

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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MINORITY OFFICERS LIAISON COUNCIL (MOLC)

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 26nd 2016, 1400- 1600 EST

Teleconference Call: Number: 1-855-828-1770, Meeting ID: 740 536 066

Attendance	Name	Position	Rank	C MAG	Agency
Present	Hamet Touré	Chair	CDR	BCOAG	FDA
Present	Valerie Marshall	Chair	LCDR	BCOAG	FDA
Absent	Vladimir Tirado	Vice-Chair	LCDR	HOAC	BOP
Absent	Guillermo Aviles-Mendoza	Vice-Chair	CDR	HOAC	ASPR
Present	Eric Zhou	Secretary	LCDR	APAOC	NIH
Present	Khang Ngo	Secretary	CDR	APAOC	USCG
Absent	Dodson Frank	Liaison	LCDR	AI/ANCOAG	HIS
Present	Randy Saria	Liaison	CDR	AI/ANCOAG	HIS
Present	James Warner	Past Chair and JAOC liaison	LCDR	AI/ANCOAC	USCG
Absent	David Laird	Past Chair	CDR	AI/ANCOAC	FDA

Present	Kofi Ansah	COA Liaison	CDR	BCOAG	FDA
Absent	Helena Mishoe	Senior Advisor	RADM	BCOAG	NIH
Absent	Postelle Birch-Smith	Advisor (pending)	CAPT	BCOAG	FDA
Absent	Beverly Dandridge	Advisor (pending)	CAPT	BCOAG	Homeland Security
Absent*	David Lau	DCCPR/RedDog /AMSUS	CAPT	APAOC	Homeland Security

*Excused Absence

o Call to Order

- CDR Touré called the meeting to order at 1402.

I. Roll Call

- LCDR Zhou conducted the roll call. A quorum was **not** present. CDR Hamet Touré ordered the meeting to be cancelled and the CMAGs' report to be submitted to LCDR Eric Zhou.

II. Meeting Minutes

- The meeting minutes from January to March, 2016 were posted on the MOLC website.

III. MOLC Chair Report

LCDR Marshall led the MOLC booth at the April 26, 2016, FDA PHS Awareness Day.

MOLC has been invited to give a five-minute overview of MOLC during the FDA Commissioned Officers (FCON) meetings in Silver Spring, MD. CDR Touré will provide the 5-minute presentation on June 21, 2016.

CDR Touré and LCDR Marshall had prepared a proposal and timeline for the selection of the Senior MOLC Advisor for the period beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2018. When CDR Touré reached out to OSG for guidance, it was recommended that MOLC follow the same process as JOAG, which recently went through the process of selecting a Senior Advisor. Documents and templates used by JOAG will be modified for the purpose of selecting a MOLC Senior Advisor. Draft documents will be shared with the MOLC representatives for feedback and concurrence.

CDR Touré contacted CDR Christine Collins regarding how the CMAGs should communicate with OSG and keep the Surgeon General informed of their initiatives and activities. CDR Collins recommended that CMAGs prepare a written report, which should include a timeline of events/activities in table format. The PHS ensemble recently provided such a report and CDR Touré and LCDR Marshall will share the format with the CMAG Chairs. CDR Collins noted that CMAGs could meet with RADM Trent-Adams, Deputy Surgeon General, in person to go over their reports.

V. Subcommittee reports

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. *Bylaws/Charter:*** The MOLC Charter and Bylaws Subcommittee will be led by LT Vu Nguyen (CMS) and CDR Hamet Touré. Other Committee members include LT Jorge Muñiz Ortiz (HOAC) and LT Shane Eynon (AI/ANCOAC). CDR Touré and LT Nguyen met on April 15, 2016, to go over typographical errors and unclear language in the Charter and Bylaws. The Subcommittee will hold its first meeting in the near future.
- B. *Membership:*** LCDR Zhou submitted the appointment letters for MOLC Voting members to RADM Mishoe for signature. Once they were signed, the letters will be distributed to all VM.

IX. Abbreviated Reports

1. AI/ANCOAC Report – No report.

2. APAOC Report - LCDR Zhou

- 1. Annual APAOC Awards were selected.

CAPT Allan Lock Award	CDR Kun Shen
RADM Samuel Lin Award	CDR Jinhee Lee
RADM Kenneth Moritsugu Award	LT Kazuhiro Okumura

The pictures and bios will be submitted to MOLC by April 29, 2016.

