

NAME: CDR Jefferson Fredy, PharmD, BCPS

TITLE: Chief Pharmacist, Crownpoint Healthcare Facility, Indian Health Service

AGENCY: Health and Human Services (HHS)

# EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

Commander (CDR) Jefferson Fredy attended the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque where he received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2003. In 2004 he completed a Pharmacy Practice residency from the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

CDR Fredy has a broad range of professional certifications and training including Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist, APhA Certified Immunization Provider, and Advanced Navajo Medical Terminology and Interpreter.

# **CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

CDR Fredy serves as the Chief Pharmacist at the Crownpoint Healthcare Facility in the Indian Health Service (IHS). As the Chief Pharmacist his responsibilities include direct supervision of 17 pharmacy staff members that operate 4 pharmacies. CDR Fredy is responsible for the review of health records to ensure therapeutic appropriateness and make recommendations and interventions when warranted.

In addition, he is a certified anticoagulation clinic provider and a pharmacy student preceptor for the University of the Sciences of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Rutgers University and Temple University. CDR Fredy is the founding Residency Program Director for a Post Graduate Year One Pharmacy Residency program that was accredited by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists in 2013.

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

CDR Fredy joined IHS in 2003 as a pharmacy resident and then transitioned into a staff pharmacist position at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center. In 2008 he transferred to the Office of the Surgeon General as a Program Support/Personnel Specialist where he provided personnel and operation support for Inactive Reserve Corps policy and interests. In 2010 he returned to clinical practice as an Advanced Practice Pharmacist at the Crownpoint Healthcare Facility. While in this role, CDR Fredy served as the Acting Principle Pharmacy Consultant (11/2012 - 4/2013) for IHS Headquarters and was responsible for representing IHS Pharmacies to the IHS Director, Senior Staff, members of Congress and HHS. In addition, he was responsible for the oversight of numerous IHS Pharmacy initiatives.

In February of 2014, CDR Fredy began to serve as the Chief Pharmacist for the Crownpoint Healthcare Facility.

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

During pharmacy school, CDR Fredy learned about the unique clinical pharmacy opportunities offered by IHS. Shortly after receiving his commission, he learned that commissioned corps officers even outside of IHS fill a vast array of roles, many of which appealed to his interest in serving as a healthcare provider.

#### PREVIOUS AND CONCURRENT USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

Advanced Practice Pharmacist, Crownpoint Healthcare Facility, IHS Acting Principle Pharmacy Consultant, IHS Program Support/Personnel Specialist, Office of Surgeon General Staff Pharmacist, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, IHS Pharmacy Resident, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, IHS

#### MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

CDR Fredy has had many rewarding professional experiences in his previous and current positions. In general his most rewarding professional experiences have entailed the diverse career progression opportunities afforded to him. He also has developed great friendships along the way.

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

CDR Fredy serves as the public information officer for the Crownpoint Healthcare Facility. In this role, he works with hospital executive staff, incident command and the IHS Navajo area office to disseminate any information affecting the service unit. CDR Fredy is also a member and treasurer of the Continental Divide COA branch.

by CDR Melina N. Griffis