2007
 - Two additional clinics running 13 November–14 November and 14 November–15 November are in need of volunteers
 - To participate please contact LCDR Keith Olin (keith.olin@fda.hhs.gov)
 - In order to participate you must be APhA trained and activated by OFRD for liability reasons
- ◆ **OFRD Readiness → CDR Giberson/ CDR Mark Strong**
 - The pharmacy category once again made the top 5 for basic readiness
 - As a reminder each officer must be vaccinated before 31 December 2007 to be considered basic ready
 - CDR Strong and CDR Giberson recommended reviewing the basic readiness report that the CPO is given along with the complete “basic readiness level” flow chart to best diagnose any potential declines in readiness and will report back to the PAC next month with recommendations
 - Various methods for sending reminding officers to get their vaccines on time were discussed but no single approach was found that would work across the different agencies
- **Clinical Subgroups → CDR Scott Giberson**
 - 54 volunteers stepped forward across 8 different agencies
 - CDR Giberson will be organizing the group and will be meeting in the near future to establish goals and objectives.
 - A clinical web site sister to the Pharm-PAC Web-site was suggested
 - This subgroup would also like to increase the number of articles written by pharmacists in the USPHS
- **Mentoring Program → CAPT Lille Golson**
 - First online Training session was held on Thursday, August 16
 - Training session was viewed by many new and current mentors
 - The feedback submitted by those completing the online training was very helpful to CAPT Golson and will be used in updating the online sessions
 - 31 new mentors have signed up since the initial online training
 - 21 mentor/mentee matches were made in August, 9 in September, 14 in October
 - While the number of mentors is sufficient for the number of mentees they are not geographically spread out in the same pattern
 - There is a lag time of about one month in matching up a request for a mentor
- **Publishing Workgroup → CDR Michael Shiber**
 - Louis Flowers of the Publication Workgroup has received the final Draft of the manuscript with the authors approval to be submitted to the American Journal of Health System Pharmacy (AJHP).
 - He is in the process of reviewing the paper to ensure that it complies with the major stylistics requirements of the AJHP.
 - Before the end of the month he plans to submit a paper to them as well and when he gets a response from them on how the paper is accepted for publication and when it will be published he will report back to the Pharm-PAC.

Recruitment → CAPT James Bresette (James.Bresette@ihs.gov) / CDR Peter Vermilyea (peter.vermilyea@wihcc.org)

- **UPOC - CDR Peter Vermilyea:**
 - The Second UPOC Newsletter has been completed and distributed by CDR Peter Vermilyea.
 - The POC database is currently being updated by CDR Beth Fritsch. LCDR Devvrat Patel is working on converting the list to an Excel spreadsheet format. LCDR Emily Thakur is working on the processing of pending POCs.
 - CDR Beth Fritsch and LCDR Devvrat Patel mailed the thank you letters to the UPOCs who presented the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award at Universities.
 - CDR Beth Fritsch will be working on sending an email to all UPOCs to see if any would like to resign. After the response, an additional email will be sent asking for new volunteers.
- **WACS –CDR Beth Fritsch:**
 - LCDR Devvrat Patel is working to generate professional reports from the WACS Database. LCDR Devvrat Patel is finalizing the formatting of the reports and plans to complete this task by the November 2007 PharmPAC meeting.
- **ARP – LCDR Violette Ganoe:**
 - AR Leads developed and posted on the Pharm-PAC Website a pre-approved checklist of approved recruiting events. The understanding of ALWAYS IN UNIFORM will need to be stated. Updates will be considered quarterly by CAPT Raelene Skerda, CAPT Mike Forman, LCDR Christine Bina and LCDR Violette Ganoe, so please send your inquiries to their attention.

- APhA-ASP mid-year meetings are underway. So far there has been a good response from the field. Once the meetings are completed, we intend to send thank you letters to all that volunteered. The group that volunteered for the Baltimore MRM came up with a novel idea to raffle off a *Plagues and Politics* book that CDR Sood is trying to get signed by the surgeon general. The students that signed up for the raffle needed to submit a name & email address and be signed up for the student listserv.
- The Supply request form has been posted to the PharmPAC Website under the AR Program. In order to request supplies for a recruiting event, complete the form and e-mail to LCDR Christine Bina a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the event. Please make sure you include the date the supplies are needed.
- The ARP Leads are looking into a more efficient way of gathering CVs acquired at Career Fairs. CAPT Bresette has stated that the path that these CV's may take should be made clearer at future Pharm-PAC meetings.
- **Student Programs – LCDR Larry Lim:**
 - LCDR Lim is working on the November student Monthly message for the student list-serve.
 - LCDR Christine Oliver, LCDR Larry Lim, and CDR Peter Vermilyea are working to update the Residency and Student Programs info in the Pharm-PAC site.
 - LCDR Larry Lim stated that he wanted to post information on the Pharm-PAC webpage on Junior and Senior Co-step opportunities.
 - CAPT Bresette stated that they would talk further on the matter but they had decided that it would be best to not put out any information on opportunities in serving on the Medical Reserve Corps for those who will not be entering PHS until closer the their graduation dates in May.
- **PBKS to Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret (PBKS):**
 - CDR Peter Vermilyea is working with CDR Patrick Marshall on updating the PBKS document.
 - LCDR Christine Oliver, LCDR Larry Lim, CDR Peter Vermilyea will work to add the Residency and Student Programs info from the PharmPAC site into the PBKS.
 - 2 versions of PBKS will be release in the coming weeks a New Look revised 2007 version will be placed on the Pharm-PAC site and once the 2008 Pay Tables are finalized a 2008 version will be released.
- **Website:**
 - No New Information to Report this Month

