Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service

Scientist Professional Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes; November 6, 2018

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Total Attendance: 123

Chief Scientist Officer and 2018–2019 SciPAC Executive Board Members

Rank	Name	Role	
CAPT	Eckert, John	Chief Scientist Officer	Excused
CAPT	Thomas, Jennifer	Chair	Present
CDR	Rodgers, Loren	Vice Chair; Rules & Membership Chair	Present
CDR	Toblin, Robin	Ex Officio Chairperson; Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee Co-Chair	Present
LCDR	Shumate, Alice	Executive Secretary	Present
LCDR	Wilken, Jason	COF Liaison	Present

Voting Members

Rank	Name	Role	
CDR	Barbour, Kamil	Visibility Subcommittee Chair	Present
CDR	Chiaruttini, Jessica	Policy Subcommittee Co-Chair	Present
CDR	Dee, Deb	Category Day Co-Chair	Present
CDR	Goodrich-Doctor, Adrienne	Website Subcommittee Chair	Present
CDR	Huang, David	Science Subcommittee Co-Chair	Excused
CDR	Kenney, James	Awards Subcommittee Chair	Present
CDR	Rossiter, Lana	Mentoring Subcommittee Chair	Present
CDR	Zhou, Eric	Category Day Chair	Present
LCDR	Bjork, Adam	Policy Subcommittee Chair	Present
LCDR	Blessington, Tyann	Career Development Subcommittee Chair	Present
LCDR	Irvin-Barnwell, Elizabeth	Readiness Subcommittee Chair	Present
LCDR	Jamoom, Eric	Science Subcommittee Chair	Excused
LCDR	Leshin, Jonathan	Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee Chair	Present
LCDR	Ou, Oliver	Career Development Subcommittee Co-Chair	Absent
LCDR	Pesce, John	Mentoring Subcommittee Co-Chair	Present

Non-voting Liaisons

Rank	Name	Role	
CAPT	Sanders, Martin	COA Liaison	Excused
CDR	Halldin, Cara	CCWIAB Liaison	Excused
LCDR	Jeisy Scott, Victoria	JOAG Liaison	Present
LCDR	Odom, Erika	PACE Liaison	Present
LCDR	Tian, Nancy	MOLC Liaison	Present
LT	DiMisa, Samantha	PSYPAG Liaison	Excused

Participation by Non-voting Scientist Officers: CAPT Nelson Adekoya, CAPT Drue Barrett, CAPT Heidi Blanck, CAPT Jon Daugherty, CAPT Bryan Davidson, CAPT Joseph Despins, CAPT Laura Draski, CAPT Diana Elson, CAPT Dominic Frasca, CAPT Jeffrey Goodie, CAPT Sally Hu, CAPT Mary Lawrence, CAPT William Murphy, CAPT Michael Murry, CAPT William Satterfield, CAPT Michael Smith, CDR Jennifer Adjemian, CDR Jennifer Bodart, CDR Sharyn Brown, CDR Renee Calanan, CDR Dan-My Chu, CDR Chekesha Clingman, CDR Minglei Cui, CDR Judy Facey, CDR Joanna Gaines, CDR Wei Guo, CDR Frank Hershberger, CDR Emily Jentes, CDR Charlene Maddox, CDR Andrea Mccollum, CDR Mark Miller, CDR Lara Misegades, CDR Matthew Newland, CDR Erin Nichols, CDR Cria Perrine, CDR Alfredo Sancho, CDR Sukhminder Sandhu, CDR Mark Scheckelhoff, CDR Kenneth Sekulic, CDR Andrea Sharma, CDR Tyler Sharp, CDR Jacqueline Sram, CDR John Stansberry, CDR Emily Streeter, CDR Matthew Walters, CDR Matthew Wise, CDR Geoffrey Wu, CDR Ellen Yard, CDR Lauren Zapata, LCDR Danny Benbassat, LCDR Virginia Bowen, LCDR Christine Brady, LCDR Israel Cross, LCDR Zewditu Demissie, LCDR Elizabeth Edwards, LCDR Andrew Hickey, LCDR Kelsy Hoffman, LCDR Brooke Hoots, LCDR Gwendolyn Hudson, LCDR Shane Jack, LCDR Jean Ko, LCDR Juan Lacayo, LCDR Rebecca Levine, LCDR Iman Martin, LCDR Shiny Mathew, LCDR Jonetta Mpofu, LCDR Rashid Njai, LCDR Eduardo O'Neill La Luz, LCDR Erin Parker, LCDR Leslie Rivera-Rosado, LCDR Colleen Scott, LCDR Matthew Steele, LCDR Scott Steffen, LCDR Esra Toussaint, LCDR Tyson Volkmann, LCDR Julia Zucco, LT Andrew Brown, LT Jonathan Burgos, LT Debra Chen, LT Angela Coulliette-Salmond, LT Jessica Dunn, LT Robert Gahl, LT Michael Gallaway, LT Bradley Goodwin, LT Alesha Harris, LT Patrick High, LT Pushpa Jayasekara, LT Ana Lauer, LT Gina Masessa, LT Jamie Mells, LT Julie O'Donnell, LT Jaymin Patel, LT Nazia Rahman, LT Hilda Razzaghi, LT Amy Schuh, LT Taneshia Shelton, LT Matthew Stuckey, LT Tanesha Tutt, LT Emily Ussery, LT Teresa Wang, LT Carrie Whitworth, LT Lauran Woodard, and LT Marissa Zwald