- 2. Held two training sessions:
 - a. “Leadership – Self, Others, and Relationships on the Leadership Journey” by Dr. Patrick Malone, Director of Key Executive Leadership Programs from American University on Monday, April 25, 2016.
 - b. “VA benefit” on Wednesday, April 20th, 2016
- 3. APAOC is planning on a 5K run event, and would like to know whether MOLC has any concerns or suggestions.

MOLC Business:

4. MOLC Appointment letters for Voting Members were drafted and submitted to RADM Mishoe for signature on April 18, 2016.
5. MOLC is interested in ordering MOLC coins.
6. Invitation to Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, Director of the Minority Health: Her secretary responded that she is checking her schedule and will let us know whether she can attend the MOLC Awards Ceremony.

3. BCOAG Report - CDR Touré

BCOAG held its last General Body meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016. During this meeting, BCOAG committees provided an update on their activities. The meeting also included a presentation by the BCOAG Membership Committee on the benefits of becoming a Voting Member.

BCOAG is in the process of making the final selection for its three annual awards. Recommendations for the Lythcott, Poindexter and Retired PHS Officers Recognition awards have been sent to the BCOAG Executive Committee for review.

BCOAG has conducted the following community outreach events recently:

- Future Leaders in American Government (FLAG) 2016 Student Oratical Competition on March 19
- Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger 5K Walk/Run on March 13
- USA Science and Engineering Festival in D.C. on April 16-7
- Atlanta Medical Heroes Appreciation Walk/Run on April 16

Upcoming event

- Maryland Day on April 30, 2016

Ongoing events

- Atlanta Project Open Hand Meal Packing and Meal Delivery
- Support of the Prince George's County Public School Saturday Program Activity in Beltsville, MD, is ongoing until May 30, 2016

In addition, BCOAG is preparing for its Hometown Missions, which are short (1-3 days) initiatives, comprised of multiple events, aimed at increasing BCOAG's span of impact across the nation. Tentative locations for the Hometown Missions are the following:

- Atlanta, GA (tentatively scheduled for AUG 2016)
- Cleveland, OH (tentatively scheduled for SEP 2016)
- Columbus, GA
- Raleigh, NC

In support of the Surgeon General's Walk Initiative, BOAG will participate in the African American Male Wellness Walk on Saturday, July 30, 2016.

BCOAG attended Officer Basic Course 86 and recruited seven new officers.

BCOAG has been promoting the 2016 USPHS Joint Combined Social in anticipation of the Symposium.

The BCOAG Historian Committee is preparing a discussion panel with retired officers on June 9, 2016.

4. HOAC Report – CDR Bonilla

No report

5. COA Liaison Report - CDR Ansah

No report

7. MOLC Liaison Report: LCDR

No report

8. JOAG Report – LCDR Warner

Updates from JOAG Liaison: last JOAG General Meeting held on April 8, 2016.

1. Next JOAG General Meeting will be on June 10, 2016
2. Please join the JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, Uniformed Service Community Service Projects Subcommittee, and volunteers from other uniformed services in the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBMHH), Historic Ulysses S. Grant Hall Open House event. The "Grant Hall Open House" event allows members of the public to view and experience the history of the Lincoln Assassination Trials tribunal courtroom.
Location: Historic Ulysses S. Grant Hall, Fort Lesley J. McNair, JB Myer-Henderson Hall
103 3rd Avenue SW, Building 20, Washington, D.C. 20319
Date and Time: Saturday, May 7, 2016. Volunteers may sign up for one of three available shifts: 0930-1200, 1130-1400, and 1330-1600 ET. There will be up to four volunteers per shift, for a maximum of 12 volunteers for this event. If you have any questions, or would like to participate, please contact: LT Gwendolyn Hudson (USPHS/JOAG), JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, Uniformed Service Community Service Projects Subcommittee
Work: 240-402-2662, gnhudson@gmail.com
3. VADM Murthy would like to better understand the top three concerns/items that you would like to see changed within the Commissioned Corps. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YKFKCWD>. Thank you in

advance for taking the time to fill out this short survey and for sharing your opinions with Commissioned Corps leadership by COB Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

4. If you are attending the 2016 Scientific and Training Symposium in Oklahoma City, OK then JOAG would like to invite you to join JOAG in participating in one of two concurrent volunteer opportunities serving Oklahoma's homeless population on May 17, 2016.

