

Psychologist Professional Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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1. Report from the Chair: LCDR Tony Satterfield provided the report for the Chair in LCDR Jeffrey Goodie's absence. (jgoodie@usuhs.mil)
 - Congratulations
 1. Seth Green SciPAC Junior Officer of the Year
 2. LCDR Meghan Corso earning ABPP
 3. Everyone that was promoted
 - COF
 1. A successful conference, although a bit warm at times
 2. Special thanks to CDR Sam Dutton for planning the lunch
 - Approximately 12 psychologists met and we had a chance to discuss future needs and directions for PsyPAG
 - Special Pays Update
 1. CPAB Meeting on 18 July
 - Primary focus was on Board Certification, which boards qualify for which specialty
 - Payment system is changing by 2015; hoping that this will be opportunity to promote consolidated pays.
 - ASH signed the Health Professions Special Pay
 - Allows USPHS to put into practice the DoD special pays
 - Important step forward, had been with the ASH since 2010
 - Must be signed by HHS secretary and put into practice by USPHS
 - CPAB board efforts would help to inform how USPHS puts this into practice
 - Next meeting will likely be in November
 - Best Kept Secret Brochure
 - Check out the Behavioral Health information at:
<http://www.usphs.gov/profession/behavioral/>
 - Many PsyPAG members are featured including CAPT Murry, CAPT Tilus, CAPT Williams, CDR Frazer, CDR Thompson, CDR Beaulieu, CDR Robbins
 - If you see errors please email CDR Goodie (Jeffrey.goodie@usuhs.edu)
 - Limited License Tour of Duty
 - Developed white paper summarizing the issues of the LLTD
 - LLTD exists, but is inconsistently applied.
 - Would allow unlicensed psychologists (e.g., those who have recently completed internship) to enter the Corps
 - White paper was forwarded to the PAC chairs

- Some concern expressed due to experience with social workers who did not get licensed after using the LLTD
 - Expansion of the Science Committee
 - Exec committee has been discussing ways to better coordinate/support submissions and participation in conferences, including COF and AMSUS
 - Exploring expanding the Science Committee to be the Science and Conference committee, developing subcommittees within this committee to focus on COF and AMSUS
 - Surveying Conference Attendance
 - Survey will be sent out to assess what conferences we typically attend
2. Report from the Chair Elect: CDR Anne Dobmeyer (anne.dobmeyer@med.navy.mil)
- No Report
3. Report from the Secretary: LCDR Tony Satterfield (William.satterfield@tma.osd.mil)
- Requests have been submitted to update the PsyPAG website (<http://usphs-hso.org/?q=pags/psypag>). The request updates included the Minutes page, Award Recipients, and Bylaws.
4. Report from Category Liaisons
- HSO Category: CDR Scott Salvatore (scott.salvatore@amedd.army.mil)
 - AMSUS will have a half day behavioral health track this year and with the goal of a full day for 2013.
 - Scientist Category: CDR Nicole Frazer (Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil)
 - The SciPAC Executive Board has been working on a webpage to implement some of the recommendations from the Policy subcommittee white paper on visibility of Scientist officers (visibility outside of the category). This webpage will highlight and inform Scientist officers about the areas under the HHS strategic plan, the National Prevention Strategy, and the priority areas where Scientist officers do their work. It will also provide recommendations for individual officers to increase the visibility of their work and outlines the current visibility activities.
 - The Science subcommittee of the SciPAC also has a proposal in development to collect a list of publications, of scientific reports or policy documents, authored or co-authored by Scientist officers. Such a list will continue to demonstrate the wealth and breadth of work performed by Scientists.
 - The latest edition of the SciPAC newsletter has been posted to the SciPAC website at www.usphs-scientist.org.
5. Report from OFRD Liaison: LCDR Anthony Tranchita (anthony.tranchita.1@us.af.mil)
- Current focus of OFRD for deployment teams is to ensure operational capability (i.e. appropriate skillsets) and that members of teams are active participants
 - Perception is that there are opportunities for follow on work at Rosebud and Lone Star missions and OFRD is hoping to strategize on providing a sustained impact in those areas. Currently finishing After Action Report (AAR) for Rosebud.
 - LCDR Smith is working on finishing up awards that were back logged.