Excused Absences of Non-voting Scientist Officers: CDR Qiao Bobo, CDR Carrie Nielsen, CDR Sanny Northbrook, CDR Sara Vagi, LCDR Rory Geyer, LCDR Alaine Knipes, LCDR Leigh Ann Miller, LCDR Mary Puckett, LT Michelle Hughes, LT Erica Rose, and LT Jessica Tomov

- **Call to Order and Welcome:** CAPT Jennifer Thomas

- **CPO Report:** CAPT John Eckert
  - No CPO Report.

- **Chair Report:** CAPT Jennifer Thomas
  - EIS officers are now able to apply to PHS. The process is underway for the class of 2018/first years, and we expect this to continue in years to come. The process should be the same as in years past, where the incoming class has the option to apply to the Corps or come in as a fellow. LLS Fellows are also eligible to apply to the Corps now.
  - HQ sent an e-mail out last Friday evening Nov. 2 with updates to the COER timeline:
    - The ROS is only required for officers who are eligible for promotion in 2019.
    - ROS comments are optional for all other officers.
    - Commissioned Corps Agency Liaisons will perform a final review to ensure completeness of the 2018 COER.
    - Officer statement is now due to your rater on November 8, which is this Thursday.
  - Reminder that APFT form now needs height and weight entered on it moving forward each time you renew your APFT results. (see Sept 28 e-mail from DCCPR)
  - Today's speaker: Readiness SC is bringing us a presentation on Tier 2 PHS Response Teams: Panel of Experts.

- **Vice Chair Report:** CDR Loren Rodgers
  - Nothing to report.

- **Executive Secretary Report:** LCDR Alice Shumate
  - To report your attendance or an excused absence, please use this form: http://bit.ly/SciPAC_Roll_Call_2018 no later than the end of the meeting date. If you cannot access the form, you can e-mail LCDR Alice Shumate at wii5@cdc.gov during the meeting with subject line: "SciPAC Monthly Meeting Attendance." We are aware the form doesn't work for officers at all agencies.
  - If you are providing a report during the meeting, please e-mail a copy to LCDR Alice Shumate at wii5@cdc.gov within a week of the meeting so they can be included in the meeting minutes.
  - Any subcommittee needing to reserve a conference line for SciPAC business can contact LCDR Shumate.
  - We will be moving to a new conference call platform beginning with the December 2018 meeting; please watch for a meeting update and announcements regarding the new monthly conference call number.
  - 149 Scientist officers attended the October meeting.

- **COF Liaison Report:** LCDR Jason Wilken
  - No PAC expenses in October. PAC revenue was $333.00. The current SciPAC balance is $2280.55.
  - PAC funds come from sale of merchandise and individual donations. This year, we are piloting using social events for fundraising for PAC activities. Any officer interested in hosting a social event should contact Visibility Chair CDR Kamil Barbour (iyk1@cdc.gov).
  - Reminder to all subcommittees, funds are available to support PAC activities. The funding request form is located at https://dcp.psc.gov/osg/scientist/documents/scipac-request-for-funding.pdf. Send completed forms to jason.wilken@cdph.ca.gov
  - Email scipacmerchandise@gmail.com for information on esprit de corps items.

