

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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MINORITY OFFICERS LIAISON COUNCIL (MOLC)

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 24nd 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
Present	Vladimir Tirado	Vice-Chair	LCDR	HOAC	BOP
Present	Guillermo Aviles-Mendoza	Vice-Chair	CDR	HOAC	ASPR
Present	Eric Zhou	Secretary	LCDR	APAOC	NIH
Present	Khang Ngo	Secretary	CDR	APAOC	USCG
Present	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
Present	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
Present	David Lau	DCCPR/RedDog /AMSUS	CAPT	APAOC	Homeland Security

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 present.

**II. Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting minutes from March, April, 2016 were approved.

**III. MOLC Chair Report** CDR Touré

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.

LCDR Marshall provided highlights from the Surgeon General's (SG) speech delivered at the PHS COF Scientific and Training Symposium on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

- By end of this summer, officers will be able to email documents to their eOPF files and receive an e-mail receipt of confirmation.
- The SG is working on developing a strategic plan to present to the Secretary of HHS.
- The SG is promoting the public image and "brand" of the Corps. A Director of Design has been hired to develop creative tools to share public health communications. A communications specialist has been hired to develop a marketing plan for the Corps.
- A line of PHS Spirit wear is planned for release in the fall of 2016.
- A monthly newsletter will be coming out to all Corps officers. The newsletter will tell the story of how the USPHS is evolving and will include profile stories of officers.
- The SG is rolling out campaigns on e-cigarettes and prescription opioid abuse.
- The SG reiterated the importance of the culture of prevention and health equity.
- The SG stressed the importance of emotional well-being and gave examples of how stress management improved performance at schools and work places.

## **V. Subcommittee reports**

### **MOLC Charter and Bylaws Subcommittee**

- A. The MOLC Charter and Bylaws Subcommittee will be led by LT Vu Nguyen (CMS) and CDR Hamet Touré. Other Committee members include LT Jorge Muñoz 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 on June 2, 2016.

## **IX. Abbreviated Reports**

### **1. AI/ANCOAC Report –CDR Randy Saria**

AIANCOAC did not hold a May meeting due to the COF Symposium. We did have a great turnout at the awards luncheon with all four of our awardees in attendance. We will resume with our June 16 meeting.

### **2. APAOC Report - LCDR Zhou**

1. On May 23, 2016, APAOC had its monthly meeting to discuss applications for 2017 APAOC voting membership.

2. APAOC would like to share with MOLC its strategic plan, and it is currently scheduled for the MOLC meeting in June. LCDR Trang Tran will present on behalf of APAOC.

### **3. BCOAG Report - CDR Touré**

BCOAG held its last General Body meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2016. The meeting was led by LCDR Jennifer Smith, BCOAG Chair-Elect. During this meeting, BCOAG committees provided an update on their activities. The meeting also included a special presentation by the BCOAG Community Outreach Committee on its recent outreach activities.

BCOAG has updated its Webpage including the event page with pictures and events for the first quarter of 2016.

BCOAG has conducted the following community outreach events recently:

- 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 26-29AUG 2016)
- Baltimore, MD
- Cleveland, OH (tentatively scheduled for 15-18 SEP 2016)
- Columbus, GA
- Raleigh, NC
- New Orleans (NOLA Mission)

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 87 and recruited five new officers.

BCOAG sent its call for Voting Membership application for the 2017-2019 term.

### **4. HOAC Report – LCDR Tirado**

HOAC did not have a May meeting due to the COA Symposium. The April report is incorporated in the May minutes as follows:

#### **USPHS Symposium**

- Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA) – Site Visit/Tour

LCDR Perez spoke with Dr. Font regarding our only availability (Monday May 16 from 1-5pm). Dr. Font stated that they are not planning to have an event during this time. Also, he suggested for LCDR Perez and other Officers to go and visit the organization in order to establish relationships and to see what type of assistance they will need in the future. He stated that the only available time for him will be from 3-5pm. LCDR Perez is planning to visit the organization and get more information from them. Also, if we can have an Officer who works in the area or lives close by, it will be beneficial to have the Officer attend this. **POC: LCDR Perez**

- Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQCHC) – Site Visit/Tour

LT Garcia has secured a “Federally Qualified Community Health Center Site Visit (Tour)” with Variety Care Health Center. The reservation is made to host 10 PHS Officers, and the Surgeon General is invited. The number of visitors can be adjusted with advance notification. The Health Center is waiting for our confirmation with the number of guests. Please let LT Garcia know if the Surgeon General can attend or the officers that will be able to attend this site visit.

