Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service
Scientist Professional Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes; June 4, 2019

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Total Attendance: 134

Chief Scientist Officer and 2018–2019 SciPAC Executive Board Members

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Non-voting Liaisons
Call to Order and Welcome: CDR Loren Rodgers

Participation by Non-voting Scientist Officers: CPT Karon Abe; CPT Nelson Adekoya; CPT Drue Barrett; CPT Marco Bennett; CPT Aditya Bhagwat; CPT Joseph Despins; CPT Anne Dobmeyer; CPT Diana Elson; CPT Dominic Frasca; CPT Jeffrey Goodie; CPT Sally Hu; CPT Rosa Key-Schwartz; CPT William Murphy; CPT Michael Murry; CPT Ryan Novak; CPT William Satterfield; CPT Michael Smith; CDR Frances Belcher; CDR Robert Belde; CDR Matthew Breiding; CDR Sharyn Brown; CDR Sharyn Brown; CDR Renee Calanan; CDR Dianna Carroll; CDR Dan-My Chu; CDR Minglei Cui; CDR Judy Facey; CDR Wei Guo; CDR Arlin Hatch; CDR Frank Hershberger; CDR Keisher Highsmith; CDR Emily Jentes; CDR Sara Lowther; CDR Andrea McCollum; CDR Mark Miller; CDR Lara Misegades; CDR Erin Nichols; CDR Kenneth Phillips; CDR Anne Purfield; CDR Luz Rivera; CDR Alfredo Sancho; CDR Sukhminder Sandhu; CDR Sharon Saydah; CDR Mark Scheckelhoff; CDR Kenneth Sekulic; CDR Jacqueline Tate; CDR Peter Thomas; CDR Nadra Tuys; CDR Sara Vagi; CDR Matthew Walters; CDR Fei Xu; CDR Ellen Yard; CDR Yi Zhang; LCDR Tajah Blackburn; LCDR Neil Bonzagni; LCDR Virginia Bowen; LCDR Elizabeth Edwards; LCDR Rory Geyer; LCDR Kelsy Hoffman; LCDR Natasha Hollis; LCDR Keisha Houston; LCDR Gwendolyn Hudson; LCDR Lisa Jarvis-Durham; LCDR Folasade Kembali; LCDR Rebecca Levine; LCDR Kimberly Litton-Belcher; LCDR Xiaowu Lu; LCDR Shiny Mathew; LCDR Jonetta Mphofu; LCDR Jorge Muniz-Ortiz; LCDR Erin Parker; LCDR Mary Puckett; LCDR Colleen Scott; LCDR Rachel Slayton; LCDR Matthew Steele; LCDR Nancy Tian; LCDR Tyson Volkman; LCDR Shondelle Wilson-Frederick; LCDR Julia Zucco; LT Francis Annor; LT Jennifer Beauregard; LT Andrew Brown; LT Jonathan Burgos; LT Debra Chen; LT Angela Coulliette-Salmon; LT Samantha Dimisa; LT Jessica Dunn; LT Lacreisha Ejike-King; LT Leora Feldstein; LT Diana Finch; LT Robert Gahl; LT Bradley Goodwin; LT Alesha Harris; LT Pushpa Jayasekara; LT Jayleen Gunn; LT Michelle Johnson; LT Ana Lauer; LT Gina Masessa; LT Jamie Mells; LT Julie O'Donnell; LT Nazia Rahman; LT Hilda Razzaghi; LT Erica Rose; LT Patrick Sears; LT Taneshia Shelton; LT Dantrell Simmons; LT Matthew Stuckey; LT Emily Ussery; LT Teresa Wang; LT Carrie Whitworth; LT Lindsay Womack; LT Lauran Woodard; and LT Marissa Zwald

Excused Absences of Non-voting Scientist Officers: CPT Laura Draski; CDR Joanna Gaines; CDR Brian Harcourt; LCDR Amy Freeland; LCDR Alaine Knipes; LCDR Jean Ko; LCDR Matthew Lozier; LCDR Iman Martin; LCDR Leigh Ann Miller; LCDR Rashid Njai; LCDR Scott Steffen; LCDR Angela Thompson-Paul; LT Patrick High; LT Amy Schuh; and LT Tanesha Tutt
If you connect to the meeting via WebEx and can see your full name listed in the WebEx window, you do NOT need to report attendance separately.