- **Subcommittee Reports**
  - **Awards:** CDR James Kenney; Co-chair: LCDR Nancy Tian
    - The Awards Subcommittee has solicited for Scientist Responder of the Year Award Nominations, the deadline to submit a nomination packet is Monday the 19th of November. For information on the nomination process and award criteria, see the email that was distributed via our list serve on the 2ed of November.
    - Congratulations to the Scientist Category Day volunteers for 2017 and 2018 who were just approved to receive the PHS Unit Commendation.
    - The Awards Subcommittee is also working with the Policy Subcommittee in drafting a second Awards SOP covering the process and criteria for submitting SciPAC related individual and group awards to the CPO board. I will let the Policy Subcommittee provide additional details during their report.

  - **Career Development**: LCDR Tyann Blessington; Co-Chairs: LCDR Oliver Ou, LCDR Rory Geyer
    - CV/Officer Statement (OS) Review Team received a lot of interest in the CV/OS Review service; 39 officers signed up for the service. The Team is working with their reviewers to make matches with all the submissions they received.
    - Additionally, the Career Development Subcommittee offered a promotion-specific mentoring service this past month; 17 officers signed up for that service. The Subcommittee would like to thank all the mentors and reviewers for both these services. The events would not be possible without their willingness.
    - Although, many of the links on the SciPAC webpage are still not working, the New CV Formatting Guidelines as described in last month's meeting can be found on the Resources and Links page (https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/scientist/resources-and-links.aspx) under promotion. Direct link: https://dcp.psc.gov/OSG/scientist/documents/SciPAC-Scientist-Category-CV-Guidelines.pdf
    - The Training Team is working on a new upcoming training session. A presentation on "Uniform Wear" is tentatively scheduled for February 5.

  - **Category Day:** Chair: CDR Eric Zhou; Co-Chair: CDR Deb Dee
    - Category day schedule including All Session Titles, speakers (along with their emails), and three objectives of each talk is due November 12, 2018. We are all on track. Four teams are affected by the deadline:
      - Thanks for CDR Maroya Walters to lead the Abstract team to solicit and review all the abstracts received.
      - Thanks for CDR Kamil Barbour to lead the Keynote Speaker Team, who identified top three candidates. The candidates are currently under review by CAPT Thomas, PAC Chair.
      - Thanks for LCDR Eduardo O'Neil La Luz to lead the Panel Discussion Team, who will discuss deployment in the Panel Session.
      - Thanks for CDR Matthew Newland to lead the Mentoring Team. It is proposed to host a workshop on mentoring.

- **Mentoring:** CDR Lana Rossiter; Co-Chairs: LCDR John Pesce, CDR Cara Halldin
  - Mentor Matching: We are pleased to have new leads for the mentor matching team, LT Gallaway (lead) and LT High (co-lead). The new leads are finalizing the leadership transition. During October there were 57 active agreements, six mentee requests for mentors, four mentor applications, six new matches, and three pending agreements. Additionally, significant progress was made towards uploading mentor agreements to a secure area of Max.gov. This effort is being spearheaded by LT Caballero.
  - Mentor Outreach Team: The team is actively developing the next mentor outreach publication. Once all items have been restored to the SciPAC website, the team will request that past publications be added to the Mentoring page of the website.
  - SOPs: The team has begun to update the SOPs due to changes since the last version was completed. The goal is to have an updated version for internal use by Summer of 2019.
  - Category Day: The preparations for the event are underway. The plan is to hold an interactive workshop; date and time is pending.
  - Agency Focused Mentoring: The team has been awaiting feedback from CDR Dee; they will check in with her and also meet with the new leadership of the Matching team to coordinate efforts.
  - 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 LT Shayne Gallaway (lnx7@cdc.gov) or LT Patrick High (Patrick.High@samhsa.hhs.gov) for an application.