Additionally, Ms. Lou Carmichael, CEO (Variety Care Health Center) expects our confirmation ASAP so she can plan who from her staff will be most appropriate to host (MDs, Nurses, Administrative staff). During the tour, Ms. Carmichael offers to provide background about the health center, the patient’s main public health concerns and health prevalence, etc. **Proxy POC: LCDR Perez**

- Maryland Day Event - scheduled on April 30, 2016. CDR Gerald Brozyna is the POC. This event will be held at College Park, MD.

- YMCA Healthy Kids Day – also scheduled on April 30, 2016. LCDR Tyann Blessington is the POC. This event will be held in Maryland.

- Ventanillas de Salud – LT Israel Garcia has established a contact and will be working on future E/O opportunities.

**Forum scheduled on: April 22, 2016 from 8:30-3:30PM**

**TOPIC:** The forum, entitled, “Making Latino/Hispanic Health Count: Advancing a Public Health Ethics Framework on Data Collection for Social Justice.”

The forum is open all federal health agencies, state and local health departments, academic institutions, students, national organizations and community-based organizations. If interested, you can sign up at the link below to register via webcast

<http://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/ethicsforum/index.html>

- CDR Evelyn Rodriguez was selected as the 2016 Juan Carlos Finlay Award recipient for Sustained Service: Career Dedication.

## **5. COA Liaison Report - CDR Ansah**

### **COA Liaison’s Report to MOLC (4/26/16)**

*(adapted from 15-31 March 2016 Report to the COA and COF Boards on Legislative, Executive Branch, and News Media Outreach and Other Activities)*

1. COA continues to advocate for the interest of USPHS officers and the COA leadership is taking extra steps to actively engage its membership by attending different PAC & COA Branch meetings as illustrated below.

**15 March** – COA drafted and sent out a press release about the Congressional Public Health Leadership Awards that were given out on the Hill

- COA Executive Director [Col(ret.) James “Jim” Currie] & Deputy Director John McElligott participated in a conference call with members of COA’s Local Branch Committee, providing them with updates on Washington (Jim) and the Symposium (John).

**16-17 March** – COA staff, accompanied by Tim O’Neill of Leading Edge, traveled to Chattanooga, TN, to conduct a site visit. Chattanooga is being considered as a location for the 2017 Symposium.

**18 March** – Col Currie traveled to the Bolger center, attended the OBC graduation, and delivered the Knobens’ book on Leadership and Protocol to the members of the OBC graduating class.

**21 March** – Col(ret.) Currie did an interview with a *Federal News Radio* (an affiliate of WTOP radio in DC) reporter about efforts to secure training funds for the Commissioned Corps.

**22 March** – Col(ret.) Currie, John, and another COA staff met with Deputy Surgeon General RADM Sylvia Trent-Adams and discussed issues critical to the Corps and COA. RADM Joan Hunter attended via conference call.

**23 March** – COA Executive Director traveled to Atlanta, where he made a presentation to the “All-Hands and Awareness Day” event at CDC. He was introduced by CAPT Craig Wilkins, who spoke about the COA Strategic Plan. RADM (ret.) Sven Rodenbeck also participated in the Q&A session. Jim discussed both macro (federal level) and micro (local and private sector) issues being pursued by COA on behalf of Corps officers. Approximately 100 Commissioned Corps officers attended the session.

**28 March** – COA participated in the quarterly meeting with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, VADM Raquel Bono. He asked numerous questions about the proposed reduction in reimbursement rates for providers of certain treatments for autistic children.

**29 March** – Col(ret.) Currie & COA staff met with staff for Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) to discuss the de Salvo nomination. Also discussed was Commissioned Corps training funds with the Vitter staffer, and COA later sent him a letter asking that the Senator approach the Senate appropriators with a request for \$5 million in CC training funds.

