



**NAME: CDR KIMBERLY DAVIDS**

**JOB TITLE: SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH ANALYST;  
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS**

**AGENCY: HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)**

### **EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS/INSTITUTIONS**

Commander (CDR) Kimberly Davids received a Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 2006 and a Master of Public Health from University of Kansas Medical Center in 2014.

She is certified in Public Health, Pharmacy-based immunization, Tobacco Interventionist for Native Communities and is a National Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Anticoagulation. She also has been certified by American Academy of HIV Medicine as an HIV Pharmacist and Expert.

### **CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION**

CDR Davids works at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) where she serves as the Lead Public Health Analyst for the State of Kansas National Health Service Corps and for the State of Missouri Behavioral Health Clinics. She is responsible for assisting Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) programs that fund participants to serve in Health Professions Shortage Areas. By providing support for the recruitment and retention of primary health care providers in Health Professions Shortage Areas in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa, she coordinates with state and regional level partners and stakeholders, and health professions in support of the BHW programs and initiatives. She manages the scholar placement process by connecting in-school scholars and unemployed participants to the primary care network, safety net, and their communities of clinical practice and associated partners.

### **QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION**

To help relieve staffing shortages, CDR Davids served at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka, Alaska; Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Health Center in Bethel, Alaska; and SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Juneau Medical Center in Juneau, Alaska. Therefore she is familiar with the strain staffing shortages place on facilities and how they impact the quality of care in health systems.

### **REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER**

As graduation from pharmacy school was approaching, CDR Davids began researching other degree options in different career fields because she wanted to employ and continue to develop her knowledge, skills and interests. During her last experimental rotation with the Indian Health Service (IHS) in Oklahoma, CDR Davids learned about

the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). She enjoyed working on an interdisciplinary team in a clinical setting. She learned about the numerous career opportunities and general job satisfaction of officers in the USPHS. CDR Davids was also intrigued about the opportunity to deploy to assist people affected by disasters and other public health emergencies.

#### **PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Advanced Practice Pharmacist – Lawrence, KS – IHS
- Senior Pharmacist – Lawrence, KS – IHS
- Senior Pharmacist – Anchorage, Alaska – IHS

#### **MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

CDR Davids jumped at the opportunity to move to Alaska after graduating. She provided HIV expertise at the Alaskan Native Medical Center HIV clinic and to the other centers in the state. One of the most rewarding professional experiences was assisting a patient resistant to HIV treatment. CDR Davids researched and completed monograph write-ups, presented them to the formulary team, and several new HIV drugs were added to the formulary. Subsequently, the patient was started on the new medication regimen and 2 weeks after starting the regimen, the patient had an undetectable viral load, something that had not been achieved in 10 years. CDR Davids found the experience of improving that patient's health particularly gratifying.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES**

CDR Davids is the course coordinator and instructor for Pharmacy and Public Health, a course at the University of Kansas, College of Pharmacy. The one hour elective course brings in different USPHS officers from varying agencies to discuss their roles in public health and provide a lecture to the class on the topic from the syllabus.

*By CDR Shary M. Jones*