- **Policy:** Chair: LCDR Adam Bjork ; Co-Chair: CDR Jessica Chiaruttini
  - The Policy Development Team has begun a collaboration with the Awards Subcommittee—at the request of the SciPAC chair—to develop policy governing criteria and procedures for submitting award nominations for SciPAC-related contributions.
  - The Communication Policy Team is working with the Visibility SC to finalize the Twitter SOP and is reviewing platform-specific SOPs for the SciPAC website, listserv, and Facebook account.

- **Readiness:** LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell; Co-Chairs: LCDR Angela Thompson-Paul, LCDR Rebecca Levine
  - **Readiness Reporting** (Lead: LCDR Elizabeth Irvin-Barnwell)
    - For October 2018, the Scientist Category had the **highest readiness** percentage at 95%.
    - The Readiness SC Deployment Skills Inventory draft report is under development. Anticipated target date for completion 11/30/2018.
    - 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.
    - Recent deployments include:

Officer	Response	Location	Dates	Role
LCDR Nancy	Hurricane	SOC/DC	9/13-9/20	GIS analyst

Tian	Florence			
LCDR Nancy Tian	Hurricane Lane	SOC/DC	8/24-8/26	Information Management
CDR Ruiqing Pamboukian	Reunification of Children	SOC/DC	6/28-7/4	Data Entry
LT Shayne Galloway	Hurricane Florence	High Point, NC	09/12-09/23	Logs

- **Readiness Mentoring** (Leads: LT Hilda Razzaghi and LCDR Mary Puckett)
  - Received a list of 16 officers who were projected not to be basic ready on November 1st. Emails were sent out to all of those officers and we received responses form 6 officers.
- **Readiness Resources** (Lead: LT Jonathan Burgos)
  - Letters will be sent to Scientist Officers who are indicated interest in joining Tier1/2 teams on the Deployment Skill survey to assist with matching them to a team.
- **Response Narratives** (Lead: LT Teresa Wang)
  - Confirmed/Established SOP for posting Response Narratives with the Website Committee.
- **Healthy Scientists** (Lead: LT Mary Puckett)
  - This month's Healthy Scientist Bulletin was distributed to the listserv on Nov. 1. It featured a research review on breastfeeding and antibiotic resistance, some healthy holiday recipes and tips, and athletic events around DC, Atlanta, and other duty stations. We also have a spotlight of who is on call this month and the excellence in fitness program. We're still looking to highlight Scientist Officers participating in healthy activities, so if you have any that you'd like to feature, please send them to LCDR Mary Puckett at xdg6@cdc.gov.
- **Fitness Achievement Program** (Lead: LCDR Alison Laufer Halpin)
  - No new update.
  - Officers continue to submit applications for the excellence in fitness certificate.
- **Health Optimization Workgroup** (Lead: LCDR Angela Thompson-Paul)
  - No new update
- **Response Preparedness Workgroup** (Leads: LCDR Rebecca (Bex) Levine and LCDR Kelsy Hoffman)
  - Finalized planning for the November seminar, scheduled for today's SciPAC call
  - Introductory workgroup call held; strategy for the OY workgroup developed.

- **Recruitment and Retention:** LCDR Jonathan Leshin; Co-Chairs: CDR Robin Toblin, LT Debra Chen
  - BLUF
    - All leads are assigned
    - 2 new officers at November OBC
    - New Recruit Team reached out to people in the current application process for information and processing
    - PSN is assessing interest of officers currently receiving support about their interest in continuing