POCs: LCDR June Germain at Junie.Germain@fda.hhs.gov / (301) 796-4024 or LT Aaron Cardenaz at Timothy.Cardenaz@ihs.gov / (580) 354-5532

Deadline: Please act quick, as there is limited space for volunteer participation. The deadline to sign up is May 1, 2016; Signup:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48adab2aa1fb6-coavolunteer>

5. Please join the JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, Uniformed Service Community Service Projects Subcommittee, in meeting and greeting World War II veterans upon their journey to the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. The meet and greet is located at the San Diego International Airport on May 1, 2016, as part of the National Honor Flight Program. Visit <http://www.honorflight.org/>
Location: San Diego International Airport, 3225 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
Date and Time: Sunday, May 1, 2016 (tentatively from 1300-1600 PDT). The exact time will be emailed to all volunteers prior to the event.

If you have any questions, or would like to participate, please contact:
LCDR Kari Harris (USPHS/JOAG), JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, Uniformed Service Community Service Projects Subcommittee

Phone: Work 760-246-2400 ext. 2523, Email: k2xharris@bop.gov

6. Join fellow USPHS officers, National Park Service employees and volunteers, and the public, at the National Park Service Bioblitz and Centennial Celebration, at the National Mall, in Washington, D.C., on May 20 and 21, 2016. This event will help teach children and families about the health benefits of nature and ways to stay safe while recreating in nature. This event supports the mental and physical health goals of the National Prevention Strategy. We are asking for eight to 16 volunteers to help us staff a booth dedicated to One Health, the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. Officers will guide participating children through two fun and hands-on activities to teach them about staying safe in nature and the health benefits of biodiversity. Officers can choose to serve in four hour shifts on Friday and Saturday.
Location: National Capital Mall (Washington, D.C.)
Note: the exact location of the booth will be determined once participation is confirmed.
Date & Time: Friday May 20, 2016, 0845-1700 ET and Saturday May 21, 0845-1600 ET. Officers will be asked to fill four hour shifts. If you have any questions, or would like to participate, please contact: LCDR Danielle Buttke, (Danielle_buttke@nps.gov)

7. As part as the PHS Athletics Initiative and the Surgeon General's Fitness Team Roll-Call, the Army Ten-Miler Planning Team invites you to come out: Sunday, October 9, 2016 to be part of the USPHS Army Ten-Miler <<http://www.armytenmiler.com/>
Event Leaders: LCDR Shane Deckert (shanedeckert@gmail.com), LT Jennifer Freiman (freiman.jl@gmail.com), CDR Katherine Won (katherine.s.won@gmail.com)
8. JOAG has established the Officer Room Share/Car Share Program to assist junior officers with the cost of travel and lodging for the conference. This program will facilitate connections between junior officers to assist in: (1) finding a roommate, which can help offset the cost of housing, either in a hotel or at a local officer's home, and (2) finding an officer to share a ride. Note: officers on official government travel with their room paid by a travel order cannot benefit financially from sharing a room, but are allowed to offer their room to be shared.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Officer Room Share/Car Share Program, please contact LCDR Tricia Booker by email at tricia.h.booker.mil@mail.mil, or by phone at 910-670-3964.

9. As part of standing up the new JOAG Readiness & Deployment Workgroup (R&DWG) and with our theme this year of building public health leadership and advancing deployment readiness we'd like to highlight the new APFT team and their new initiative and upcoming event location:
 1. Walter Reed Annual Physical Fitness Test (APFT), To reserve your participation or ask questions, please contact: LT Danny Benbassat at dbenbassat@yahoo.com or (234) 759-9001 or CDR Tom Ellis at tbellis@bop.gov, The APFT will be administered on the second Saturday in June, September, and November at 1100:
 - a. Saturday, June 11, 2016, 1100;
 - b. Saturday, September 10, 2016, 1100
 - c. Saturday, November 12, 2016, 1100
10. The Health Information Technology Professional Advisory Group (HITPAG) is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2016 Scholarship Program. This scholarship program is available to all high school seniors by a Health Services Professional Advisory Council (HS PAC) or HITPAG officer in good standing and basic ready within the United States Public Health Service-Commissioned Corps (USPHS-CC).

9. DCCPR/RedDog Readiness/AMSUS Update – CAPT Lau

No report

Adjournment

- CDR Hamet Touré cancelled the meeting at 1415 because there was no quorum.