



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

Minutes of Meeting
02 SEPT 2004
Office of the Surgeon General Conference Room
1300-1505

Members Present:

In Rockville

CAPT Raelene Skerda (Chair) BOP-Allenwood, PA
LCDR Krista Scardina (Vice-chair) FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jeff Mouakkett HRSA- Rockville, MD

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

Via Telephone

LCDR Daniel Hasenfang INS-San Diego, CA
CDR Mike Long BOP- Ayer, MA
LT Violette Geza (Secretary) BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR Burton Hill BOP-Marianna, FL
CDR Jim Bresette IHS-Rockville, MD

CDR Doug Herold BOP-Rochester, MN
LCDR Mark Strong BOP-Leavenworth, KS
CDR Paul Huntzinger USCG-Oakland, CA
CDR Thomas Berry FDA-Raleigh, NC
LCDR Patricia Garvey FDA-Rockville, MD

Members Absent

RADM Richard Walling (CPO) Rockville, MD
CAPT Jim Imholte DHS-Kansas, MO
CDR Mike Foreman IHS-Aberdeen, SD

LT Kristen Maves IHS-Anchorage, AK
LCDR Michael Lee IHS-Claremore, OK
Mr. Jae Kim NIH-Bethesda, MD

Guests:

LT Emily Thakur FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Paras Patel - FDA Rockville, MD
LT Lori Garcia FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Ayoub Suliman FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Nick Quaglietta BOP-Tucson, AZ
LCDR Nita Sood HCFA-Atlanta, GA
CDR Julienne Vaillancourt FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Kristen Miller FDA-Rockville, MD
LTJG Jeff Vang IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
CAPT Mike Jones FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Sharon Oestereich BOP-Allenwood,PA
LCDR Teresa Watkins OCCO-Rockville,MD

LCDR Steve Dittert FDA-Nasville, TN
LCDR Mark McClain FDA-Hartford, CT
LCDR Chris Allen CDC-Atlanta, GA
CDR Jane Kreis FDA-Seattle, WA
CAPT Nick Quaglietta BOP-Tucson,AZ

Call to Order: CAPT Raelene Skerda (rskerda@bop.gov)

- ◆ Meeting called to order and last month's meeting minutes accepted with some additional edits.
- ◆ RADM John Babb discussed force readiness. Pharmacists in non-clinical duty stations and are not able to achieve their clinical hours can choose another non-clinical role for force readiness.

Section Lead Comments:

- ◆ Administration → LCDR Krista Scardina (scardinak@cdcr.fda.gov)
 - The recommendations for new PAC members were forwarded to RADM Walling and then to the OSG. The new members will be contacted shortly of their appointment.
 - The revised PAC charter has been signed and is posted on the website.
 - A call for APhA abstracts was sent out on the listserv and the deadline was 16 Oct 2004. PHS will head the Federal caucus again this year at the APhA meeting.
 - Call for nominations for the APhA Federal Pharmacist Award has been out - information can be obtained on the APhA web site. Also, delegates will be needed for the APhA Annual conference in Orlando, Florida, the end of March. Those interested should e-mail their interest to LCDR Greg Davis, the APhA Liaison.
 - LCDR Pincock reported that 3 pharmacists were selected for membership into JOAG and their terms will begin on Oct. 1st. JOAG was invited to a special meeting with VADM Carmona, RADM Babb, and RADM Williams on 08 Sept 2004 to discuss the transformation, the Lewin Group report, and Readiness.
- ◆ Recruitment → CDR James Bresette (james.bresette@ihs.gov)
 - There are currently 900 commissioned officers. The goal of reaching 1000 officers is promising. There was no increase in newly commissioned officers secondary to the relocation of OCCO and no data entry for a two week time period.
 - LT Christine Bina (binac@cdcr.fda.gov) is still in need of volunteers for the upcoming APhA-ASP Mid-year regional meetings. Volunteers are needed for the following cities:

Ann Arbor, MI	Salt Lake City, UT
Fargo, ND	Houston, TX
 - CDR Jane Kreis discussed the requirements and development of a POC reporting feature within the Recruitment Section of the PAC website. The website feature will allow POCs to report on their respective activities, contacts, and coordinate with other POCs. POC's would report and update their school's data on a regular basis. The plan is to go live with the new PAC year.
 - Presentation given by CDR Mary Kremzer (FDA) on the Preceptor Program initiated by the FDA, and discussions on expanding and implementing some of the best ideas in our PharmPAC recruitment section/student communications.
- ◆ Career Development → CAPT Jim Imholte (jimholte@osophs.dhhs.gov)
 - LCDR Mark Strong reported that 16.6% of the pharmacy category currently meets basic readiness standards.
 - The CV template was forwarded to the other categories for review.
 - LCDR Mark Strong will follow up on the question of needing dispensing hours to qualify for the pharmacist role in OFRD and report back to the PAC.
 - A suggestion was made for a database of possible 2 week deployment roles for pharmacist stationed in administrative roles. CDR Paul Huntzinger agreed to research developing/coordinating the feasibility of such a database to be shared across agencies.

- ◆ Communication → CDR Mike Long (mzlong@bop.gov)
 - The externship sites on the PAC website is in need to be updated. CDR Paul Huntzinger volunteered to coordinate this effort.
 - New Student Listserv message has been authored and will be on the listserv.
 - CAPT Sharon Gershon reported on the ideas for Pharmacy Week in October, including using Senior Citizen centers/complexes and Community Colleges to better reach populations with needs for pharmacist interventions. Also noted was that materials are available on the APhA web site for pharmacists nationwide to use in celebrating Pharmacist week.
 - Nothing new was to report on the new website proposal.

PAC Chair Report: CAPT Raelene Skerda (rskerda@bop.gov)

- ◆ An election was held 17 Aug 2004 for chair and vice chair. CAPT Raelene Skerda was elected as chairperson and LCDR Krista Scardina as vice-chair.
- ◆ A call for section leads will be posted to the listserv. The section lead will preferentially be a PAC member but active participants will be considered. Those interested should email CAPT Skerda and LCDR Scardina.
- ◆ RADM Richard Walling (CPO) will be retiring in July
- ◆ CDR Chris Bina and CDR Murray Potter will be organizing COA pharmacy category day. A committee meeting will be held at 03 Sept 2004 at 1300 EST.
- ◆ The accession bonus as been reintroduced into the defense bill and will most likely be continued.
- ◆ APhA will be in attendance at the October PAC meeting as well as CDR Rob Tosatto from the Medical Reserve Corps.
- ◆ Of note to a USPHS pharmacist, in "Pharmacy Today" there is an article spotlighting CAPT(ret) Craig Hostetler and his work in Kabul.

Next Meeting Dates:

07 OCT 2004@1300 EDT Parklawn Building

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

Useful Links and Contact Info:

- ◆ Emails:
 - PharmPAC@list.nih.gov
 - PHS-Pharmacists@nih.gov
 - RX-Vacancies@list.nih.gov
 - 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/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

--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