



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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**08 JAN 2004**  
**Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room**  
**1300-1520**

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**Members Present:**

**In Rockville**

RADM Richard Walling (CPO)	CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair)
LT Krista Scardina (Vice Chair)	CAPT Craig Hostetler
LT Renu Chhabra	Mr. Jae Kim
LCDR Laura Pincock	
CDR James Bresette	

**Via Telephone**

LCDR Mike Long	LT Violette Geza (Secretary)
CDR Doug Herold	CDR Mike Forman
CAPT Jim Imholte	LCDR Mark Strong
LCDR Michael Lee	LT Kristen Maves
LCDR Daniel Hassenfang	LCDR Thomas Berry

**Members Absent**

CDR Paul Huntzinger	LCDR Burton Hill
LCDR Patricia Garvey	CAPT Sharon Gershon

**Guests:**

RADM Arthur Lawrence	LT Aaron Sigler
LCDR Teresa Watkins	LCDR Fred Lockwood
LT Christine Oliver	LT Christine Bina
LCDR Brenda Stodart	LCDR Gregg Davis
CDR Hye-Joo Kim	LT Ayoub Suliman
LT Jeff Mouakket	LT Jason Chancey
LCDR Bradley Bishop	LCDR Brandon Taylor
LT Emily Thomas	CAPT Cecelia Prela
LCDR Jane Kreis	CDR Mark Burroughs
LCDR Denise Howell	CDR Ed Stein
CAPT Ron Brown	CAPT Richard Lawson
LCDR Alina Mahmud	LT Sheila Ryan
CAPT Robert Pittman	CDR Jim Watkins
LT Kelly Valente	LT Arianne Camphire
CDR Nick Quaglietta	LCDR Steven Mazzella
LTJG Jeffrey Vang	LT Connie Jung
LT Phelicia Bush	

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**Call to Order: CAPT Raelene Skerda ([rskerda@bop.gov](mailto:rskerda@bop.gov))**

CAPT Skerda introduced RADM Arthur Lawrence to comment on the Corps transformation.

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#### **RADM LAWRENCE**

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- ◆ RADM Lawrence emphasized the recasting of the corps to become more useful and broader to our nation's needs. The transformation will bring on a unified corps.
- ◆ Emphasized that Promotion and Deployment are a part of the Transformation, and should be considered one of the means to a Unified Corps. Readiness is a component of "value added" to an officer.
- ◆ RADM Lawrence encourage pharmacists to continue their diversified roles in the corps.
- ◆ RADM emphasized that the Transformation and the accelerated Timeline is an initiation from the Office of the Secretary of Health.
- ◆ RADM Lawrence offered his services to any Pharmacy Officer who wishes to contact him for career development advice [alawrence@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:alawrence@osophs.dhhs.gov) Phone: (202) 690-7439

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

- ◆ RADM Walling was pleased with the PAC's accomplishments this past year especially the Point of Contacts for the pharmacy schools.
  - ◆ RADM Walling emphasized recruiting as a major issue in the Corps transformation. There are currently 887 pharmacy officers on active duty.
  - ◆ RADM Walling encouraged all officers to become deployable. He set a goal of April 1<sup>st</sup> for the entire PharmPAC to meet the basic requirements for deployment.
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#### **Section Lead Comments**

