



Social Work Professional Advisory Group

General Meeting Minutes

26 JUL 2021 1300-1400 HRS EST

Conference Link: <https://stephaniefelder.my.webex.com/meet/33felder>

Conference Dial in (415) 655-0001 Access Code: 126 444 6836#

- I. **Welcome/Attendance**– (Please Press *6 to unmute)
- II. **(06/28/21) Review Minutes (1st Motion/2nd Motion):** LCDR Karber/ LCDR Van Meir
- III. **SWPAG Chair:** CDR Stephanie Felder

1. Promotion Updates

- Chair congratulates all who were promoted and acknowledged that this was a hard year with historic low percentages for promotion. Chair encouraged officers to reach out to peers and offer support. Encourage others to stay focused and continue to work hard.
- There will be a webinar upcoming on promotion readiness. More to come on this.

2. USVET Homeless Veterans

- A cookout for homeless veterans is planned for Labor Day weekend. The date will be tentatively September 4th. This will be in the DC area. Please hold this date. More information to come.
- We are looking at volunteer opportunities in the future at more USVETs location across the nation.
- We are in the process of determining how many veterans to plan for. Volunteers will be sought to cook, serve, give donations, and other tasks.

3. HUD STEM Opportunity

- HUD is also looking to partner with the USVET Labor Day Cookout.
- The HUD STEM Opportunity is a pilot STEM opportunity with kids in public housing in Richmond, VA. They are seeking possible support assistance from the SWPAG. Possibly virtual case management or counseling support.
- We will continue to explore this request.

4. Telehealth Certification

- The Telehealth Certification Institute will come to speak with the SWPAG in the future.
- Certifications available are: Tele Mental Health Certification, Telehealth Director Certification, Tele Stroke Facilitator Certification, among others.
- Will come and talk about their certification process.
- Will also offer SWPAG a group discount.
- SWPAG continues to seek out opportunities to help advance officers with career development activities.

5. Publication Opportunities

- Today's presentation with Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness was one of a two part effort on the topic of publication opportunities.
- If you were not able to attend, the presentation was recorded and will be shared with the SWPAG in weekly announcements.
- For the second part of this topic, SWPAG will be bringing in researches in a discussion on the basics of how to publish. The date of this presentation is TBD, but we are aiming for August or September.

6. Meet and Greet DMV

- Will defer topic to Stakeholder & Community Engagement subgroup.

IV. **Flag Officer: RADM Matthew E. Kleiman** matthew.e.kleiman.mil@mail.mil (on TDY)

V. SubGroup Reports

- This meeting was abbreviated due to following behind the one-hour presentation with Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Journal editors. Two subcommittees provided updates to the body which are detailed below.

OPERATIONS

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| <p>Communications <i>Chair:</i> LCDR Lorener Brayboy Lorener.E.Brayboy@ice.dhs.gov</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CDR Mark Durham</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No update |
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| <p>Awards <i>Chair:</i> CDR Kymberly Spady-Grove kymberly.m.spady-grove@uscg.mil</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CDR Preston Shumaker Preston.L.Shumaker@ice.dhs.gov</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update |
| <p>Stakeholder & Community Engagement <i>Chair:</i> CDR Monique Worrell-Oriola Monique.Worrell-Oriola@ice.dhs.gov</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CDR Holly Berilla HBerilla@hrsa.gov</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the date for a DMV area SWPAG Meet and Greet • Weds, July 25th 2020. Aiming for a happy hour. • We are also planning a virtual meet and greet for officers not in the National Capitol region. Tentatively in October. • Please standby for additional information. |

OFFICER SUPPORT

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| <p>Training, Education, and Mentorship <i>Chair:</i> LCDR Monique Richards Monique.Richards@ihs.gov</p> <p><i>Co-Chairs:</i> CDR Kimberley Jones (Mentoring) kimberley.r.jones.mil@mail.mil</p> <p>LCDR Candice Karber (Training and Education) CKarber@hrsa.gov</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month event will take place this Wednesday, 7/28 at 1200 EST. We are joining forces with the Psychology PAG and the four charter minority groups to present this event. Details are listed in the SWPAG Announcements. 2. The next Virtual Book Club will take place on 22 AUG. Details are available in the SWPAG weekly announcements. |
| <p>Readiness <i>Chair:</i> LT Desirrae Harris desirrae.d.harris.mil@mail.mil</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update |

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| <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CDR Kari Harris k2xharris@bop.gov</p> | |
| <p>Data and Evaluation <i>Chair:</i> CDR Allah-Fard Sharrieff Allah-Fard.M.Sharrieff@ice.dhs.gov</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CDR Alysia (Jackson) Ward ax4jackson@bop.gov</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update |

MANAGEMENT

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| <p>Policy <i>Chair:</i> LCDR Robert Van Meir Robert.E.VanMeir@ice.dhs.gov</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CAPT Karen Hearod karen.hearod@samhsa.hhs.gov</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update |
| <p>Administrative Management <i>Chair:</i> CAPT Cole Weeks cole.weeks.usphs@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Co-Chair:</i> CDR Christine Nemeti cole.weeks.usphs@gmail.com</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update |

AdHOC SUBGROUP

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| <p>Recruitment and Retention Chair: LT Janelle Phillip</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update |
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Meeting Adjourned at 1318 EST (1st Motion/2nd Motion): CDR Ward/ LCDR Van Meir

NOTE: Please email your attendance to Executive Secretary Finch-Hall at tfinchhall@bop.gov

ATTENDANCE

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| CDR Stephanie Felder | LCDR Robert Van Meir | LT Tamika Finch-Hall | CDR Kymberly Spady-Grove |
| CDR Preston Shumaker | CDR Worrell-Oriola | LCDR Monique Richards | LCDR Candice Karber |
| CDR Alysa (Jackson) Ward | CDR Christine Nemeti | LT Janelle Phillip | LT Everett Rollins IV |
| CAPT Tarsha Cavanaugh | CAPT Carlos Castillo | CDR Robin Jackson | CDR Jenny McCorkle |
| CDR Evelyn Pleasanton | CDR LaMar Henderson | CDR Vickie Stowers | CDR Gina Ligonde |
| CDR Robert Garcia | LCDR Jerome Anderson | LCDR Andrea Cunningham | LCDR Heather Light |
| LCDR Marie Cetoute | LCDR Tigisty Zerislassie | LCDR Tyson Baize | LCDR Kimberley Calvery |
| LCDR Nicole Pascua | LT Shemil Ogilvie | LT Jamilah Bynum | |
| Excused: | CDR Kari Harris | CDR A. Sharreif | CDR Cole Weeks |