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Surgeon General's Column

Although it hardly seems like a year has gone by already, this month marks my first anniversary as Surgeon General. By all accounts, it has been an outstanding year—full of challenges and opportunities—not to mention a particularly efficacious time to join the Department.

The enthusiastic response of the American people to having a Surgeon General and to our uniform has been extremely gratifying. People have demonstrated their excitement and exuberance by requesting autographs and copies of the *Surgeon General's Prescription for Healthy Lifestyles*.

What have been the highlights of the year? Indeed, there are too many to communicate in the confines of this space, but let me try to mention a few.

Last July, we began a year-long commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Public Health Service (PHS). We kicked off the celebration in Philadelphia, where we remembered the signing of the law that gave rise to the PHS. Many of you have joined in the various historic celebrations throughout the year, which included the Secretary's final installation ceremony for the Surgeon General, replete with a tastefully exhibited demonstration of pomp and circumstance. We look forward to continuing the recognition of the bicentennial through June 1999.

Another gratifying experience relates to our efforts to develop Healthy People 2010, the 10-year plan that sets the Nation's health agenda. As I traveled throughout the country during the period

of public comment last fall, I was deeply impressed by the level of enthusiasm and interest shown. We are now in the process of trimming and shaping the leading health indicators into a format that will attract and sustain the public's attention in order to motivate people to engage in healthy behaviors. The final report will be released in January 2000.

Related to the Healthy People Initiative are the many progress reviews conducted throughout the year, showing where we are as a Nation in terms of meeting the current decade's national health agenda. The initiation of distance interaction by satellite downlink for three of our progress reviews was a highlight of the year. We learned that while we have exceeded our goals in areas like teenage pregnancy and homicide, we are lagging far behind in the areas of obesity, diabetes, and low birth weight babies.

Another major accomplishment relates to the Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health. This is clearly one of the most important public health undertakings PHS has ever launched. I am pleased to report that there is tremendous support throughout the Nation, and Congress recently gave the Initiative a hefty boost when it approved \$65 million in first-year funding.

I am delighted with the progress we are making on our evolving priorities. Together, we have done an excellent job this past year of clarifying and defining the priorities and communicating them to the public. Our next step is to concentrate on making them work. Our challenges in the future will be aimed at step-

ping up our efforts to educate, motivate, and mobilize the public into action.

Finally, we are eager to see the final release of three Surgeon General's Reports due for publication later this year. They are the *Surgeon General's Conference Report on Suicide Prevention*, *Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health*, and *Surgeon General's Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Health*.

This is certainly not a comprehensive list, nor does it encompass all of the past year's highlights, but it offers a sense of the many fine programs and projects underway.

Many thanks to all of the staff within PHS who helped to bring us to this point. Through your continued collaboration and teamwork, we will certainly stand in a better position to achieve our goals in the future.

ADM David Satcher
Assistant Secretary for Health
and Surgeon General



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Customer Guide to the Division of Commissioned Personnel

Customers of the Division of Commissioned Personnel (DCP) are afforded the following ways to either contact DCP staff members or to keep up-to-date on information that DCP provides:

DCP Toll-Free Phone Number – 1-877-INFO DCP (or 1-877-463-6327)

By utilizing DCP's toll-free phone number you will be able to access specific staff members of DCP, any of the branches, or the Office of the Director. When you use the toll-free number, your call will be answered with a simple, easy-to-use voice mail system.

Branch Services and Staff Members' Primary Digital Numbers (PDNs)

A brief description of the services each DCP branch provides along with information on how to directly access the PDNs of specific staff members is available to you on the DCP web site:

<http://dcp.psc.dhhs.gov>

Electronic Mail

DCP staff members can also be contacted by electronic mail. E-mail addresses consist of the staff member's first initial and last name @psc.gov –

Example: wsmith@psc.gov

Customer Service Feedback

If you have a favorable or unfavorable comment about our phone system, we want to hear from you. Write to us at our e-mail address – phoneguy@psc.gov

CorpsLine - 301-443-6843 (or Toll-Free 1-877-463-6327, option 3, then option 6)

By utilizing *CorpsLine*, you will have access to information that is specific to you. Also, the Faxback segment of *CorpsLine* contains a catalog of available documents that can be faxed to you.

