



NAME: CAPT AARON SIGLER

JOB TITLE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
PROJECT MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF GENERIC
DRUGS

AGENCY: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

Captain (CAPT) Aaron Sigler received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Saint Louis College of Pharmacy in 1995 and continued on to obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1996. He later completed an American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Accredited Pharmacy Practice Residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (formerly known as the National Naval Medical Center) in Bethesda, Maryland in 1999.

CAPT Sigler has a broad range of professional certifications and training including Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS), Georgetown University Certificate of Public Health, and a Project Management Associates Certificate from the George Washington University.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

CAPT Sigler is the Deputy Director of the Division of Project Management in the Office of Generic Drugs (OGD) at the FDA in Silver Spring, Maryland. CAPT Sigler supervises 40 regulatory project managers that provide support for several divisions in OGD. This support includes overseeing the planning and prioritizing of the Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) review process to ensure Generic Drug User Fee Amendments (GDUFA) goal dates are met. CAPT Sigler is responsible for assisting senior management with external and internal communications. He also helps develop standard operating procedures and IT infrastructure to provide a more streamlined premarket program for industry. Such matters ultimately help speed access to new, safe and effective drugs for patients.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

Prior to being commissioned in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), CAPT Sigler served in the U.S. Navy for over six years as a Lieutenant. During his last tour, he served as the Pharmacy Department Head at the Naval Medical Clinic in Quantico, Virginia. As Department Head he was responsible for managing a multi-million dollar budget, developing improvement initiatives, Chairing the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, educating medical staff, and supervising staff. Prior to his tour with the Naval Medical Clinic, he served as a staff pharmacist at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (formerly known as the National Naval Medical Center) in both an inpatient and outpatient setting, developed an ambulatory care clinic staffed by pharmacists, an outpatient Deep Vein Thrombosis Prevention Program, and a Pharmacist-Based Tobacco Cessation Program.

In 2002, CAPT Sigler transferred to the USPHS as a Regulatory Management Officer in FDA's Office of Generic Drugs. Throughout CAPT Sigler's USPHS career, he has had extensive training opportunities and a broad range of professional experiences. He has been recognized for his exceptional work through numerous Agency and USPHS awards.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:

CAPT Sigler continued his career in public health by transferring from the U.S. Navy to USPHS to expand his experiences as a pharmacist and gain additional knowledge in the science and regulation of generic drugs. At the time, CAPT Sigler was interested in the regulatory side of pharmacy because he had experienced many other aspects of pharmacy practice. For CAPT Sigler, generic drug regulation was an important mission to support because it improved medication access to those that would otherwise receive no or suboptimal treatment. He was thankful for the ability to continue serving the country in uniform and to learn about the many contributions of the USPHS.

PREVIOUS AND CONCURRENT USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

Senior Supervisory Regulatory Management Officer, Office of Generic Drugs, FDA
Senior Regulatory Management Officer, Office of Generic Drugs, FDA
Regulatory Management Officer, Office of Generic Drugs, FDA

MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

CAPT Sigler has had many rewarding professional experiences in the USPHS and prior assignments with the U.S. Navy. One of CAPT Sigler's most impactful USPHS deployments as a pharmacist was Operation Lonestar. The deployment highlighted the impact of the day to day work that CAPT Sigler is engaged in at the FDA by allowing him to treat an underserved population with generic drug products approved by the Agency he supports. Another rewarding moment in CAPT Sigler's career was when it was reported that generic drugs had saved the U.S. economy over a trillion dollars.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

CAPT Sigler is involved in a wide array of professional activities and associations that promote the profession of pharmacy including the American Pharmacists Association and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He is also active in the Commissioned Officers Association as a lifetime member, Reserve Officers Association, and Military Officers Association of America.

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

CAPT Sigler enjoys being involved with the Pharmacy Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) and finds it rewarding to see Officer's contributions improve the USPHS Pharmacy Category. He has found it encouraging to see the Corps transform in regards to Officership, tradition, and attitude towards service for both those we serve and with whom we serve.

By CAPT Richardae Araojo