    - 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: Nothing to report
- Interested Applicant
    - So far, our team has created a canned response for interested applicants to the Scientist category who are not licensed psychologists to inform them that we do not currently have openings.
    - Our next goal is to work with the website team to update the recruitment page.
- New Recruit
    - We've consolidated a de-duplicated list of scientist applicants with email addresses.
    - We have sent out an email to all persons within that de-duped list to (1) confirm contact information and (2) get preliminary information about their application status so we can place them in the right "life cycle application process bucket." We gave applicants until next week to provide their responses, after which we will update the de-duped spreadsheet with any new information.
    - We have reached out to last year's PSN cohort leads to see who is interested in continuing on this year—2 out of 3 were interested. We will reach out to the "new" people who might be interested in participating this year once we figure out a minimum number of cohort leads needed.
    - Our next steps include: processing applicant responses, updating the spreadsheet, figuring out exactly how many "buckets" of cohort leads we need, and creating the structure of cohorts with matched cohort leads in the coming weeks as appropriate.
- OBC Engagement
    - Two new officers will be attending OBC
    - Three officers will be attending in support of Open House and three in support of graduation
- Peer Support Network
    In the process of contacting prior PSN participants and determining their interest in continuing
    - In process of matching recent OBC grads to PSN supportee
- New CAD Seminars
    - Our second seminar of the year for new scientists, a panel discussion about deployments on Nov. 2, was attended by more than 20 officers.
    - Many thanks to CDR Eduardo Gomez, CDR Andrea Sharma, CDR Frank Hershberger, LCDR Zewde Demissie, LCDR Eboni Galloway, LCDR Colleen Scott, who took time to talk with new officers about the roles they have played on deployments and offer advice about finding deployment team.
    - Our next seminar is scheduled for Friday, December 7. Future topics will include benefits, promotions, awards, and navigating life changes in the Corps.
    - 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: Nothing to report

- Separation Survey
  - We are working on analyzing data collected from our separation survey and extended interviews.
  - 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
  - We have revised the SOP review schedule. This reduces the burden of SoP reviews during critical transition periods. Details will be sent to subcommittee chairs.

- **Science:** LCDR Eric Jamoom; Co-Chairs: CDR David Huang, LCDR Ginny Bowen
  - **Research and Practice Team** had 15 officers in attendance for their first Journal Club on 10/23, where LCDR Mary Puckett facilitated discussion on an article around cancer disparities in health clinics. Thank you to CDR Cesar Perez and LCDR Mary Puckett. LT Suresh Jayasekara is the new co-team Lead of the Research and Practice Team.
  - **Bibliography and Publications Team** completed their analysis of the 2017 Scientist publications as part of the data collected by the joint effort with the Visibility subcommittee. The results were presented to the two teams in August, and the Bibliography Team is working to put the analysis up on the SciPAC website.
  - **State of the Scientist (SoS) Survey Team** is looking for additional officers to support the analytic effort and dissemination of SoS survey data. Please email LCDR Ginny Bowen at vbowen@cdc.gov if you are interested in analysis. LT Brad Goodwin will be serving as the Operations Lead for the next SoS survey; he anticipates that the 2018 survey will be available during the last week of January 2019. Results from the 2017 SoS survey will be presented at the January SciPAC meeting.

- **Visibility:** CDR Kamil Barbour; Co-Chairs: LCDR Colleen Scott, LT Ruth Link-Gelles
  - ATL Socials:
    - The Atlanta Scientist Halloween Bash was held on Oct 27 at the home of LCDR Colleen Scott
      - Approximately, 30 officers and their loved ones attended the event. LT Shayne Gallaway and CDR Andrea Sharma were crowned our costume winners.
    - The next Atlanta Socials Trivia Night will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2018 at the Emory location of Mellow Mushroom. Email announcement is forthcoming.
  - DC Socials: The DC Scientist Halloween Party was held on Oct 27 at the home of CPO Eckert, and was attended by approximately 25 people. Officers showed up in festive costumes, ate, drank, and played games. There was plenty of positive feedback about the event!
  - Newsletter Team:
    - The SciPAC newsletter team would like to thank everyone for their timely article submissions, and for the submissions that are on the way. We will now look to have a Fall-Winter edition published sometime early December.