Web Sites

The DCP web site address is –

<http://dcp.psc.dhhs.gov>

This web site contains the Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM), most CCPM pamphlets, a number of Public Health Service forms, the *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*, and other information officers might find useful.

The Commissioned Corps Web Site address is –

<http://www.dhhs.gov/phs/corps>

This web site provides information about the Corps to anyone interested in its history, personnel system, appointment criteria, and employment opportunities for student and health professionals. Links to the professional category web sites are also contained here.

Listserv

To receive announcements from DCP, including updates to the DCP web site, please sign up for the mail list by sending an e-mail message to

listserv@list.psc.dhhs.gov with the message: Subscribe DCP "your full name". Where "your full name" is in the example, replace it with your first and last name without the quotation marks.

Officers who subscribe to Listserv are encouraged to forward the announcements they receive to their colleagues.

Electronic Bulletin Board

Information regarding access and use is provided elsewhere in this *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.

Inactive Reserve Corps

The Inactive Reserve Corps Coordinator can be reached at:

Phone: 301-594-3395
Fax: 301-594-2711
E-mail: cc_ircstaff@psc.gov

DCP Address

You can write to DCP at the following address:

Division of Commissioned
Personnel/HRS/PSC
ATTN: (*insert appropriate Branch**)
5600 Fishers Lane, Room (*insert appropriate Room Number**)
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

*DCP Branches and Room Numbers –
Compensation Branch, Room 4-50
Medical Affairs Branch, Room 4C-06
Office of the Director, Room 4A-15
Officer Development Branch, Room 4A-18
Personnel Services Branch, Room 4-36
Transactions and Applications Section, Room 4-20

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Nominations Sought for Health Services PAC's Kissel and Garcia Awards

The Health Services Professional Advisory Committee (HS-PAC) is inviting nominations for the "Stanley J. Kissel Award for Outstanding Health Services Professional of the Year." The nominee must have made a significant impact on the Nation's public health, exhibited leadership in the achievement(s) being cited, and served as a role model to others.

The HS-PAC is also inviting nominations for the "Joseph Garcia, Jr. Award for Outstanding Junior Health Services Officer of the Year." This award will go to a junior health services professional who

has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the Nation's public health, demonstrated leadership in his or her work, and shown involvement in health-related professional or community organizations or activities.

Commissioned corps officers from the Health Services category and equivalent civil service professionals are eligible for these awards. Nominations must be received by **April 9, 1999**, and the awards will be presented in June at the Commissioned Officers Association's annual meeting.

Nominations that do not follow the correct format will not be reviewed. Award criteria and nomination forms for either of these awards may be obtained by contacting:

CAPT Edwin S. Spirer
E-mail: espirer@hrsa.dhhs.gov
Phone: 301-443-3456

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Call for Nominations for Pharmacy PAC Membership

The Pharmacy Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) is seeking commissioned corps and civil service pharmacists who are interested in serving on this national committee. The PAC is composed of pharmacists who have varying amounts of professional experience and who are employed in the Department of Health and Human Services' Operating Divisions (OPDIVs) or in any of the major programs that employ Corps pharmacists. The mission of the PAC is to provide advice and consultation on professional issues to the Surgeon General and to the Pharmacy Chief Professional Officer (CPO). The Pharmacy PAC members meet every other month via teleconference and the PAC subcommittees meet at various frequencies throughout the year.

Each year at this time nominations are sought, the majority being self-nominations by pharmacists interested in serving on the committee. A list of proposed candidates selected from the nominations by the membership subcommittee is forwarded by the CPO to the respective OPDIVs/Programs for their concurrence. The members of the PAC and the CPO then select candidates from the list and the Surgeon General appoints the new members for a 3-year term.

There will be six positions available as of November 1999. The OPDIVs/Programs that have available positions include: Indian Health Service - 1 position; Food and Drug Administration - 2 positions; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - 1 posi-

tion; and Federal Bureau of Prisons - 2 positions.