- Col(ret.) Currie & John conducted a webinar on the new uniformed services retirement system. CAPT Jim Simpson set it up so that COA could use the FDA webinar capabilities. There were 179 COA members on the webinar.

**31 March** – Col(ret.) Currie spoke at length with a reporter for *USA Today* about the problems that Commissioned Corps officers are having with the Bureau of Prisons and civilian unions over seniority. The reporter is planning to do a story on this issue.

-COA staff attended the monthly meeting of The Military Coalition’s Health Care Committee and provided an update on the issue of expanded maternity and paternity leave for service personnel. She circulated copies of the relevant DoD instruction and of H.R. 4796, a bill introduced two weeks ago by Rep. Tammy Duckworth. That bill would grant a minimum of 12 weeks’ leave to new parents in all services *except* USPHS and NOAA. COA noted that the Committee already is on record as supporting expanded leave for all services, as is MOAA, but COA will be seeking full TMC support down the road.

-COA staff participated in a White House conference call about the President’s initiative on climate change. The President has just released news of a new (the third) cooperative agreement with China to jointly slow carbon dioxide emissions. (The U.S. and China are the world’s top two emitters.) The call was a prelude to a White House event scheduled for Monday, April 4, featuring USPHS Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and other experts in public health and environmental health. COA will be represented at that event.

-COA reports that the dues restructure is on schedule and should be ready for billing by mid-April.

### **COA Liaison's Report to MOLC (5/24/16)**

2. COA continues to advocate for the interest of USPHS officers and the COA leadership is taking extra steps to actively engage its membership by attending different PAC & COA Branch meetings.
3. This advocacy was is very much evident in the just ended excellent & well attended Symposium put forth annually by COF/COA ensuring that a broad range of public health topics & training opportunities are made available for the enrichment of our officers.
  - a. COA & COF Board members took time to meet & greet officers at the COA booth and afforded officers the opportunity to ask questions & sign up to serve as volunteers on COA committees.
4. The 2017 COF Symposium is slated to take place in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### **Post-Meeting Comments (adapted from COA Board report for April 1-30, 2016)**

**4 April** – COA drafted a letter to the University of Maryland asking them to give the same in-State tuition benefits to dependents of PHS officers that they do to military dependents. This letter was generated as a result of a conversation with a COA member.

**12 April** – COA had a discussion with Dr. Steve Roth of the University Maryland about the RADM. Jerry Michael Fellowships that support PHS officers who want to pursue a certificate in Global Health.

**14 April** – COA staff attended a Capitol Hill press conference organized by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America to protest against cuts in the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Col(ret.) Currie spoke at the press conference, which was attended by six members of Congress and several other members of The Military Coalition. A photo and story are now on the COA Facebook page and the COA website at <http://www.coausphs.org/news/coa-defends-gi-bill/> . A longer piece will appear in the May issue of *Frontline*.

-*USA Today* published a story about the continuing dispute between Commissioned Corps officers and civilian staff at the Bureau of Prisons. Col(ret.) Currie had been working with the reporter and is quoted several times in the story. The story can be found at <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/04/14/labor-fight-threatens-inmate-health-care/82991254/>

It is also posted on the COA Facebook page and is linked on the COA website. This is part of an on-going COA effort to bring attention to the inequities faced by Commissioned Corps officers who work at BOP facilities.

**15 April** - Col(ret.) Currie traveled to the Dallas/Fort Worth area where he spoke to a combined dinner of the COA branches of those two cities. It was at this dinner that he learned of the use of PHS officers to fill-in for prison guards at the BOP facility nearby.

