



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

Minutes of Meeting
03 APRIL 2003
1300H – 1445H

Members Present:

In Rockville

LCDR Gregg Davis (Vice Chair)	LT Krista M. Scardina
RADM Richard Walling (CPO)	LCDR Samuel Wu (Secretary)

Via telephone

CAPT Craig Hostetler (Chair)	CDR James Bresette
LCDR Cindy Dougherty	LCDR Daniel Hasenfang
CDR Douglas P. Herold	CAPT Richard Lawson (alt CAPT Imholte)
LCDR Michael J. Long	LTJG Kristen Maves
Dr. Frank Pucino, Jr.	CDR Raelene Skerda
LCDR Mark N. Strong	

Members Absent:

CDR Michael S. Forman	CDR Paul Huntzinger
LCDR Michael Lee	

Guests:

LT Michael Bourg	CDR Ray Cope
LCDR Beth Fritsch	CDR Sharon Gershon
LT Richard Glabach	LT Marci Kiester
LT Jeff Mouakket	LT Aaron Sigler
LCDR Christine Yu	

CPO Report: RADM Richard Walling (cporx@osophs.dhhs.gov)

RADM recently attended the American Pharmacists Association's (formerly American Pharmaceutical Association) Annual Meeting. He reported that there was a great turnout by the PHS officers at the Federal Pharmacy Forum. Surgeon General Richard Carmona dropped by and spoke at the PHS breakout session, as well as to APhA-Academy of Student Pharmacists, where he received a very warm reception. RADM Walling reported that retired PHS Civil Service pharmacist Mary Louise Andersen received the Remington Honor Medal – APhA's highest award for her distinguished service in the pharmacy profession. She was an instrumental figure in the creation of the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs, as well as service to other PHS agencies. CAPT Stephan Foster (Ret) and CAPT Stephen Wickizer were elected as the APhA Fellows. In addition, CAPT Thomas McGinnis received the Distinguished Person of the Year Award 2003 presented by Pharmacists Planning Service, Inc., a non-profit organization that promotes consumer public health education and pharmaceutical information.

Comment:

- ◆ RADM Walling reported that George Havens, a pharmacist with USAID and the Deputy Team Leader of DART currently working in Kuwait, is establishing a system to request skills through the

- DART mechanism. This may open additional opportunities for commissioned corps officers.
- ◆ OSG Chief of Staff CAPT Richard Barror has taken on a new assignment in the FDA Office of Orphan Drugs Development. CAPT Gene Migliaccio is the acting Chief of Staff. The vacancy announcement has been sent out
 - ◆ DCP is soliciting nominations from the Pharmacist Category to serve on Appointment Boards. Please contact RADM Walling if interested.

PharmPAC Chair Report: CAPT Craig Hostetler (CHostetler@hrsa.gov)

- ◆ CAPT Hostetler reminded the PAC that the pharmacist special pay act contained a sunset law that will end the special pay at the end of FY 2004. We need to develop a report to Congress to demonstrate the effectiveness of the special pay act to justify its reauthorization. There is a great need for individuals who can provide assistance in statistical analyses, surveys, writing, etc. Please contact him via e-mail if interested.
- ◆ CAPT Hostetler provided some highlights from the APhA meeting:
 - Surgeon General's participation of the meeting and his recognition of the pharmacists' activities;
 - Awarding of the Remington Medal to Mary Louise Andersen;
- ◆ The revisions to the promotion precepts are currently being prepared for final response. They are available on-line at the DCP website. CAPT Hostetler would like to assemble a team to collect comments. Volunteers are needed.
- ◆ LT Aaron Sigler (SIGLERA@cdcr.fda.gov) will be leading an activity that focuses on familiarizing PHS officers with the concepts of "officership."

Section Lead Reports (Highlight):

(The detailed draft work plans were distributed to the PAC members prior to this meeting. Below are excerpts from the work plan.)