If you are looking for a way to get involved without being on the PAC, you are encouraged to volunteer to be on one of the many PAC subcommittees. The committees are: Recruitment and Retention; Awards; Pharmaceutical Care; Career Development; Commissioned Corps Readiness Force; Civil Service Issues; Communications; History; Compensation; and PAC Charter. Descriptions of the responsibilities of each of these subcommittees and contact information for the Chair of each is on the Pharmacy PAC web site at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/progorg/pharmacy>

Commissioned corps or civil service pharmacists who are interested in serving on the PAC are encouraged to submit a resume (include immediate supervisor's name and phone number) with a cover letter describing their interest by **May 1, 1999** to:

LCDR Kimberly D. Knutson
USPHS/IHS Health Center
P.O. Box 9210
Arapahoe, WY 82510
Phone: 307-856-9281
Fax: 307-856-1630

Call for Nominations for Physicians PAC Membership

The Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (P-PAC) is seeking new members. The P-PAC is composed of both commissioned corps and civil service physicians, and serves as an active link between the Office of the Surgeon General and physicians working in Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Operating Divisions (OPDIVs) or in major programs (non-HHS programs employing at least ten Corps physicians are eligible for representation).

The P-PAC is seeking dedicated, hardworking individuals for membership. To be eligible for membership, you must be a physician and a full-time OPDIV or major program employee.

All new appointments will be made for a 3-year term and self-nominations are encouraged. The deadline for submission of nominations is **June 1, 1999**. Submissions sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Interested individuals should submit a cover letter detailing their interest in serving on the P-PAC and a current curriculum vitae that includes their current OPDIV/Program, phone number, address, fax number, and e-mail address to the following:

CAPT Timothy D. Mayhew
Chair, P-PAC Membership
Committee
Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle
IHS Facility
6 Rd 7586
Bloomfield, NM 87413

Call for Nominations for Sanitarian PAC Honor Awards

The Sanitarian Professional Advisory Committee (SPAC) is accepting nominations for two awards to honor sanitarians who are either commissioned corps officers or civil service employees.

The "Edward (Ted) Moran Award" recognizes a sanitarian/environmental health specialist at the temporary O-5 grade or civil service GS-13 level or below who consistently achieves high standards in the practice of environmental health, occupational health and safety,

industrial hygiene, or radiological health. The award recognizes outstanding contributions during the previous year in the field of environmental health.

The "John G. Todd Award" recognizes a sanitarian/environmental health specialist at the temporary O-6 grade or civil service GS-14 level or above for significant career contributions in achieving the Public Health Service mission of improving the Nation's health through the practice of environmental health.

Nominations are due no later than **April 30, 1999**. Nomination packages and further information can be obtained by contacting CDR Richard W. Durrett, Chair of the SPAC, at 301-443-1054.

BCOAG's Retired Black Commissioned Officers Recognition Awards Presented

The Black Commissioned Officers Advisory Group (BCOAG) presented its Retired Black Commissioned Officers Recognition Awards on October 23, 1998, at a dinner celebrating the Public Health Service (PHS) Bicentennial and the tenth anniversary of the BCOAG.

The Retired Black Commissioned Officers Recognition Award was created to reach back and recognize those black officers who served with distinction in helping to lay the foundation of today's PHS. The significant contributions of these officers, many of whom had to perform at a higher standard of excellence to overcome an invisible color line in order to win acceptance by their peers, have been overlooked for too many years. Without a formal record of their achievements and of those who helped them along the way, the minority officers and their families, friends, and colleagues will know little of those officers upon whose shoulders they stand.

The BCOAG plans to annually recognize one or two retired black officers who are nominated by their colleagues and/or fellow PHS Commissioned Corps officers. The first two recipients of the BCOAG's Retired Black Commissioned Officers Recognition Award are RADM Charles C. Johnson, Jr., USPHS (Ret.) and CAPT Harold Eugene Hall, USPHS (Ret.).



**RADM Charles C. Johnson, Jr.,
USPHS (Ret.)**

RADM Charles C. Johnson, Jr., received his Corps commission in 1947 and retired in 1971. He was the first black PHS

Commissioned Corps officer promoted to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General. His first PHS assignment as an engineer with the PHS Office of International Health and their initiative in Liberia was the development of fresh drinking water and waste disposal systems for the city of Monrovia. Upon completion of his Liberian assignment, he continued to be assigned to a variety of posts of increasing responsibility. In the early 1960's, he was selected to assume the major role in the development of the PHS environmental health program for American Indians and Alaskan Natives where he directed a program to bring safe drinking water and waste disposal systems to the homes of more than 500,000 Native Americans.

