



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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**07 OCT 2004**  
**Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room**  
**1300-1500**

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**Members Present:**

**In Rockville**

RADM Richard Walling (CPO) Rockville, MD  
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD

CAPT Sharon Gershon NIH-Bethesda, MD  
LCDR Laura Pincock FDA-Rockville, MD

**Via Telephone**

CDR Daniel Hasenfang INS-San Diego, CA  
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA  
CDR Patricia Garvey FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Kristen Maves IHS-Anchorage, AK  
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA  
CDR Michelle Gemelas IHS - Warm Springs, OR (alt/Forman)  
LCDR Sharon Oestereich BOP-Allenwood,PA (alt/Skerda)

CDR Doug Herold BOP-Rochester,  
CDR Thomas Berry FDA-Raleigh, NC  
CDR Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Mark Strong BOP-Leavenworth, KS

**Members Absent**

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA  
CDR Mike Long BOP- Ayer, MA  
CAPT Jim Imholte DHS-Kansas, MO  
CAPT Mike Forman IHS-Aberdeen, SD

LT Renu Chhabra FDA-Rockville, MD  
LCDR Burton Hill BOP-Marianna, FL  
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK  
Mr. Jae Kim NIH-Bethesda, MD

**Guests:**

LCDR Steve Dittert FDA-Nashville, TN  
LT Jeff Vang IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI  
LCDR Nita Sood HCFA-Atlanta, GA  
CAPT Nick Quaglietta BOP-Tucson,AZ  
CAPT Patricia Murphy FDA-Stoneham, MA  
LT Ayoub Suliman FDA – Rockville, MD  
CDR Charlie Hoppes FDA – Rockville, MD  
CDR John Quinn FDA – Rockville, MD  
LT Tia Harper-Velazquez FDA – Rockville, MD  
LCDR Steve Dittert FDA – Nashville, TN

LCDR Clint Hinman IHS-Chinle, AZ  
LCDR Bradley Bishop IHS-Tahlequah, OK  
LDDR Sheila Ryan FDA-Rockville, MD  
LT Ted Hall IHS-Baraboo, WI  
LCDR Gregg Davis NIH – Bethesda, MD  
LT Daniel Brum FDA – Rockville, MD  
CDR Robert Tosatto OSG – Rockville, MD  
LT Tara Turner FDA – Rockville, MD  
CDR Jane Kreis FDA – Seattle, WA  
LCDR Don Reese FDA – Rockville, MD

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**Call to Order:** LCDR Krista Scardina ([scardinak@cder.fda.gov](mailto:scardinak@cder.fda.gov))

- ◆ LCDR Scardina called the meeting to order. The meeting was going to be more of an informational format and detailed section reports would be held at the next meeting

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**CPO Report: RADM Richard Walling ([cporx@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:cporx@osophs.dhhs.gov))**

- ◆ There was an OFRD (Office of Force Readiness and deployment) response to Haiti. The northern part of the island was devastated by mudslides and their hospital was completely destroyed. LT Maya Thompson from Chinle, AZ is a pharmacist on the team there to give an assessment on what is needed to reestablish the infrastructure. The current team is expected to arrive back in the United States on Saturday. One pharmacist deployed for this mission.
- ◆ The accession bonus is still awaiting congressional approval. The last approval was through September 2004.

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**Section Lead Comments:**

- ◆ Administration → LCDR Krista Scardina ([scardinak@cdcr.fda.gov](mailto:scardinak@cdcr.fda.gov))
  - The new PharmPAC members will start 01 NOV 2004. The new members will be notified soon on their appointment.
  - The liaisons for the pharmacy organizations (ASHP, ACCP, AMCP, AMSUS, APhA) have been identified and will be notified this week.
- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette ([james.bresette@ihs.gov](mailto:james.bresette@ihs.gov))
  - The recruitment section is still looking into developing a website that can be utilized by Point of Contacts (POC's) and Associate Recruiters (ARP's). A suggestion was to develop the site away from the HHS website to test the operational concepts.
- ◆ Career Development
  - LCDR Mark Strong reported that the category is now at 28.2% versus 16% last month in meeting basic readiness requirements.
- ◆ Communication
  - Nothing to Report

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**APhA & Federal Pharmacy Issues: Guest-Dr. John Gans, Executive Vice President and Duane Tackitt, Director of Federal Pharmacy Programs (this presentation is available on the PharmPAC website at <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/meetmin.html>)**