- ◆ Recruitment Section: Lead – CDR Bresette (JBresett@HQE.IHS.GOV)
 - CDR Bresette reported that the Pharmacy category is on target to hit the 10% ARP (Associated Recruiter Program) mark. Currently there are 841 pharmacists, with 56 already in the ARP and 2 applications in process. He stated that DCP's Penny Coppola is working on revising the ARP manual and that it should be ready by the end of April. Ms. Coppola is has agreed to offer the POCs the same materials and resources offered to the Associate Recruiters. She is also working on a letter to the deans of pharmacy schools that will provide guidance about available PHS programs, e.g., POC and ARP. This letter will also be cc'd to the POCs. It was suggested that the letter be endorsed by RADM Walling.
- ◆ Communications Section: Lead– LCDR Long and Co-Lead LT Scardina
 - LCDR Long reported that the Section is reorganizing the website to make it more user-friendly. LT Scardina reported that the preliminary work has been completed.
 - LCDR Long discussed the possibility of moving the server from its current HHS server to a private server. This is in part due to certain restrictions being placed by the HHS, such as the availability of a counter to track the number of visitors.
 - The Section is currently working on the criteria for the content of the PAC Website and Listservs. The Section will have the draft distributed to the members in about 1-2 weeks.
- ◆ Administration Section: Lead – LCDR Davis (davisg@cdcr.fda.gov)
 - LCDR Davis extended the voting deadline for the PharmPAC Honor Awards to 08 APRIL.
 - LCDR Davis reported the Section has received 14 nominations for the **USPHS Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Award for Pharmacy Students** and all of them will receive the award.

- In the past, it has been suggested that an addendum be added to PAC members' OPFs covering their PAC activities. However, we were recently informed that such an addition is not permitted.
- ◆ Career Development Section: Lead – CAPT Imholte (JImholte@OSOPHS.DHHS.GOV)
- CAPT Imholte did not attend the meeting and there was no report from his alternate.

Other Business/Announcement:

- ◆ LCDR Richard Glabach (RGlabach@ora.fda.gov) is a certified financial planner who has been reviewing the Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret recruitment presentation along with CAPT Martin Johnston and LCDR Mariann Kocsis with the goal of clarifying and tightening the salary and benefits numbers so that they would be easier to interpret. Some of the proposed changes include comparing the salary based on the medium instead of the range and using an Excel-based spreadsheet for BAH, taxes, and regular salary to show a typical growth of a specific grade over time. Using additional graphics to compare after-tax income over time is also being considered. He is seeking comments and thoughts.
- ◆ CAPT Hostetler reported that National Health Service Corps would soon offer its Loan Repayment Program to pharmacists who serve at certain sites/facilities. If interested, please contact him for further information.

Action Items:

- ◆ Those PAC members who have not provided an alternate should do so as soon as possible. Please make sure that the alternate provide a copy of the CV and evidence of supervisor's concurrence to LCDR Davis.
- ◆ PAC members must submit their ballot for the PharmPAC Honor Award by 08 APRIL.
- ◆ Comments on the proposed promotion precepts are due to CAPT Hostetler no later than 01 MAY.

Next Meeting Dates:

01 MAY2003 @ 1300 ET in SG Conference Room, 18-57, Parklawn Building

Agenda and Call-In Information will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ E-mails: PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov
Rx-Vacancies@list.nih.gov
Rx-Students@list.nih.gov
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>
PHS Rx Student <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>
CCRF Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/ccrf-pharm.html>
RPh Jobs/Vacancies <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/>
DCP <http://dcp.psc.gov/>
USPHS CC <http://www.usphs.gov/>
CCRF <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>
PHS-1 DMAT <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/dmat/>

--Respectfully Submitted,

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LCDR Samuel Wu, Executive Secretary Date

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CAPT Craig Hostetler, Chair Date

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RADM Richard Walling, CPO Date