RADM Johnson served as Chair of a PHS committee to study and recommend restructuring of the numerous environmental functions in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This resulted in the creation of the Consumer Protection and Environmental Health Service and he served as its first Administrator. This organization was the forerunner of today's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). After retirement from the Corps, he provided support to the EPA as Chair of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. He also played a major role in early development of research programs and policies in support of the Clean Air Act of 1974, as well as the development of standards and regulations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Some of the other major positions he held include service as the Assistant Commissioner of Health for the New York Health Department with a staff of 700 professionals and technicians. The primary objective of this assignment was to enforce environmental health laws of the city health department and involved developing, supporting, and implementing the citywide environmental health program. RADM Johnson continued to play major roles in promoting environmental policy issues in the U.S. and abroad, with the Agency for International Development, the EPA, the American Public Health Association, and the Washington, D.C. Government.

In addition to serving as President of his own environmental engineering firm, he has continued to teach and mentor

young engineering aspirants. He actively participates in the activities of the Commissioned Officers Association, and recently served on a committee dealing with "The Future of the Commissioned Corps." In all of these activities, RADM Johnson's demonstrated commitment reflects the highest traditions and standards of the PHS Commissioned Corps.



CAPT Harold Eugene Hall, USPHS (Ret.)

CAPT Harold E. Hall received the award for his distinguished PHS and civilian careers encompassing more than 40 years in medical research, teaching, and public service. He was commissioned in 1956 as a Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program officer and retired from the PHS in 1977. His early beginnings as an orphan at the age of 12 years and living in poverty instilled in him a profound sense of intellectual curiosity, drive, and determination to overcome adversity and become a research chemist, educator, author of numerous scientific papers, physician, inventor, mentor, community activist, and public servant.

CAPT Hall received a bachelors degree in chemistry and mathematics, a masters degree in physical/organic chemistry, and a medical degree, and is one of the few black pathologists to be board certified in both anatomical and clinical pathology. He was the first black to hold the position of Director of the Pathology Department at the PHS Hospital in Seattle, where he significantly expanded the services of the laboratory. Under his direction, the hospital's pathology residency program became more comprehen-

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sive through collaborative linkage with the University of Washington School of Medicine, the Department of Veterans Affairs' hospital in Seattle, the Alaska Native Health Organization, and the Billings Montana Health Agencies by providing laboratory coverage for their facilities in return for fully-funded positions at the PHS Hospital in Seattle.

CAPT Hall played a key role in the development of minority pre-med mentorship and surgical residency programs at the University of Washington that resulted in a number of black students graduating as physicians; some of which later served as medical officers in principal positions with the PHS.

In retirement, CAPT Hall remains an active scientist, community volunteer, mentor, and inventor, and is an active advocate for policies nationwide that address access to affordable quality health care for the medically underserved.

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Retirements - January

<i>Title/Name</i>	<i>OPDIV/Program</i>	<i>Title/Name</i>	<i>OPDIV/Program</i>
MEDICAL			
<i>REAR ADMIRAL (LOWER)</i>			
Richard J. Hodes	NIH		
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
Wanho Cheung	HRSA		
Paula Botstein	FDA		
Robert H. Carlson	IHS		
Susan S. Carlson	IHS		
William J. Miner	IHS		
Michael E. Westley	IHS		
Thomas P. Bridge	NIH		
Bruce W. Chesebro	NIH		
William A. Eaton	NIH		
Charles T. Kaelber	NIH		
Douglas R. Lowy	NIH		
Henry F. McFarland	NIH		
Henry Metzger	NIH		
Bernard Moss	NIH		
Robert B. Nussenblatt	NIH		
Joost J. Oppenheim	NIH		
Paul H. Plotz	NIH		
Ethan M. Shevach	NIH		
Alfred Singer	NIH		
Allen M. Spiegel	NIH		
Warren Strober	NIH		
DENTAL			
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
James E. Haubenreich	BOP		
Brian J. Beasley	IHS		
John W. Berridge	IHS		
Roger D. Livingood	IHS		
Philip C. Fox	NIH		
<i>COMMANDER</i>			
Paul R. Letellier	HRSA		
William A. Shaner III	BOP		
John F. Anton	IHS		
NURSE			
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
Gale G. White	FDA		
Joanne Lafley	IHS		
<i>COMMANDER</i>			
Judith I. Jacoby	HRSA		
Mark Jones, Jr.	SAMHSA		
Jeanette Tomaszewski	NIH		
ENGINEER			
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
Charles S. McCammon, Jr.	CDC		
H. Ward Conaway, Jr.	IHS		
Dennis W. Taylor	IHS		
SCIENTIST			
<i>REAR ADMIRAL (UPPER)</i>			
Barry L. Johnson	ATSDR		
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
Michael A. Ussery	FDA		
Marco Montoya	SAMHSA		
PHARMACY			
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
Clarence E. Gissendanner	HRSA		
Gordon R. Johnston	FDA		
Gerald M. Burge	IHS		
Mark H. Rotman	NIH		
<i>COMMANDER</i>			
Rodney S. Tester	BOP		
Danny C. Jones	IHS		
HEALTH SERVICES			
<i>CAPTAIN</i>			
James D. McGlothlin	CDC		
Kathleen F. Martin	IHS		
David L. Norwood	EPA		

Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians Annual Conference

An invitation is extended to all Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and registered nurses to attend the 24th Annual Scientific Assembly of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians (USAFP) in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 28 through March 5, 1999.

This conference is an excellent opportunity to obtain continuing medical education (up to 51 AAFP/AMA prescribed hours), network with PHS Commissioned Corps and other Uniformed Services professionals, and hear the American Medical Association's President, Nancy Dickey, MD, deliver the keynote address. Time is set aside on Tuesday, March 2, for a breakout session for PHS Commissioned Corps attendees to meet and discuss issues and/or topics of specific relevance to PHS.

For further information or to obtain the conference brochure, please call USAFP Headquarters at phone number 804-358-4002. Online information/registration can be found at the USAFP home page:

<http://www.usafp.org/core.shtml>

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Vacancy Announcements

The following vacancies are provided as representative of varied opportunities currently available to Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers. If you have questions pertaining to the announcements listed below, please call the contact listed.

Additional vacancy announcements suitable for commissioned officers can be reviewed by accessing the Division of Commissioned Personnel's (DCP) Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB). The EBB contains a listing of vacancies currently tracked by DCP's Vacancy Announcement and Tracking System (VAATS). Information regarding access and use of EBB is provided elsewhere in this *Commissioned Corps Bulletin*.

Any Operating Division/Program (OPDIV) wishing to list a vacancy in this column should send a written request to: Division of Commissioned Personnel/HRS/PSC, ATTN: VAATS Project Officer/ODB, Room 4A-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857-0001. The VAATS Project Officer can also be reached at: Phone: 301-594-3458 or Fax: 301-594-2711.

<i>Category / OPDIV</i>	<i>Description of Position</i>
MEDICAL	
<i>INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE— Cherokee, NC</i>	Medical Officer Contact: CAPT A. Smith 828-497-9163 Grades: O-3/O-4/O-5 VAATS ID: HGH-93-0066 Call contact to receive position description.
NURSE	
<i>HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION— Various Sites</i>	Nurse Contact: CDR Gilbert Rose 202-353-9834 Grades: O-2/O-3/O-4 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0123 Provides basic medical/surgical care and clinic care to Immigration and Naturalization Service detainees. Fax curriculum vitae and cover letter to 202-514-0095.
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH— Bethesda, MD	
	Nurse Consultant Contact: Ms. Rogene Shank 301-496-6924 Grade: O-4 VAATS ID: HNJ-93-0112 Position is located in the Office of the Director, Hospital Epidemiology Service, Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. Responsible for developing, organizing, and implementing aspects of the hospital infection control program in the Clinical Center. Develops approaches to prevent occurrence of hospital-associated or occupationally-associated infectious diseases. Conducts original research to add to the scientific knowledge base.
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH— Bethesda, MD	
	Clinical Nurse Contact: Ms. Maureen Estrin 1-800-732-5985 Grades: O-2/O-3/O-4 VAATS ID: HNJ-93-0111 Provides nursing care to patients in a 314-bed hospital solely dedicated to biomedical research. Specialty areas range from geriatrics to pediatrics, ambulatory care to intensive care, and chronic care to acute care. Current vacancies exist for staff nurses with experience in critical care, inpatient or outpatient oncology, organ transplantation, bone marrow transplantation, medical/surgical, pediatrics, and cardiology/telemetry.
PHARMACY	
<i>HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION— El Centro, CA</i>	Pharmacist Contact: CDR Gilbert Rose 202-353-9834 Grade: O-5 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0122 Provides standard services in an Immigration and Naturalization Service Processing Center. Spanish language proficiency is desirable, but not required. Fax curriculum vitae and cover letter to 202-514-0095.