- Biofeedback was utilized at Operation Lone Star and provided treatment for 24.
6. Report from COF Liaison: CDR Sam Dutton (Samuel.dutton@med.navy.mil)
 - No Report
 7. Report from APA Liaison: LT Rivera (Luz.E.Rivera@fda.hhs.gov)
 - No Report
 8. Reports from Committee Chairs
 - Policy and Procedures: Report by LCDR Arlin Hatch for CDR Anne Dobbmeyer (anne.dobbmeyer@med.navy.mil):
 - Two policy items have been raised for review by the PsyPAG Policy Committee.
 - The first item involves eligibility for the “Psychologist of the Year Award.” Article V, paragraph B of the Bylaws states: “Nominees for this award include any full time, active duty, USPHS Commissioned Officer Psychologist. However, the Chair, Chair-Elect and Secretary of the Psychologist Professional Advisory Group (PsyPAG) are not eligible to compete.” The question arose as to whether persons who served in these PsyPAG leadership roles the previous year should also be ineligible, apparently due to increased name recognition and familiarity of the officer by virtue of their previous leadership position. The Policy Committee would like to open up the issue for comments from PsyPAG membership over a 3-week period from 2 Aug 12 through 22 Aug 12. An email will go out to PsyPAG membership asking that comments be forwarded to CDR Anne Dobbmeyer and LCDR Arlin Hatch (the Policy Committee members) to review and summarize before forwarding back out to the membership for a vote as to whether the Bylaws should remain unchanged, or be changed in some fashion to clarify or alter the existing policy.
 - The second item for which policy review was requested relates to Article V, paragraph C of the Bylaws, which spells out required criteria for a “Psychologist of the Year Award” candidate. The concern raised was that there appears to be a lack of clarity about the timeframe over which accomplishments can be considered for the award. The Policy Committee would also like to open up the forum to comments from PsyPAG membership about whether a clarifying statement should be added to the Bylaws about timeframe for accomplishment consideration (e.g., spanning the candidate’s career as a PHS psychologist or some other timeframe), or if the Bylaw should remain unchanged. Comments for this policy issue will also be accepted over the 3-week period beginning 2 Aug 12, and will be solicited in an email to the PsyPAG membership.
 - Membership: LCDR Asha Ivey (aivey@cdc.gov)/LCDR Erika Odom (ECOdom@cdc.gov):
 - No information to report.
 - Recruitment and Retention: CDR Adit Bhagwat (Aditya.Bhagwat@med.navy.mil)/ LCDR Meghan Corso (meghan.corso@med.navy.mil):
 - No information to report.

- Professional Development: LCDR Robert Belde (robert.belde@usafa.af.mil)/LCDR Heidi Daniels (heidi.daniels@afncr.af.mil):
 - No information to report.
- Advocacy: CDR Bryan Davidson (bryan.davidson@langley.af.mil)
 - Reiterated the information regarding the Limited License Tour of Duty discussed during the report of the Chair.
- DoD SIG: LCDR Jennifer Bodart (jennifer.bodart-02@afncr.af.mil)/LCDR Renee Pleasanton (evelyn.pleasanton@lakenheath.af.mil)
 - The DoD SIG met on 18 July
 - As of July we started a guest speaker series in order to provide information to officers within DoD on various jobs PHS officers are holding, their current role, requirements for that position, career progression, and how they fit into that role as a PHS officer. In addition, it's an opportunity to discuss potential future and current vacancies. CDR Aditya Bhagwat was our first speaker.
 - Discussion also centered around promotion ceremonies and the standard especially for those working in the DoD. CAPT Golden and LCDR Nelson both provided a standard script and this was forwarded out those within the DoD SIG.
 - LCDR Pleasanton will be leading the call and coordinating our next speaker.
- Science Committee: LCDR Satterfield presented for LCDR Robin Toblin (robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil)
 - There has been discussion of expanding the role of the Science committee to be the Science & Conference committee. The role of this committee would be expanded to guide PsyPAG towards participation in conferences, particularly COF and AMSUS. Beyond announcing deadlines and promoting participation, the committee would be the central point within PsyPAG for coordinating submissions and for promoting leadership roles within these conferences. Subcommittees within this committee could be formed to target these conferences. In order for this expansion to be successful, the Science Committee would need additional members to support these efforts.

9. Misc Announcements: None

10. Adjourn

Mark your calendars – the next PsyPAG meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

Attendance (only reflects members in attendance or excused):

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Present/Excused
CDR	Barnes	Vincen	Yes
CDR	Beaulieu	Kay	Excused
CDR	Bodart	Jennifer	Yes
CDR	Coady	Jeff	Excused

CDR	Davidson	Bryan	Yes
CDR	Dobmeyer	Anne	Excused
CDR	Dutton	Samuel	Yes
CDR	Frazer	Nicole	Yes
CDR	Goodie	Jeffrey	Excused
CDR	O'Toole	Jerry	Yes
CDR	Salvatore	Scott	Yes
CDR	Tranchita	Anthony	Yes
LCDR	Burns	Robert	Yes
LCDR	Corso	Meghan	Yes
LCDR	Daniels	Heidi	Yes
LCDR	Hatch	Arlin	Yes
LCDR	Reilly	Meghan	Yes
LCDR	Satterfield	William	Yes
LCDR	Toblin	Robin	Excused
LT	Rivera	Luz	Excused
LT	Trail	Sharyl	Yes
	Cua	Eduardo	Yes
	McDaniel	Dawn	Yes
	Tsai	Michelle	Yes