

March 2009 PharmPAC Meeting
Recruitment Section

Exec Section

LCDR Jeff Mallette and LCDR Joe Zagame

- PHS Pharmacy Vacancies Workgroup – is progressing under workgroup leader, CDR Glenna Meade. She is working through getting an initial list with updates from all the different agencies. Still in need of volunteers to cover: OS, NIH, ICE, CMS, CDC, and PSC.

Website Update

- Working to develop a listing of the owners of every link on the PharmPAC Recruitment Section website as part of the posting protocol project. Intention is to develop a workgroup to enact the changes designated by the posting protocol once the protocol is developed. More to follow.

UPOC Update

Given by CDR Brent Hobbs

- CDR Hobbs is continuing to work on the University Points of contact "Dear Dean" letters. He is working with CDR Dev Patel on merging letters before giving to RADM Pittman for signature, then the letters will be e-mailed out.
- Plan to develop a workgroup to begin tracking and trending the data input from UPOCs in www.phspharmacist.org
- JOAG developing recruitment tracking mechanism - shared our www.phspharmacist.org concept
- Need to solicit articles for Spring Newsletter

Student Programs Update

Given by LCDR Kavita Dada

- The February monthly message topic was Pharmacy and Public Health.
- March Monthly message topic will be in regards to Deployment.

PBKS Update

Given by CDR Peter Vermiliyeva

- The 2009 PBKS version has been posted to the PAC website:
<http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/pdf/secret1.pdf>

PHSpharmacist.org Update

Given by CDR Peter Vermiliyeva

- Again, each officer is responsible for entering the events they attend and when they contact schools
- www.phspharmacist.org - the \$140 fee is due – this needs to be paid

Associate Recruiter Program Update

***Given by: CAPT Mike Forman; CAPT Raelene Skerda;
LCDR LCDR Christine Bina; LCDR Violette Ganoe;
& LT Susan Polifko***

- The vision of and FAQ document for the future of the AR program has been sent out via the listserv.
- Per LCDR Pryor, the PAC's Recruitment sections will be responsible for soliciting nominations and selecting two AR leads and two ARs per HHS region.

Inactive Reserve Corps Update

Given by LCDR Jefferson Fredy

- The Office of Reserve Affairs (ORA) is working to update the contact information for the critical PHS categories. We are currently working with the DePAC. We will begin the update of the pharmacy category in March. Request for volunteers was sent out via the listserv on 2/25. Volunteers to LCDR Fredy were requested to respond by March 4.

February Message:

Pharmacy and Public Health

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
- among 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: <http://www.usphs.gov/profession/pharmacist/default.aspx>

March Message:

Deployment

As you embark on your career as a pharmacist, are you thinking about volunteering? 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 Commissioned Corps Readiness Force is a cadre of 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 name-selecting a small number of officers to the entire Commissioned Corps, as the Secretary did with Hurricane Katrina and Rita. For the individual officer this means getting the opportunity to utilize their pharmacy skills to serve the country.

For more information on how YOU can make a difference as a pharmacist in the United States Public Health Service, go to www.usphs.gov