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Recent Deaths

The deaths of the following retired officers were reported to the Division of Commissioned Personnel:

<i>Title / Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
MEDICAL	
<i>CAPTAIN</i> Sam Silbergeld	01-03-99
NURSE	
<i>CAPTAIN</i> Myra I. Johnson	12-05-98
<i>LIEUTENANT COMMANDER</i>	
O. Jane Hunt	01-01-99
PHARMACY	
<i>CAPTAIN</i> William H. Briner	11-06-98
HEALTH SERVICES2	
<i>CAPTAIN</i> Joseph E. Brantley, Jr.	12-15-98

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Method for Accessing DCP's Electronic Bulletin Board

Access to the Division of Commissioned Personnel's (DCP) Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) requires a computer terminal equipped with a modem. The telephone number to connect to EBB is 301-594-2398. The line parameters for your modem/terminal should be set at 300-14400 baud; 8 bits; 1 stop bit; no parity. If you do not have access to the required equipment, it is suggested that you contact your Operating Division/Program to inquire about obtaining the necessary equipment or information on how to obtain the material displayed on the EBB.

If you experience a problem regarding registration or access to the EBB, please contact:

Division of Commissioned
Personnel/HRS/PSC
ATTN: EBB Project Officer/ODB
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4A-18
Rockville, MD 20857-0001
Phone: 301-594-3458

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Category / OPDIV

Description of Position

MULTIDISCIPLINARY

HEALTH RESOURCES AND
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—
Various Sites

Health Services Administrator
Contact: CDR Gilbert Rose 202-353-9834
Grade: O-6 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0119
Locations include Manhattan, NY, and Elizabeth, NJ.
Provides administrative oversight for a health care
setting at Immigration and Naturalization Service sites.
Masters degree preferred. Fax curriculum vitae and
cover letter to 202-514-0095.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—
Washington, DC

Deputy Branch Chief
Contact: CDR Gilbert Rose 202-353-9834
Grade: O-6 VAATS ID: HBC-93-0118
Maintains ongoing functions of the Integrated Health
and Support Services Branch, Division of Immigra-
tion Health Services, Immigration and Naturalization
Service (INS), in the absence of the Branch Chief.
Provide assistance to managing and directing a man-
aged care program for persons detained in the cus-
tody of the INS located at local, county, Federal, and
State governmental detention facilities throughout the
United States. Plans, directs, and manages a wide area
network, local area network, and remote dial-up net-
working with multiple interfaces with several gov-
ernmental agencies. Maintains operation of Division's
application server and the Division's web site. Quali-
fications: 3 years experience working with medium to
large computer systems, networks, and server applica-
tions and masters degree in applicable health-related
field. Prefer prior experience in a correctional setting.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—
Dallas, TX

Occupational Health Services Consultant
Contact: CDR Chris Rubadue 206-615-2436
Grades: O-3/O-4/O-5/O-6 VAATS ID: HBJ-93-0009
Management of occupational health clinical services
in more than 30 clinics in Regions VI and VII. Respon-
sibilities include costing, utilization data, inventory,
opening new clinics, staffing. Must have contract man-
agement experience. Good team leadership, commu-
nication skills, and organizational leadership needed.
Prefer experience in management of clinical sites.

Reminder

Leave Records Behind When Leaving Current Assignment

When you leave your current assign-
ment—whether it is a permanent change
of station, retirement, detail, inactiva-
tion, or separation—you must leave be-
hind the records you received or estab-
lished during the time you worked in that
assignment. It is the law.

Even though it may represent your re-
search, or a reference library compiled by
you, no matter how much or how hard you
worked on something, those records be-
long to the government, not to you. Also,
you may not destroy any records except
in accordance with the established
records disposition schedule.

If you take records with you that you
should have been left behind, or destroy
records without authorization, you can
be fined \$2,000 or imprisoned for 3 years,
or both, and you can be disqualified from
having any position in the Federal gov-
ernment.