If you dial in to the meeting directly via phone, if your name does not register in WebEx, or if you have an excused absence to report, please report your attendance either via this form: http://bit.ly/SciPAC_Roll_Call_2018 or via email to LCDR Alice Shumate (wii5@cdc.gov) with the email subject line “SciPAC Meeting Attendance.”

Do not place the conference call line on hold.

- **CPO Report:** CAPT John Eckert
  - Thanks to all of the officers who attended the COF Symposium! We had over 70 attendees and a great Category Day. The blood drive exceeded capacity and Scientists led all categories in donations. Great work, both organizers and donors!
  - The Surgeon General made a few remarks at Category day, including one about adherence to uniform requirements, that we felt did not represent Scientists and our category’s contributions accurately. There is a PHS Scientist fact sheet that was drafted after Category Day; thanks to those officers who helped with it. It’s currently under CPO review and we plan to use it in meeting with Corps leadership.
  - Please remember the upcoming Commissioned Corps Town Hall event; I encourage all officers to attend.
  - I don’t have any information yet on the timing of release of promotion results.

- **Chair Report:** CAPT Jennifer Thomas – given by CDR Loren Rodgers
  - I’m sorry to miss our June PAC call, but send my best to you from TDY in Ottawa.
  - It was fantastic to see many of you at PHS Symposium last month. My sincerest appreciation and congratulations go to our Category Subcommittee for their hard work to organize such a productive and fun Category Day for us. Thanks to all who presented their work, as well. If you haven’t had an opportunity to attend a Symposium yet, I highly recommend that you plan to attend next year, as it really is a lot of fun when we get together after working remotely with each other all year!
  - Important note, especially for subcommittee leaders: We will be categorizing our documents moving forward “For Internal Use Only”, etc. to help officers know which documents can and can’t be shared outside of our PAC, which are pre-decisional or in draft form, etc. You will hear more about this effort from Policy Subcommittee, who is leading this effort.
  - Today’s speakers are CDR Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor and LCDR Jeffery Sumter of the Science Subcommittee’s Research and Practice Team. They will talk to us about “Twenty-first century emergency response efforts of the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service” around 12:35 today, so please stay on the line after brief reports from our subcommittees.

- **Vice Chair Report:** CDR Loren Rodgers
  - If you are unable to attend a SciPAC meeting, please report your excused absence as per the instructions from the SciPAC Executive Secretary. This is important, especially for Voting Member applicants to demonstrate their involvement.

- **Executive Secretary Report:** LCDR Alice Shumate
Please remember that if your email address has changed, you need to update the SciPAC listserv as well update your address on our standing meeting announcement.

- The Listserv update can be done using email commands or through the NIH Listserv website; instructions can be found on the SciPAC website or you can reach out to LCDR Shumate for help.
- To add or change an address subscribed to the standing meeting invite, please email LCDR Shumate (wii5@cdc.gov).

**COF Liaison Report:** LCDR Jason Wilken

- PAC revenue was $255.00 and PAC expenses were $528.88 for April and May. The current SciPAC balance is $2219.41.
- PAC funds come from sale of merchandise and donations at social events. Any officer interested in hosting a social event should contact Visibility Chair CDR Kamil Barbour (iykl@cdc.gov).
- Reminder to all subcommittees, funds are available to support PAC activities. Contact LCDR Jason Wilken (jason.wilken@cdph.ca.gov) for details.
- Email scipacmerchandise@gmail.com for information on esprit de corps items.