    - Please remember that articles do not have to be lengthy as you consider submitting an article in for the first edition of 2019.
- SciPAC Symposium Poster:
    - Still fleshing out ideas to align with the theme
    - Have received a wordle reflecting terms from scientist category published papers and a link to 2018 scientist deployment narratives, both from Teresa Wang (who also volunteered to be a co-author) – thinking about how to incorporate one/both
- SciPAC historian
    - Article developed and submitted to SciPAC newsletter summarizing team efforts and interview with first CPO
    - Actively investigating early Scientist activities (pre-official Category, 1942-1984) via the Plagues and Politics textbook, video, and website
    - Reviewing images and other early work via the NIH National Library of Medicine
    - Reviewing interview notes with CPOs to identify possible follow-up interviews
    - Continuing development of Scientist timeline with sentinel events
    - Preparing additional products for dissemination during PHS Category Day
- Twitter Team
    - Twitter team is maintaining the 4 members (LCDR Knipes, LCDR Scott, LT Beauregard, LT Link-Gelles) for the new operational year. Upon approval of Policy document and creation of Twitter account, additional team members will be recruited.
    - On October 26, 2018 the team received comments on the SciPAC Twitter policy document from the SciPAC EB and Chief Professional Officer.
    - The team has reviewed the edits and suggestions, and has submitted the updated SciPAC Twitter policy document to the Visibility Subcommittee for review.
    - Upon review by Visibility Subcommittee, SciPAC Twitter policy document will be resubmitted to SciPAC Policy team.
- Manuscript Highlights Team
    - Submitted its "2017 High Impact Manuscripts" article to the Combined Category Newsletter
    - We will continue collaborating with the Science Subcommittee to disseminate publications metrics
- Conferences Team
    - 5 officers attended the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene annual conference in New Orleans, LA October 28-Nov 1
    - 3 officers attended ID week in San Francisco, CA October 3-7, Andrea McCollum organized a get together while at the event
    - An email was sent to identify officers attending APHA Nov 9-14 in San Diego, CDR Huang is Coordinating
- Facebook Team: Is at 147 members and continues to be very active
- SciPAC First Bump Team: Updated the SciPAC FistBump Listserv announcement and Facebook post and will disseminte

- **Website:** CDR Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor; Co-Chairs: LCDR Xinzhi Zhang, LCDR Iram Hassan

- One of the goals of the Website Subcommittee for the operational year is to remedy all issues related to Personally Identifiable Information (PII) on the SciPAC website which includes review of content and fixing all broken links. The following issues have been corrected:
  - Fixed links associated with promotion which includes posting the newly revised CV guidelines
  - Reuploaded all Subcommittee SOPs and SciPAC governing documents including the SciPAC SOP and Charter
  - Reviewed the SciPAC Calendar for PII and revised entries to ensure they are compliant
- We were informed that the Readiness Subcommittee plans to update readiness-related materials for posting on the website, so the subcommittee will wait for updated documents instead of fixing the current broken readiness-related links.
- The Subcommittee has also begun to revise and update content on the site. To date we updated the:
  - Executive Board Page
  - Subcommittee Leadership
- We had our first Subcommittee meeting of the operation year on November 5, 2018. During the meeting we discussed of our current activities which include revision of the Subcommittee SOP, training options, and development of written internal procedures.
- Thanks to everyone who had interest in joining the Subcommittee – we recently welcomed 5 new Subcommittee members.

- **Liaison Reports**
  - **COA:** CAPT Martin Sanders
    - Please consider joining if you are not already a COA member.

  - **JOAG:** LCDR Victoria Jeisy Scott
    - Please join us for the next Journeyman Speaker Series (JSS) occurring this Friday, November 9th at 1300 EST. CAPT Marivic (Maria) Fields will be presenting on Deployment Preparation. Call-in: 1-302-202-1106, conference code: 825385
    - JOAG Sr. Advisor nominations are due 11/9. Send application package to LCDR Jefferson Jones at ioe8@cdc.gov AND LCDR Michelle Dittrich at michelle.dittrich@state.mn.us no later than 1700 Eastern time on November 9, 2018.
    - The Membership committee is looking for Regional leads or co-regional leads across the country. For more information, please contact the M&G Subcommittee Co-Chairs, LT Kristin Allmaras (KAllmaras@SouthcentralFoundation.com), LT Morgan Greutman (mdgreutman@cnhsa.com), and LT Christine Lloyd (hjn7@cdc.gov). Regions needing leads include:
      - Atlanta
      - Baltimore, MD
      - Eastern NC (Raleigh/Durham)
      - Chinle, AZ
      - Ft. Defiance, AZ

        - Honolulu, HI
        - Houston, TX
        - Dallas, TX
        - New England (RI, CT, MA)
        - Philadelphia, PA
        - Rural MT
        - Rural ND/MN
        - San Diego, CA
        - San Francisco, CA
        - Seattle, WA
        - Tahlequah, OK
        - Ada, OK
        - Tucson, AZ
    - To subscribe, unsubscribe, or change your email address for the JOAG listserv, click here.