- ◆ Administration → LT Krista Scardina ([scardinak@cder.fda.gov](mailto:scardinak@cder.fda.gov))
  - ▶ Will be creating criteria for group liaisons to the major pharmacy organizations such as ASHP and Apha.
  - ▶ This year the student awards will be sent electronically to the pharmacy schools. There has been a 56% response from the POC's with the contact information for awards at the college. There are 21 of 89 schools that have not responded.
  - ▶ The deadline for COA awards is 01 March 2004. An email will be sent on the listserv.
  - ▶ A discussion was led to change the name of the Nonclinical Pharmacist of the Year Award. A motion was made to rename the award on behalf of Mary Louise Anderson. The proposed name is USPHS Mary Louise Anderson Leadership Award Pharmacist of the Year. The name change was voted upon and approved by the PharmPAC members.
  - ▶ LT Renu Chhabra is leading the charter review committee and will be submitting a report to RADM Walling.
  - ▶ LCDR Greg Davis noted the call for nomination for the House of Delegates for the APha meeting in Seattle, WA on March 26 – 30. There will be 2 delegates selected to represent PHS at the meeting. Anyone interested in volunteering, should send a CV to LCDR Davis. Both junior and senior officers are welcome to apply. There is also a call for delegates for the ASHP meeting being held June 20 – 22. Interested parties should send their CV by 20 JAN 2004 to LCDR Davis. If not selected as a PHS delegate, officers are encouraged to volunteer as a delegate for their state organizations. \_
- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette ([jbresett@hqe.ihs.gov](mailto:jbresett@hqe.ihs.gov))
  - ▶ The 2 year workplan for the section is continuing.
  - ▶ The content on the website needs to be updated to aid in recruiting such as Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret and the 2004 pay scale.
  - ▶ CDR Bresette stated the most active recruiting times are from January – June and

September - November.

- ▶ Associate recruiters are asked to identify recruitment materials needed. There is a new recruitment manual being developed. Recruiters should notify Penny Coppola or CAPT Raelene Skerda with commonly asked questions that can be incorporated in the manual.
  
- ◆ Career Development → CAPT Jim Imholte ([jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov))
  - ▶ The special pay report will be completed and sent to the RADM Walling and the Surgeon General.
  - ▶ There is need to expand the civil service group in the PharmPAC. Mr. Jae Kim will be key in this effort, assisted by Renan Bonnel.
  - ▶ On January 6<sup>th</sup>, a new letter was sent out for the for PHS officers to get on the CCRF website and meet the readiness standards. Physical exams are valid for 5 years and need to be updated.
  - ▶ There has been a 46% response to the CCRF deployability survey.
  
- ◆ Communication → LCDR Mike Long ([mzlong@bop.gov](mailto:mzlong@bop.gov))
  - ▶ The current PharmPAC members contact information has been updated on the website. PAC members should notify LCDR Long if any changes need to be made.
  - ▶ Updates needed for the website include the following: Pharmacy's Best Kept Secret, Externship Site List (CAPT Richard Lawson volunteered)
  - ▶ The civil servants have been added to the Pharmacy listserv.
  - ▶ The student listserv needs to increase the number of subscribers. POC's are encouraged when recruiting to get a list of email addresses from students. Volunteers are needed to write articles to be posted to the listserv. Contact LCDR Long if interested.

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#### **New Business & Announcements**

- ◆ LT Renu Chhabra noted that 12 papers for the pharmacy category were submitted for the COA meeting. There is only room for 4 speakers.
  - ◆ There were 5 new officers in IHS to pass the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) Pharmacotherapy exam and became board certified in December 2003
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| LCDR Kristy Klinger    | Whiteriver, AZ |
| LCDR Christopher Lamer | Cherokee, NC   |
| LCDR Michael P. Lee    | Claremore, OK  |
| CDR Pamela Schweitzer  | Phoenix, AZ    |
| LT Timothy Murray      | Claremore, OK  |
- ◆ The deadline for the student awards is the same as the COA awards, which is March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ◆ PharmPAC members and alternates should contact the section leads to let them know where they want to be involved. Members that have not chosen a section will be assigned.

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#### **Next Meeting Dates:**

**05 FEB 2004 @ 1300 EDT in SG Conference Room, 18-57 Parklawn Building**

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

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#### **Useful Links & Contact Info:**

- ◆ Emails: [PharmPAC@list.nih.gov](mailto:PharmPAC@list.nih.gov)  
[PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov](mailto:PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov)  
[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 <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-ccrf-pharm.html>  
RPh Job Vacancies <http://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>

◆ Websites PharmPAC <http://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>

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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

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