**Subcommittee Reports**

- **Awards:** CDR James Kenney; Co-chair: LCDR Nancy Tian
  - The four awardees’ bios for the 2019 SciPAC awards have been updated on the SciPAC website.
  - SciPAC Award Subcommittee is updating the SOP to capture new changes and lessons learned through the identification process of the 2019 SciPAC Awardees.

- **Career Development:** LCDR Tyann Blessington; Co-Chairs: LCDR Oliver Ou, LCDR Rory Geyer
  - The Scientist Officer Handbook Team, led by CDRs Sandhu and CDR Henderson, have completed draft versions of updates to six sections (COER, Promotion, Awards, Mentoring, Uniforms, and Basic Readiness) of the Scientist Handbook. These will be submitted for further clearance.
  - CV Guidance Team, led by CDR Calanan, have completed a draft version of the OS Guidance & Example. The Team is completing edits requested from an initial review and will be submitting an updated version shortly.
  - The SOP Team, led by CDR Sram, has update the Subcommittee SOP. A draft version was submitted to the Rules and Membership Subcommittee for review and comment.
  - The SciPAC Career Development Website has been recently updated (https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/scientist/careerdev-sc.aspx). The effort was spearheaded by the Website liaison, CDR Sandhu. Updates reflect the diversity of Teams activities and highlight new available resources for the PAC.
  - The Job List Team, led by LCDR Blackburn, continues to send out pertinent job announcements to the PAC. Please let us know if you would like us to highlight an opening in your office. You can email the SC leads if you have positions you would like to announce (Tyann.Blessington@fda.hhs.gov; Rory.Geyer@fda.hhs.gov; Oliver.Ou@fsis.usda.gov).
Category Day: Chair: CDR Eric Zhou; Co-Chair: CDR Deb Dee
- Thanks all the Subcommittee leaders and members for hosting a successful Category Day.
- The Appreciation Team is collecting the information so all members will be formally recognized for their effort. The letters should be distributed in July.
- The Awards Team, is also collecting the roster for the UC award.

Mentoring: CDR Lana Rossiter; Co-Chairs: LCDR John Pesce, CDR Cara Halldin
- Mentor Matching: During May, there were 94 active agreements, 3 mentee requests for a mentor, 0 mentor applications, 2 new matches, and 3 pending agreements. The team is developing new strategies for increased participation & outreach to senior officers.
- Category Day: Category Day 2019 was a big success. Participants discussed one of four scenarios of Scientist officers at different ranks and phases in their careers, followed by recommendations for mentors for each of the officers in the scenarios. Please share ideas for next year’s Category Day activity to CDR Newland (Matthew.Newland@hhs.gov) and LT Chen (dchen@bop.gov).
- We are always looking for mentors. If you are a senior officer and are not currently mentoring a junior officer, or feel that you could take on an additional mentor, please email LCDR Shayne Gallaway (lnx7@cdc.gov) or LT Patrick High (Patrick.High@fda.hhs.gov) for an application.

Policy: Chair: LCDR Adam Bjork; Co-Chair: CDR Jessica Chiaruttini
- Multi-Team Activity: At the request of the EB, the Policy Subcommittee is developing a document classification system to help ensure that documents are distributed to their intended audience. LCDR Rory Geyer is leading this effort.
- Policy Development Team: At the request of the EB and CAPT Eckert, the Policy Development Team (led by LCDR Matt Steele) has completed a review of the Scientist promotion benchmarks—including a comprehensive crosswalk to identify alignment with and departure from benchmark components used by other PHS categories.
- Policy Communication Team: The Policy Communications Team (led by LCDR Kelsy Hoffman) has edited the Facebook communications SOP, sent it back to the Visibility subcommittee for further revisions, and it is now with the EB for review. The team is currently reviewing the Listserv communications SOP and will submit to the EB once review complete. The team is working with the Website Subcommittee regarding the edits for their communications SOP. The Twitter communications SOP is finalized and has been posted to the website.