If you have questions, call the Records
Management Officer for your Operating
Division/Program.

Statement of Service

After separation from active duty, a
Statement of Service is automatically
issued by the Transactions and Applica-
tions Section, Personnel Services Branch,
Division of Commissioned Personnel
(DCP). This official computer-generated
form, which bears a raised seal, is ac-
cepted by the Department of Veterans
Affairs (VA) as proof of active-duty serv-
ice in the Public Health Service (PHS)
Commissioned Corps. Only the com-
puter-generated version, bearing the
raised seal, is deemed to be official by
the PHS Commissioned Corps.

The Statement of Service is the key
document an officer must provide to es-
tablish entitlement to VA benefits. The
Statement of Service is the PHS Com-
missioned Corps equivalent to form DD-
214, "Armed Forces of the United States
Report of Transfer or Discharge." Offi-
cers are reminded that they should not
release the original PHS Statement of
Service; they should retain it for their
personal records.

Since the PHS Commissioned Corps
is a centrally-managed personnel system,
the issuing responsibility for the State-
ment of Service rests with DCP as au-

thorized by statute. Frequently, a PHS
officer may need a Statement of Service
prior to his or her separation from active
duty. In that case, an officer should di-
rect his or her written request for a State-
ment of Service to:

Division of Commissioned
Personnel/HRS/PSC
ATTN: Transactions and Applications
Section (Statement of Service)
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-20
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

FY 1999 Defense Authorization Act Selected Provisions

Below are selected provisions of the Fiscal Year 1999 Defense Authorization Act that are of interest to the Uniformed Services community.

Issue: January 1999 Active/Reserve Pay Raise

Senate Provision: 3.6%

House Provision: 3.6%

Final Provision: 3.6%

Issue: TRICARE Prime Annual Enrollment Fee

Senate Provision: Allow retirees to pay fee by monthly allotment.

House Provision: Allow allotment or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a financial institution.

Final Provision: Allow allotment, EFT, or direct monthly or quarterly payment.

Issue: Active-Duty Dental Plan

Senate Provision: Cap premium increases at basic pay-raise percentage.

House Provision: Raise premiums to \$20/month and index to inflation.

Final Provision: Senate provision.

Issue: Retiree Dental Plan

Senate Provision: N/A

House Provision: Allow "family only" enrollment option (i.e., excluding retiree).

Final Provision: House provision.

Issue: Burial Honors

Senate Provision: Require Department of Defense (DoD)/Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conference to study means of improving availability of burial honors.

House Provision: Require at least a 3-person honor guard for qualifying veterans' funerals, effective October 1, 1999.

Final Provision: DoD/VA conferences to recommend action by March 15, 1999; implement House provision effective January 1, 2000.

Issue: Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Enrollment Season

Senate Provision: One year open season for current nonparticipants, effective March 1, 1999; late enrollees must pay all back premiums, plus interest.

House Provision: N/A

Final Provision: Senate provision.

Issue: Commissary/Exchange Consolidation

Senate Provision: N/A

House Provision: Prohibit consolidation in absence of law change.

Final Provision: House provision.

Issue: Absentee Voting Rights

Senate Provision: Guarantee active-duty members' absentee voting rights in State/local elections as in national elections.

House Provision: N/A

Final Provision: No provision adopted.

CDR Juliana Sadovich Recipient of HCFA Award

CDR Juliana Sadovich, a Nurse Consultant/Federal Surveyor in the Health Care Financing Administration's (HCFA) San Francisco Regional Office, received the HCFA Administrator's Employee of the Month Honor Award for December 1998.

In addition to her regular duties, CDR Sadovich took upon herself the task of developing a computer program for the new Nursing Home Federal Monitoring Survey Initiative, which is one of HCFA's high priority Nursing Home Initiatives. This involved writing a very comprehensive program to be used by regional office staff to enter the results of the Federal Oversight/Support Surveys (FOSSs), and by HCFA staff responsible for analyzing and reporting on the FOSS results to Congress and others.

CDR Sadovich was able to accomplish this tremendous undertaking due to her personal commitment to the project, a willingness to take the risk of creating the data base on her own, and training regional office staff in an area that is not her specialization. The development of this program is a major contribution to HCFA's Nursing Home Initiatives as it is comprehensive, user friendly, and contains the necessary edits to ensure high data quality.

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