

**Physician Assistant – Professional Advisory Group
May 31, 2012 Minutes**

Acting Chair Report/ LCDR Scott Klimp

No new information to pass

Subcommittee Reports

Awards Subcommittee/ Capt George Carter

Selected the recipients of 2012 PA Year Award (LCDR Hung Tran and LCDR Mark McKinnon). Will post more details on website. Continue to encourage our colleagues to submit their applications for next year.

Communications Subcommittee/LCDR Rodney Sluss

Standard minutes updated on website and a few things sent out to the ListServ. No additional new information.

Membership Subcommittee/LCDR Futch

No news to pass for the membership committee.

Policy and Procedure Subcommittee/ LCDR Paul Hager

No new information.

Professional Development Subcommittee/ CDR Anthony Bryant

- 1.) Participated in a phone conference performed by the HSO PAC on Cross Cutting Career Development Issues. The participants included members of the Professional Development Committee from the various PAGs. The issues discussed included billets, CME/CEU, promotional issues etc. Interesting to see how the concerns with the other disciplines were similar to those of the PA's. Follow up meeting will be scheduled to discuss solutions to the issues. POC is LCDR Washington-Jones if anyone wants more information.
- 2.) NCCPA changes in certification .Check NCCPA website for changes. 10 year cycle to be implemented. Change in CME. Self-assessment and QI CME hours to be added. Do personal profile when logged on.
- 3.) No new information from PAC Mentoring program. CDR Jaworski was contacted. Still asking for more participation from senior officers. Many mentors have up to 4 junior officers to mentor. More senior officers needed to fill the needs of the program.
- 4.) USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium HSO Career Counseling Session to be offered. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your CV, Officer's statement, etc. reviewed. POC is LCDR Requel Peat. See the PAC Weekly Announcements.
- 5.) Stay current on readiness. Update vaccinations accordingly, TB skin test, CPR, awards. Be aware of deadlines. Don't let a small mistake keep you from being promoted. Check the Promotion Check List under Promotion Information at the Services tab of the CCMIS.

Readiness Subcommittee/ LCDR Scott Klimp

No new information

Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee/ LCDR Pieter Van Horn

No new information

Welcoming Subcommittee/ LT Lee Witter/LCDR Randy Grove

No updates

Ad Hoc COF Subcommittee/ LCDR Ulgen Fideli

No updates

Ad Hoc AMSUS Subcommittee/ CDR Stephen Keller

Update for the November video project with the working title "The US Public Health Service Commissioned Corps."

AMSUS Video:

As a part of the AMSUS Plenary Session Planning Subcommittee, Medical Service Corp Promotional Video, Producer/Editor, working with LCDR David Wright, we have video segments from the arctic to the desert, East and West. We hope to capture more video footage in the months to come and unique US PHS pictures too.

I have the script written for a colonoscopy patient educational video for Shiprock Indian Hospital (Navajo Indian Reservation) that will be in this AMSUS video production and we have a Native American, US PHS Physician Assistant officer who will be acting as the PCP for this production acting/presenting the patient education segment in English as well as translation in Navajo.

Stay Tuned...

Liason Reports

JOAG/ LCDR Pieter Vanhorn

No new information

BOP/ CDR Anthony Bryant

- 1.) Vacancies at Lewisburg PA, Bradford PA, Oklahoma City OK, Seattle WA.
- 2.) Capt. Brown states Uniform change from ship board cover-all to Coast Guard ODU is still pending on the policy and guidance from PHS.
- 3.) Update from CDR Hunter-Busky from the Mid-Level Work group.
 - a. Work group will be preparing a State of the State report in the upcoming months to address progress of programs the work group has been working on.
 - b. Will be bringing on line a web based program for PA to assess and to obtain information on PA issues.
 - c. Will be asking for volunteers to participate in work groups to address recruitment, competency training for mid-level providers, CME activities, etc.
- 4.) Expect multiple vacancies through the BOP for certified PA's and NP's as FMG currently working will retire or leave the Bureau. Many job opportunities to anyone wishing to transfer to the BOP.

IHSC/ LCDR Suzie Garza

No new information

IHS/ Capt Gary Cole

No new information

FDA/ LCDR Stephen Smith

As of June 1, 2012, there was no entry level FDA positions but this changes daily. FDA remains mostly under a hiring freeze with occasional positions offered to the public. What this means is that PHS officers who desire to leave other non FDA positions, may only enter if it is offered on <http://www.usajobs.gov/>. If you enter "FDA" or "FDA Consumer Safety Officer" you can find entry level positions for the O-2 or O-3. REC positions for FDA are occasionally offered, but require FDA experience. If you have any questions, please email. As of June 1, 2012, there were no entry level FDA positions but this changes daily The O-4 and O-5 billet positions are for managers with the new billet restructure and you need FDA experience for those positions.

NOAA/ CDR Michelle Pelkey

No new information to report.

PHSAPA/

No new information

Summary and Status of Action Items:

Discussed September 2011 action items. See attached action items. No new input. Will need to discuss again in next meeting for updates.

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 20:42 hours EST.

Next teleconference: July 26, 2012 at 20:00 hrs EST.

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