Readiness: LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell; Co-Chairs: LCDR Angela Thompson-Paul, LCDR Rebecca Levine
- The Mentoring Team is currently drafting a proposal for the “advanced readiness” initiative. The team will schedule a meeting with CAPT Thomas and CAPT Eckert to discuss once the proposal is finalized.
- If you have participated in a recent PHS deployments, as well as select agency-
specific activations that align with the PHS mission, please contact LT Teresa Wang at <yxn7@cdc.gov>.

- The Healthy Scientist Bulletin was released July 2 and contains some coordinated healthy recipes and tips around drinking more water, a reminder of who is on call, and opportunities for physical activity around Atlanta, DC, and other duty stations. If you have any questions or suggestions for future bulletins, please contact LCDR Mary Puckett at xdg6@cdc.gov.
- The Response Preparedness Workgroup is preparing for final Response Preparedness seminar of FY 19, which will be held on September 3 after the regularly scheduled SciPAC call, using the SciPAC WebEx platform. CDR Emily Streeter’s team within the workgroup is in charge of selecting a topic and speaker for the seminar and they are meeting soon to identify both.
- If you recently deployed (last few months) or are currently deployed, please send LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell (jcx0@cdc.gov) an email so that we can include your accomplishment in our monthly highlights.

- **Recruitment and Retention**: LCDR Jonathan Leshin; Co-Chairs: CDR Robin Toblin, LT Debra Chen
  - BLUF
    - There are seven scientist officers in this month’s OBC. Five of them are EIS and one is our first LLS officer. If you are interested in volunteering for the Peer Support Network, please contact LCDR Matthew Steele (matthew.steele@fda.hhs.gov) or LCDR Folasade Kembi (cto7@cdc.gov).
    - The Interested Applicant Team has completed the design and purchase of 500 SciPAC Business Cards. It is designed to be used in information sessions for potential new applicants. It has the information of all current qualifying degree and credential requirement for being a PHS Scientist Officer. The team is thankful for the support from the executive committee and COF for funding this project.
    - If you are an officer looking to separate in the next few months, please contact CDR David Huang to complete a separation survey (ihw4@cdc.gov)
  - Resources
    - No Report
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  - New Recruit
    - Recruits are continuing to be tracked and sub-leads have met with the team leads to discuss current operations
    - SOP development is ongoing
  - OBC Engagement: Seven scientists are attending June OBC. We are looking for officers to be present at the Open House (June 12) and Graduation (June 21) for new Officer support. Please contact CDR Mark Scheckelhoff if you are interested in assisting
    - Peer Support Network
A listserv request for additional midlevel officers will be coming soon to provide support for incoming EIS officers

New CAD Seminars
- The next seminar for new scientists will be held at noon on Friday, June 21. It will cover the benefits of being in the Corps, and how officers can use programs like the VA home loan and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation network for travel.
- If you are a junior officer interested in leading a seminar for new officers or a senior officer available to answer questions, please email LT Erica Rose, nqx4@cdc.gov, or LT Kathleen Hartnett, iul9@cdc.gov.

EIS/LLS
- Five EIS officers and one LLS officer are attending the June OBC, all of whom entered EIS in 2018
- Additional EIS candidates are having their medical clearance adjudicated
- The 2019 class begins their fellowship in July. It is unclear when they would attend OBC

Separation Survey
- If you are or know an officer planning to separate in the next few months, please contact CDR David Huang at ihw4@cdc.gov.

Rules and Membership: CDR Loren Rodgers; Co-Chair: CDR Dan-My Chu
- Voting member selection: we had 28 applications for 5 vacancies. Will announce selections pending SG approval.
- Working with the Career Development subcommittee for updating their SoP.

