

# Psychologist Professional Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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1. Report from the Chair: CDR Jeffrey Goodie ([jgoodie@usuhs.mil](mailto:jgoodie@usuhs.mil))
  - Congratulations
    - Thanks to LCDR Satterfield for leading the August Meeting
    - LCDR Jill Breitbach earned her ABPP in Clinical Psychology
    - CDR Jen Bodart's new addition, Norah Josephine born on 13 Aug
  - Special Pays Update
    - Clarification on special pays; working to ensure parity between scientist & HSO categories
    - Next meeting 28 Nov 2012
  - Limited License Tour of Duty
    - Scheduling conference call
    - Concerns raised about past experience with social work
  - Bylaws voting
  - Survey Conference Attendance
    - See attachment for review
    - Sent to CAPT Coppola
  - DoD MOA
    - Recruitment and retention committee and PsyPAG exec met to discuss
  - Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System
    - Recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
    - <http://www.pcsas.org>
    - We should consider the impact on recruitment.
  - Committee Transitions
    - Chair Reports will be needed in December.
  - Elections: Chair Elect, Secretary
    - CV summary sheet and a list of your three goals/priorities for PsyPAG for 2013
    - Due 31 October 2012
    - Voting to run 7 Nov to 28 Nov.
2. Guest Speaker: CAPT Christopher Bersani,
  - National Lead for Behavioral Health for the Office of Regional Operations of HRSA
  - Topic: Affordable Care Act Implications on Behavioral Health.
    - See attached slides
3. Report from the Chair Elect: CDR Anne Dobmeyer ([anne.dobmeyer@med.navy.mil](mailto:anne.dobmeyer@med.navy.mil))
  - No Report

3. Report from the Secretary: LCDR Tony Satterfield ([William.satterfield@tma.osd.mil](mailto:William.satterfield@tma.osd.mil))
  - PsyPAG website (<http://usphs-hso.org/?q=pags/psypag>).
  - Requested any officers who have recently moved or who have changes in e-mail/contact information provide their new contact information to him and the Membership Committee in order to update the PsyPAG Listserve and membership roster.
  
4. Report from Category Liaisons
  - HSO Category: CDR Scott Salvatore ([scott.salvatore@amedd.army.mil](mailto:scott.salvatore@amedd.army.mil))
    - The next award for review is the HSO Responder of the Year for 2012. HSOs are encouraged to submit nominations; they will be due in early November.
    - Senior Officer Advisory Group (SOAG) – CDR Scott Salvatore • CDR Sicard said that rather than piloting a SOAG in the Health Services category, she has reached out to other PAC chairs to determine the feasibility of establishing a cross-category group similar to the Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG). The CPO Board reviewed and discussed the SOAG concept and determined that the concept has been brought forward in various forms numerous times in the past and was not supported. At this time the CPOs feel that the SOAG could potentially fracture the Corps and therefore they will not support the concept.
    - Three HSO Psychologists presenting at AMSUS inaugural behavioral track.
  
  - Scientist Category: CDR Nicole Frazer ([Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil](mailto:Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil))
    - The following is information from CAPT Williams-Fleetwood, Scientist Chief Professional Officer, during the 2 Oct 12 SciPAC meeting:
    - The National Prevention Action Plan and National Strategy for Suicide Prevention are posted on the Surgeon General's website at: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/>. Please review these and help support the plans in the ways that you can.
    - CAPT Williams-Fleetwood's term ends 31 August 12. She has been a tremendous advocate for psychologists.
    - "Deemed Regular Corps" orders are starting to appear in officer's OPFs. Wear of the Regular Corps Ribbon is authorized for wear once the orders are in the OPF.
    - Readiness numbers have fallen below 80% for Scientists. If you are a Scientist and fall in that category then you might be receiving a notice or call from other Scientist asking if you need any assistance in completing any associated actions to become Basic Ready.
    - It was emphasized that Direct Access will be the primary contact data base, so ensure that your contact information is current.
    - The USPHS Symposium has been set for 20-23 May in Arizona. The theme this year is focused on prevention and bridging gaps and implementing the National Prevention Strategy. More information to follow on the website.
    - There are a number of Scientist officer applicants who have been boarded and confirmed but need jobs. Please contact CDR Frazer at [Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil](mailto:Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil) if you have any openings in your office that might be relevant.
  
5. Report from OFRD Liaison: LCDR Anthony Tranchita ([anthony.tranchita.1@us.af.mil](mailto:anthony.tranchita.1@us.af.mil))
  - No report.
  