JOAG Report → LCDR Kristina Joyce (Kristina.Joyce@fda.hhs.gov)

- JOAG's Call for Volunteers for committees came out in October. This document includes a description of the JOAG committees and workgroups, as well as contact information for each of the chairs. Any junior officers interested in becoming involved in a JOAG committee this is where you can find a committee that interests you. Ninety-nine percent of the work that JOAG does comes out of our 10 committees and workgroups. The announcement went out on the JOAG Listserv.
- JOAG voting membership approved a change in the membership configuration that would change the voting membership to 1 representative for each category and 9 "at large" members. This was done because the previous process forces JOAG to turn away many officers from voting membership because there are no openings for their category. Additionally, the voting membership approved a motion to allow the current voting members to select new voting members due to experience and familiarity with responsibilities of voting members (versus a committee).
- The Professional Development Committee is working on a new speaker series to be presented as a "lunch and learn" type teleconferences for junior officers. These will be held via teleconference on the months that a regular JOAG meeting is not held. RADM Sam Shekar, the new Transformation lead, will present on November 9 at 1300 via teleconference. This will be a great opportunity for an update on Transformation and to hear about RADM Shekar's vision. Information about the conference line will be sent out via the JOAG listserv next week.
- Next Regular JOAG Meeting:
7 December 2007
1300-1500 Hours
CALL IN NUMBER: 888-322-1791
PASSCODE: 83301

Agency Reports

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) –CDR Matthew Tarosky (see written report)

- Product Withdrawals
 - Several manufacturers of OTC cough and cold products voluntarily withdrew their products from the market on 11 October 2007 due to safety concerns about the product's use in pediatric patients under age 2. On 19 October 2007, an FDA advisory committee recommended that OTC cough and cold products should not be used in children under age 6.
 - On 18 October 2007, Pfizer announced that it will no longer market Exubera inhalation powder (insulin human recombinant DNA origin) based upon poor acceptance by patients and physicians.
- PHS Anchor
 - On 17 October 2007, FDA dedicated a PHS anchor at the White Oak Campus during a groundbreaking ceremony for the historic Building One which will house the Office of the Commissioner.
- Safety News
 - Amylin Pharmaceuticals has added acute pancreatitis to the Precautions section of the labeling for its Type 2 diabetes drug, Byetta (exenatide).
- Advisory Committee
 - On 13 December 2007, FDA's Nonprescription Drugs and Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs committees will meet to discuss the Rx-to-OTC switch of a 20 mg dose of Merck's Mevacor (lovastatin) for cholesterol lowering for the purpose of primary prevention of heart attacks. In 2000 and 2005, the joint panel voted against approving Mevacor for OTC use.
 - On 14 December 2007, FDA's Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee will meet to consider the possibility of revising the final monograph for OTC decongestants containing phenylephrine to increase the adult dose.
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) –CDR Richard DeCederfelt
 - Nothing new to report
- Bureau of Prisons (BOP) –LCDR Jeffrey Newman
 - 22 BOP institutions now utilize the bureau's "electronic medical records pharmacy module". BOP is in the process of transitioning all BOP pharmacies over to this software.
 - BOP is hoping to develop a hyper-lipidemia agreement with APhA similar to the immunization agreement
 - BOP would like to set up train the trainer classes at the next APhA meeting in spring 2008 for some of the BOP pharmacists
 - The national BOP conference is scheduled to start on 14 April 2008 in South Carolina
 - The BOP pharmacy in North Carolina is setting up the first BOP pharmacy residency program. There may also be a managed care residency at the central office in Washington, DC.
- Indian Health Service (IHS) →CDR Bradley Bishop
 - Representative not present
- DHS – LCDR Patrick Romero (USCG)
 - LCDR Romero was attending the Joint Forces Meeting in California and wanted to thank RADM Pittman, RADM McGinnis, RADM Bartron, and RADM Higgins for also attending the meeting and showing their support for PHS pharmacist
 - The Pharmacist of the year for the Coast Guard was CDR Deborah Thompson.
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – CDR Josephine Lyght,
 - HRSA's awards ceremony is scheduled for 13 November 2007 at the Doubletree hotel on Rockville Pike at 10 P.M.
 - HRSA holds a monthly brown bag session for their officers, this Wednesday on 14 November 2007 at 12:00 P.M. ; topic of discussion is EOPF
 - CDR Christine Yu added that effective 01 October 2007 DIHS has been moved from HRSA to the Department of Homeland Security
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) →CDR Chris Allen
 - There were two articles mentioned by CDR Allen that were originally published on the CDC internet site
 - 1) A reporter was imbedded in the USNS Comfort during one of its recent missions. The reporter observed and reported on the day to day activities of PHS officers.
 - 2) The second article was regarding the 30th anniversary (26 October 2007) of the last case of endemic smallpox recorded in the world. CDC had a special presentation that included some that were involved in the eradication campaign
 - Both articles were distributed via the listserv.
 - On 01 November 2007 from 1pm to 3pm there will be a live webcast on HIV/AIDS prevention in the Hispanic Community. The moderator for this event will be former Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello, M.D.
 - To view this event or any past webcast please go to www.cdc.gov/phtn.gov
- Office of the Secretary (OS) – Vacant
- COA Category day → LCDR Christine Bina

4. **Officer Health Program Presentation**