Science: LCDR Eric Jamoom; Co-Chairs: CDR David Huang, LCDR Ginny Bowen
- State of the Scientists (SOS) Survey Team: Thank you to all Scientists who completed this year’s SOS Survey, which is now closed. Congratulations to LCDR Ginny Bowen SOS Team Lead, and the SOS Operations Unit Lead, LT Brad Goodwin, for their efforts in securing a 63% response rate. The SOS Team is now moving on to analysis.
- Bibliography Team: The Bibliography Team is seeking Scientist presentations and other kinds of publications completed in calendar year 2018, including book chapters, any presentations, government reports, conference proceedings, and briefings to Congress. Please submit a list of 2018 presentations and publications (excluding scientific manuscripts already sent to the Visibility SC) to LCDR Folasade Kembi at cto7@cdc.gov by July 15, 2019. You may also respond if you have no such publications or presentations to report for 2018.
- Research And Practice (R&P) Team: A Research & Practice Webinar, entitled “Twenty-first century emergency response efforts of the commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service” was presented on 6/4 call by CDR Goodrich-Doctor and LCDR Sumter. The R&P team is currently confirming speakers for July, August, October, and December after reviewing and identifying speakers from Symposium.
- Surgeon General’s Priorities Team: The team is seeking information on Scientists who are subject matter experts in Surgeon General priority areas and World Health
Organization’s global health threats. More information will be forthcoming over the SciPAC listserv.

- **Visibility:** CDR Kamil Barbour; Co-Chairs: LCDR Colleen Scott, LT Ruth Link-Gelles
  - Manuscripts Highlights Team
    - 531 publications across 144 Scientist Officers have been identified
      - Most common publication outlets were MMWR, Vaccine, and the American Journal of Preventive Medicine
    - Selected impactful manuscripts have been identified to highlight via the SciPAC newsletter and other channels
  - History Team
    - Developed timeline with overlay of all captured events, details and pics which was presented at the PHS Symposium during category day
    - Continuing to work in mining various info sources for scientist accomplishments
    - Will soon reconnect with website development team to discuss process for moving timeline and supporting details to permanent place on website.
  - Socials
    - DC
      - Saturday evening, July 6: Summer Cookout, Washington DC (Roof deck of LCDR Eric Jamoom’s home, specific location and time details to come); pot luck and spirits; family friendly (and dog friendly!).
      - Tuesday evening, August 13: HHS Baseball Game, Washington DC Nationals; specific arrival and picture times and ticket purchase details to come.
    - Atlanta
      - On Wednesday, May 1, the SciPAC Visibility Subcommittee and Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee hosted a happy hour during the Epidemic Intelligence Service Conference in Atlanta.
      - On Saturday, May 18, the Atlanta Socials Team held a Scientist picnic in Decatur, GA.
      - On Wednesday, June 26, the Atlanta Socials Team will host their next trivia night in Atlanta.
  - Newsletter Team
    - Requesting submissions for the Summer Edition of “The Scientist Officer.” This edition will capture post-symposium reflections, as well as other topics (i.e., CTSE). Please limit your submissions to 500 words and consider the information below:
      - Articles should be concise and relevant to the Scientist community at large. Please refer to your OPDIV’s style guide for proper use of abbreviations, capitalization, and punctuation.
      - Photos should have a complete caption describing the scene including ranks and names of officers. If there is a non-Scientist Officer, their category should be identified.
Have you attended a training, conference, been deployed, or had another meaningful experience in the past few months? Share your news (and photos) with your fellow officers and help us get to know one another!

Please submit your article and/or photos to scipacnewsletter@gmail.com with the email subject line “Author full name- New Submission” and file name "Author Name_Article Title_Author Initials_Date of Submission.” The deadline for submissions is **Monday, June 24th 2019**.