6. Report from COF Liaison: CDR Sam Dutton ([Samuel.dutton@med.navy.mil](mailto:Samuel.dutton@med.navy.mil))

- The 2013 PHS Symposium will be held 20-23 May at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel in Glendale, AZ, a suburb of Phoenix, AZ. Category Day will be on 23 May (Thursday). There will be a call for abstracts for presentations coming out in the next few weeks, with abstract selection likely occurring end of Nov or early Dec. They will consider both research and programmatic presentation material.
7. Report from APA Liaison: LT Rivera ([Luz.E.Rivera@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Luz.E.Rivera@fda.hhs.gov))
- I have been in contact with APA Division 18 (Psychologist in Public Service) to explore the possibility of adding a new categories to the already ones in existence to accommodate all psychologist working in areas of public health that do not fall in one of their establish categories. Their current categories are:
    - Community and State Hospitals
    - Criminal Justice
    - Police and Public Safety
    - Psychologists in Indian Country
    - Serious Mental Illness - Severe Emotional Disturbance Veterans Affairs
  - As soon as I have further information I will update.
8. Reports from Committee Chairs
- Policy and Procedures: Report by LCDR Arlin Hatch for CDR Anne Dobbmeyer ([anne.dobbmeyer@med.navy.mil](mailto:anne.dobbmeyer@med.navy.mil)):
    - An email with information on voting for a change to the PsyPAG bylaws related to the Psychologist of the Year Award procedures was sent to all current PsyPAG members. Please cast your vote in the next several weeks. If you did not receive the email, please contact [anne.c.dobbmeyer@health.mil](mailto:anne.c.dobbmeyer@health.mil) or [arlin.hatch@hill.af.mil](mailto:arlin.hatch@hill.af.mil)
  - Membership: LCDR Asha Ivey ([aivey@cdc.gov](mailto:aivey@cdc.gov))/LCDR Erika Odom ([ECOdom@cdc.gov](mailto:ECOdom@cdc.gov)):
    - The Membership Co-Chairs, LCDR Erika Odom and LCDR Asha Ivey were asked to send the most updated list of members to the executive committee. Currently, 79 officers are included in the member directory. We noted missing contact information for several PHS officers and emails were sent out over the past month requesting that officers forward their new contact information. If you received an email from LCDR Erika Odom, I look forward to having you return your up-to-date contact information.
  - Recruitment and Retention: CDR Adit Bhagwat ([Aditya.Bhagwat@med.navy.mil](mailto:Aditya.Bhagwat@med.navy.mil))/ LCDR Meghan Corso ([meghan.corso@med.navy.mil](mailto:meghan.corso@med.navy.mil)):
    - We continue to focus our efforts on retention not recruitment. We had a brief meeting with PsyPAG leadership to discuss the sunset plan for the officers assigned to the DoD MOU including possible VA MOU.
  - Professional Development: LCDR Robert Belde ([robert.belde@usafa.af.mil](mailto:robert.belde@usafa.af.mil))/LCDR Heidi Daniels ([heidi.daniels@afncr.af.mil](mailto:heidi.daniels@afncr.af.mil)):
    - We are expecting to have a presenter for our December 2012 meeting -- name and topic TBA.
    - Thanks to Heidi Daniels for arranging today's speaker (Dr. Bersani)

- Advocacy: CDR Bryan Davidson ([bryan.davidson@langley.af.mil](mailto:bryan.davidson@langley.af.mil))
  - The CPO of the Scientist category announced that COSTEP options would only be available for three professions. Psychologists were not among these. This will likely have an impact on license-limited tours of duty by offering no standardized method for bringing on psychologists still in training who have not completed their degrees.
  - The Advocacy Committee stands by to assist PsyPAG leadership in understanding how the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System impacts PHS psychologists
  
- DoD SIG: LCDR Jennifer Bodart ([jennifer.bodart-02@afncr.af.mil](mailto:jennifer.bodart-02@afncr.af.mil))/LCDR Renee Pleasanton ([evelyn.pleasanton@lakenheath.af.mil](mailto:evelyn.pleasanton@lakenheath.af.mil))
  - No report
  
- Science Committee: LCDR Satterfield presented for LCDR Robin Toblin ([robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil](mailto:robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil))
  - Please send your publications and presentations to LCDR Toblin; an updated list will come out this week -The committee will put together a list of relevant AMSUS presentations for the group. Upcoming conference and deadlines will be announced as well

9. Misc Announcements: None

10. Adjourn

**Mark your calendars – the next PsyPAG meeting will be Wednesday, December 5, 2012.**

**Attendance (only reflects members in attendance or excused):**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Present/Excused</b>
CAPT	Golden	John	Yes
CAPT	Murry	Michael	Yes
CDR	Barnes	Vincen	Yes
CDR	Beaulieu	Kay	Yes
CDR	Coady	Jeff	Yes
CDR	Davidson	Bryan	Yes
CDR	Dobmeyer	Anne	Yes
CDR	Dutton	Samuel	Yes
CDR	Frazer	Nicole	Yes
CDR	Goodie	Jeffrey	Yes
CDR	O'Toole	Jerry	Yes
CDR	Reed	Bithiah	Yes
CDR	Salvatore	Scott	Yes
LCDR	Barry	David	Yes
LCDR	Corso	Meghan	Yes

LCDR	Green	Seth	Yes
LCDR	Hess	David	Yes
LCDR	Reilly	Meghan	Yes
LCDR	Satterfield	William	Yes
LCDR	Toblin	Robin	Yes
LT	Rivera	Luz	Excused
LT	Kebker	Eric	Yes
LT	Trail	Sharyl	Yes
	Tsai	Michelle	Yes