  - **PSYPAG:** LT Samantha DiMisa
    - Please consider applying for a position on the 2019 PsyPAG Executive Board. CDR Cua recently sent out an e-mail indicating an extension of the notice for applications. We encourage you to consider self-nominating and/or encouraging an interested fellow PHS psychologist for PAG office for next year. Psychologists in PHS need people like you to continue to advance mental health.

    - Please continue to e-mail LT DiMisa at sdimisa@bop.gov with any psychology-related concerns, as LT DiMisa is the liaison between the SCI and HS psychologists.

- **Other Business, Questions, Comments**
  - **Minority Officers Liaison Council (MOLC)**: LCDR Nancy Tian
    - MOLC Senior Advisor, CAPT Brandon Taylor gave a webinar on how to prepare for the promotion on October 23. The link to the recording of Promotion Presentation is provided here. https://fda1.webex.com/fda1/ldr.php?RCID=f4c312d3bf2ad0228f7e380d91f81c33
    - APAOC collaborated with Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI) at Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Service to offer Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training on November 30, 2018 in Rockville, MD. If you are interested in the training opportunity, please email LT Ruby Leong at Ruby.Leong@fda.hhs.gov.
      - Date: Friday November 30, 2018
      - Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
      - Location: AAHI Building,1401 Rockville Pike, 3rd Floor, Rockville, MD 20852
      - Light Breakfast will be provided.
      - Lunch: Participants are requested to bring their own lunch. There will be a 1 hour break – welcome to grab lunch from a nearby location or order in advance.

  - **Commissioned Corps Women's Issues Advisory Board (CCWIAB)**: CDR Cara Halldin

- Thank you to all that applied to be considered for the SciPAC-CCWIAB liaison and CCWIAB voting member. LT Marissa Zwald was selected and will shadow CDR Halldin until the end of her term (December 2019).
- You don't have to be a voting member to get involved with the work that we do. Feel free to reach out to CDR Halldin (challdin@cdc.gov) for more details on volunteer opportunities.

- **PACE**: LCDR Erika Odom
  - The next PACE meeting will be held Thursday December 13th at 1400 EST
  - The PACE Presentation Development Subcommittee would like to congratulate LCDR Keith Warshany (IHS) and LT Jamie Mells (CDC) for being selected to serve as the Opioid Lesson Plan Working Group Chairs and CDR Diane Morof (CDC) and CDR Liatte Closs (FDA) for being selected to serve as the Standardization Working Group Chairs.
  - The new opioid lesson plans are now LIVE! Please go to the PACE website into the lesson plan section under opioid or go straight there using https://community.max.gov/x/bSBHX. A huge shoutout to the PHPAG and PACE Presentation Development Subcommittee for all their hard work developing this wonderful new presentation setup to help officers engage on this Surgeon General's Initiative. Bravo Zulu!
  - The next National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week® (NDAFW), to be held on Jan. 22-27, 2019. NDAFW is an annual, week-long series of educational events that link teens with scientific experts to *SHATTER THE MYTHS*® about substance use and addiction. NIDA and NIAAA are both part of the National Institutes of Health. This is a **PERFECT** opportunity for PACE groups to start identifying community partners and setting up PACE events that support a Surgeon General Priority (Opioids and Addiction) with great and many resources.https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2018/08/event-registration-opens-today-national-drug-alcohol-facts-weekr
  - To support the visibility of PACE activities, I will start highlighting select SciPAC officer-led PACE events that were held in the previous month on the SciPAC calls. If you'd like your event highlighted, please contact LCDR Erika Odom (iyo7@cdc.gov) and forward your PACE after action report.

- **Presentation on Tier 2 PHS Response Teams: Panel of Experts (sponsored by Readiness SC)**
  - Presenters: CAPT Michael King, Mental Health Team (MHT); LCDR Rashid Njai, Applied Public Health Team (APHT); LCDR Jonetta Mpofu, Services Access Team (SAT)
  - Slides for this presentation are attached to the meeting invitation

- Closing Remarks: CAPT Jennifer Thomas

NOTE: Next meeting **Tuesday, 4 December** 2018 @ **1200–1300** EST