- If you have photos to include in your article, please insert the picture in the article rather than sending in a separate email/attachment.
- All primary authors of articles will receive a letter of appreciation from the Visibility Chair at the end of the year.
- If you have questions, please contact LCDR Israel Cross at Israel.cross@cms.hhs.gov or LT Hilda Razzaghi at hir2@cdc.gov

- **Twitter Team**
  - Established a twitter team schedule for creation of original tweets, approvals chain, and posting.
  - PHS_Scientist officially commenced tweeting on April 9, 2019
  - To date, 9 tweets (7 original and 2 retweets) generated 2,170 impressions and 81 engagements.
    - In April generated 38 impressions per day
    - In May generated 32 impressions per day
  - Currently have 24 followers - we encourage all PHS Scientists to follow PHS_Scientist on twitter!

- **Facebook Team**
- 145 members currently

- **Symposium Poster Team**
  - SciPAC poster successfully displayed at the PHS Symposium and received good traffic. Comments from visitors conveyed that they were impressed with the opioid work that Scientist officers are doing.

- **Website**: CDR Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor; Co-Chairs: LCDR Xinzhi Zhang, LCDR Iram Hassan
  - SciPAC Website Update Process
    - 13 requests were submitted to the Website SC (many of these requests include multiple changes to different pages on the site)
    - 11 requests were sent to teams and 9 are complete – we will send additional requests to teams as requests are completed.
      - Those completed include requests made from the EB, Awards, Category Day, Rules and Membership, Career Development, and the Recruitment and Retention Subcommittees. If I did not mention your subcommittee and you have questions about a request you made, please contact CDR Goodrich-Doctor at Adrienne.Goodrich-Doctor@fda.hhs.gov.
The Website SOP is in the last stages of review by Subcommittee members. After this review, the SOP will be finalized by subcommittee leadership and submitted to the EB.

To date: 41 website change requests were completed; 3 requests are pending

The SciPAC Website Calendar Team added 1 entry in April and 12 in May to the SciPAC Google Calendar to support SciPAC Subcommittees. The team has averaged 7-8 posts per month since Jan 2018.

Last met: April 30, 2019; Next Subcommittee Meeting: June 25, 2019 (1100-1200)

- **Liaison Reports**
  - **COA:** CAPT Martin Sanders
    - No updates to report.
  - **PSYPAG:** CDR Sara Pulliam
    - There is a new PsyPAG Liaison, CDR Sara Pulliam (sara.e.pulliam2.mil@mail.mil).
    - The next PsyPAG call is tomorrow at noon.
    - We are continuing to work on pursuit of CEUs for our meetings.
    - We are planning a social for APA conference.
    - The PsyPAG Senior Psychologist Award was given to CDR Julie Chodacki and the PsyPAG Early Career Psychologist Award was given to LCDR Adriana Restrepo.
    - Our Policy and Advocacy subcommittee reached out to the POC for the Opioid Epidemic initiative (CAPT Meena Vythilingam), and we are working on the development of ideas of how to assist with the initiative.
    - Positions are open with the VA - please refer to the email from the VA Liaison and fellow psychologist, CDR Jill Breitbach, for details.
    - There was a call for clinical psychologists to deploy for 3-4 weeks to ICE sites as part of the Immigration Health Service Corps through November. People should submit their names to . This will count towards the hours for the Health Professionals Specialty Pay for those that do not serve in clinical billets.
    - If you are having difficulty finding an HPSP placement, please contact CDR Sara Pulliam so she can gather names to bring to SciPAC leadership.
  - **JOAG:** LCDR Victoria Jeisy Scott
    - Thank you to the Scientists who were able to join us at the JOAG meeting at the symposium. We were well represented at the meeting. Congratulations to the scientist officers who won two of the four major JOAG awards this year:
      - LCDR John Pesce winning the Junior Officer of the Year award, and
      - LCDR Leigh Ann Miller winning the VADM C. Everett Koop Junior Officer Award
    - JOAG is sincerely grateful for CAPT Sara Newman for being our Senior Advisor for the last three years and is happy to welcome CAPT Michael Long as our new Senior Advisor.
    - We are in the process of selecting the new JOAG Voting members. Thank you to the Scientists who have submitted their applications this year!
Please join us for next week’s JOAG general member meeting occurring June 14, 2019 at 1300 EDT. The JO Voice topic for this month is “Uniform wear”. Call-in information: Number: 1-712-770-8020, Participant code: 860533

Consider submitting an article for the Junior Officer Chronicles for the Summer/Symposium Edition. Articles are due on June 21st.