- ◆ The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) meets with the Federal Chiefs from all of the uniformed services and all are in support of the association.
- ◆ APhA has made efforts to increase Federal Pharmacy presence in APhA. The membership fee has been lowered by half for federal pharmacists (\$105/year). A Federal Pharmacist Advisory Committee has been established. There has been increased representation in the House of Delegates. The annual Federal Pharmacy Forum was created and is ongoing at the annual meeting. The Distinguished Federal Pharmacy Award has been established. There is also a monthly e-newsletter and articles published on Federal Pharmacy in every other issue of *Pharmacy Today*.
- ◆ APhA has increased presence at the Combined Forces and AMSUS meetings.
- ◆ Federal pharmacists have also been involved in leadership positions within APhA. The previous president of APhA was CAPT Lisa Tonrey.
- ◆ This year APhA has announced an awards program to fund federal pharmacists to develop pharmacy practice programs. The award given this year will be \$10,000 grant. The program is called the Incentive Awards Grant Program.
- ◆ October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of American Pharmacists Month
- ◆ APhA will be honoring veterans on Veterans Day at the APhA building in Washington D.C. All are welcome to join in the celebration.
- ◆ For more information, refer to the APhA website at <http://www.aphanet.org/>

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**Medical Reserve Corps: Guest-CDR Rob Tosatto, MRC Program Director (this presentation is available on the PharmPAC website at <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/meetmin.html>)**

- ◆ July 2002 was the official launch of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).
- ◆ The mission of the MRC is to serve citizens and communities throughout the U.S. by establishing local teams of medical, public health and other volunteers to strengthen the public health infrastructure and improved emergency preparedness.
- ◆ The medical reserve corps is comprised of public health volunteers in the community that can be utilized in emergencies. There are teams in 46 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The teams not only consist of current practitioners, but also included are students and retired professionals.
- ◆ There are currently 2000 pharmacists in the MRC.
- ◆ PHS officers can volunteer to be part of the medical reserve corps. This is considered a volunteer activity performed as a civilian, however officers must adhere to PHS standards and codes of conduct.
- ◆ For more information on the MRC, visit their website at [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)
- ◆ Please contact CDR Tosatto with any questions at 301-443-4951 or at [rtosatto@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:rtosatto@osophs.dhhs.gov)

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**Public Health Pharmacy Group: Guest-CDR Charles Hoppes, Public Health Workgroup Lead, Communications Section, PharmPAC (this presentation is available on the PharmPAC website at <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/comm.html>)**

- ◆ The Public Health subgroup focuses on public health concerns. The group encourages pharmacists to volunteer in public health related areas. The mission of the group is to support and recognize interventions in the field of pharmacy, which promote community health and prevent community health problems. Pharmacy month is an opportunity to increase pharmacist presence in these areas.
- ◆ The group sees potential of volunteerism at the local and national levels. The group proposes a partnership with APhA to encourage pharmacist volunteerism. CDR Hoppes will partner with Duane Tackitt, APhA in moving forward with some of the initiatives of the group. APhA is willing to partner with PHS on these initiatives.
- ◆ The group will host Pharmacy Week at Montgomery Community College during the last week of October. PHS pharmacists will man booths at the Rockville and Germantown campuses to disseminate information on various public health issues including smoking cessation, substance abuse, immunizations, and suicide prevention. Pharmacists will also answer questions about a government career in the Public Health Service.
- ◆ For more information on the actions of this workgroup, please refer to their webpage on the PharmPAC website at <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/phpharm/index.html>.

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**Next Meeting Dates:**

**04 NOV 2004@1300 EDT Surgeon General's Conference Room 18-57, Parklawn Building, Rockville, MD**

**Agenda and call in information will be distributed prior to the meeting.**

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**Useful Links and Contact Info:**

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[RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov](mailto:RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov)  
[Rx-Students@list.nih.gov](mailto:Rx-Students@list.nih.gov)
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacist.html>  
PHS Rx Students <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>

CCRF Pharmacists  
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◆ Websites:

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<http://hhs.gov/pharmacy/>  
<http://dcp.psc.gov>  
<http://www.usphs.gov>  
<http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf/>  
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--Respectfully Submitted,

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LT Violette Geza, Executive Secretary      Date

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CAPT Raelene Skerda, Chair      Date

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RADM Richard Walling, CPO      Date