- When emailing your article please include “JOC Summer/Symposium 2019” then Article Title and First Author’s last name (e.g. JOC Summer/Symposium 2019 Recent Deployment Smith) in the subject line of the message.
- All articles should be submitted to: kgz4@cdc.gov and rosaline.boateng@ihs.gov.

Call for Jr. Officers to join the Ceremonial Drill Team. Please contact the following POCs if you are interested in this opportunity

- HHS Regions 1, 4-10: CDR Indira Harris: Ceremonial Drill, Team Executive Officer, Indira.harris@ice.dhs.gov
- HHS Region 2: LCDR Patric Klot-zbuecher, Team Commander, Patric.klotzbuecher@fda.hhs.gov
- HHS Region 3: LCDR Mike Muni, Team Commander, mmu-ni@hrsa.gov

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- **Minority Officers Liaison Council (MOLC):** CDR Cesar Perez
  - MOLC Chairs met Deputy Surgeon General, RADM Erica Schwartz on May 3, 2019 to talk about MOLC priorities to align with SG priorities. RADM Schwartz mentioned she is meeting individually with all 27 charters. MOLC chairs gave her a brief history of MOLC, shared the MOLC vision/goals, and highlights of the 2018-2023 MOLC Strategic Plan.
  - On June 27, 2019 – RADM Kevin Meeks will be retiring after 32 years of committed service to IHS and USPHS. Retirement ceremony will be held at the Chickasaw Nation’s OKC Community Center. RSVP to LCDR Frank (AI/ANCOAC Chair).
  - HOAC leadership met at COF with 3 entities; CLUE organization, Minneapolis Mayor, and Mexican Consulate. Topics discussed included, but not limited to access to health/mental care, health disparities for minorities, and migration.
  - The APAOC Chair, CDR Tina Nhu, is proposing a joint health fair event including AI/ANCOAC, APAOC, BCOAG, and HOAC. A health fair workgroup will be created to plan this event. The proposed health fair will include different activities such as tobacco cessation training, opioid overdose response training, or healthy mind initiative training. If you wish to participate, please contact LCDR Daniel Lee (Daniel.Lee1@fda.hhs.gov) or LCDR Yvon Yeo (Yvon.Yeo@ice.dhs.gov).
  - An opioid overdose response training will be held in conjunction with the APAOC 3rd Annual Leadership Summit, on October 18, 2019. The Montgomery County Health Department will be providing the opioid overdose response training and Narcan kits. If you wish to participate in either the opioid overdose response training or APAOC Annual Leadership Summit, please contact LCDR Daniel Lee

- **Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Advisory Group (SOAGDAG):** LCDR Luis
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- The SOAGDAG 101 and SOAGDAG Liaison initiative: Venture with Communication Committee. An opportunity to interlock with the PACs/PAGs to promote SOAGDAG’s mission and visibility. Use of the SOAGDAG 101 presentation and liaisons to promote SOAGDAG and our activities across other PACs and PAGs.
  - Email interest to LT Jamie Mells (yem4@cdc.gov) if you are interested in being a SOAGDAG Liaison for your PAC/PAG.
- Healthy Minds Initiative (HMI) – A joint activity that we are working with the Social Workers PAC to promote healthy minds in SGM populations. This would be similar to the APAOC’s HMI, and applying this HMI to increase mental health awareness and promote suicide prevention in SGM populations. Interested officers – CAPT Elise Young, CDR Jay Wong, CDR Jen Bornemann (PoC).
- Mental Health First Aid is a nationwide public education program that teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorder. Email interest to POC - CDR Jen Bornemann (nnv3@cdc.gov)
- PrEP/PEP support initiative: A joint activity that we are working with the PharmPAC and PACE Program to provide guidance in developing lesson plans/materials to support wide-spread education of PrEP/PEP.
  - Email interest to POC - LCDR Madalene Mandap (mmandap@southcentralfoundation.com)
- SOAGDAG Educational Seminar Series (ESS) – Continuing our ESS to promote speakers and content in support of SOAGDAGs mission.

  o Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board (CCWIAB): CDR Cara Halldin
    - Thanks to all of those who stopped by our booth and posters at the Symposium. We are constantly working with COF and the contractor who organizes the symposiums to improve lactation facilities on site. If you attended the symposium this year we would love to hear your candid feedback on the lactation facility arrangements.
    - An update to the PHS Resource Guide for Officers Getting Married or Divorced, or for Dependents Surviving the Death of an Officer (version 3.0) was posted to the CCWIAB Resource webpage last month (https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/ccwiab/ccwiabresources.aspx).
    - CCWIAB is interested in learning about policies within your OPDIVs to address sexual harassment and/or gender disparity in science. If you are aware of any polices please email information to CDR Halldin.
    - You do not have to be a board member to participate in committee activities. If you are interested in joining a CCWIAB committee or if you have any questions about CCWIAB please contact CDR Halldin (challdin@cdc.gov) or visit CCWIAB’s website: http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/ccwiab/.
  
  o PACE: LCDR Erika Odom
    - Two Scientist Officers LCDR Erika Odom and LCDR Rashid Njai were selected as the inaugural recipients of the PACE Collaborative Community Service Award. LCDR Odom and Njai displayed excellence in service by leading Atlanta-metro area...
PACE activities for six years, ensuring the visibility of USPHS officers, the National Prevention Strategies, and the Office of the Surgeon General by working with public and private partners to disseminate evidenced-based, concise, and developmentally appropriate curriculum.

- The Surgeon General’s Education Teams (SGET) are being rolled out through regional health areas. SGETs are structured like deployment teams and will serve as a force multiplier to educate communities on SG initiatives and priorities. There is currently a call for SGET leads in regions 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Requirements for application and expectations for service are contained in the slide deck.

- The PACE Website is now live at https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/pace/

- New PACE Executive Committee and Regional Coordinator members have been announced:
  - **PACE Executive Committee Members:**
    - CDR Jena Vedder – Recognitions Subcommittee
    - CDR Christina Thompson – Outreach Subcommittee
    - CDR Andrea Peay – Rules and Membership Subcommittee
    - LT Amanda Haggard – Regional Leads West Subcommittee
    - CDR Christine West – Information Technology Subcommittee
  - **PACE Regional Coordinator Members:**
    - LT Gina Duncan – Region 2
    - LT Jong Ho Won – Region 3
    - CDR Mark Miller – Region 4
    - LT Catherine Olguin – Region 7
    - LCDR Kari Harris – Region 9
    - LCDR Kelly Fath – Region 10

- To join the PACE max.gov site join using your federal email address https://portal.max.gov/home/sa/group/register/AGY-HHS-USPHS.ACCESS.TO.PACE.GROUP. If you do not have a federal email (not .gov or .mil), please contact LCDR Leshin (jonathan.leshin@fda.hhs.gov).

- **Presentation on Twenty-first century emergency response efforts of the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service**
  - Presenters: CDR Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor and LCDR Jeffery Sumter
  - Please see slides attached to the meeting invitation, or request a copy from LCDR Shumate.

- **Closing Remarks:** CDR Loren Rodgers

*NOTE:* Next meeting **Tuesday, 2 July 2019 @ 1200–1300 EDT**