**16 April** -*Democracy Journal* published Col(ret.) Currie's response to former Ebola Czar Ron Klain's call for the creation of a Public Health Emergency Management Agency (PHEMA). The original article can be found at <http://democracyjournal.org/magazine/40/confronting-the-pandemic-threat/> Jim's response can be found at <http://democracyjournal.org/magazine/if-its-broke-fund-it/>

In his response, Col(ret.) Currie suggested that rather than creating a new organization to fight pandemics, the U.S. Government might provide sufficient funding for the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

**19 April** – COA staff took to Capitol Hill as members of the Coalition for Health Funding, an advocacy group of which COA is a member. The three COA staffers were in four- person teams that reached out to House offices asking the member to join the Congressional Public Health Caucus. The teams also promoted discretionary spending on issues of public health, including disease prevention and medical research.. The Hill visits were preceded by a kick-off breakfast featuring Rep. Rob Wittman (R-VA), co-founder of the Caucus.

**20 April** – The newsletter of the Coalition for Health Funding contained the following: “USPHS... James T. Currie has a response to Ronald Klain's "Confronting the Pandemic Threat", in which he argued for the creation of a Public Health Emergency Management Agency (PHEMA). While Currie agrees with Klain about potential pandemic disease threats, he argues that creating a new agency is not the solution. Rather, he says, we should fund the U.S. Public Health Service, an entity which has responded crises from Ebola to hurricanes Katrina and Rita domestically.

**26 April** – COA Director and Deputy Director attended the annual FDA Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Awareness Day and interacted with many of the officers there.

-*USA Today* printed the second of its stories about PHS staffing at the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The story, which quoted Jim several times, can be found at <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/04/14/labor-fight-threatens-inmate-health-care/82991254/>

-*USA Today* printed a third story about BOP staffing, this one featuring former Surgeon General Carmona. Jim is also quoted in it. It can be accessed at <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/04/27/bureau-of-prisons-richard-carmona-nurses-guards/83607058/>

**28 April** – Col(ret.) James “Jim” Currie traveled to Raleigh, NC, where he addressed a “town hall meeting” with Commissioned Corps officers who work at the federal prison in Butner, NC. COA Board member Josef Rivero set up the meeting and invited Jim to be a guest speaker. The event started with a closed session involving only Jim and the COA members. The officers were quite aware of the *USA Today* stories and asked Jim many questions about what COA is doing, expressing their gratitude for COA support. Jim explained it all to them, starting with his meeting some six weeks ago with the Acting Director of BOP. The Butner warden and his Executive Assistant were present for the next, non-closed, session, and Jim and the PHS officers there engaged the warden in a spirited discussion of prison-related issues.

## **7. MOLC Liaison Report: CDR Randy Saria**

Nothing to report. We reached out to CAPT Wu with the Office of Minority Health to see if they are willing to collaborate with MOLC, still waiting on his response.

## **8. JOAG Report – LCDR Warner**

MOLC Meeting updates for 24MAY16, 1-3pm CST. Number: 1-855-828-1770, Meeting ID: 740 536 066

JOAG MOLC Liaison Report, LCDR James Warner, MD

Updates from JOAG Liaison: last JOAG General Meeting 8APR16.

1. Next JOAG General Meeting will be 10JUN16
2. The Communications & Publications Committee (CPC) is soliciting articles to be featured in the JOAG Journal Special Edition – USPHS Symposium scheduled for August 2016. We’re looking for articles (1pg. max.) from those of you who attended last week’s 2016 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium. They can be on any of the activities/events/sessions that you attended and what inspired you most. Article drafts are due by close of business 24 June 2016 and final submissions will be due by close of business on 30 June 2016. For additional guidance, please review the attached document “The JOAG Journal Guidelines for Article Submissions.”
3. USPHS officers in the Ontario, CA area, 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 return home from a visit to the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. The meet and greet is located at the Ontario International Airport on June 12, 2016, as part of the National Honor Flight Program. Visit <http://www.honorflight.org/>, If you have any questions, please contact: LCDR Kari Harris (USPHS/JOAG), JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, [k2xharris@bop.gov](mailto:k2xharris@bop.gov)
4. Please join the JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, National Prevention Strategy Subcommittee and D.C. Central Kitchen, to participate in a volunteer opportunity assembling meals for those in need in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 29, 2016. The volunteer event will take place at 0845 - 1200 EDT on Sunday, at D.C. Central Kitchen in Washington, D.C. USPHS volunteers will help D.C. Central Kitchen's staff cut and chop thousands of pounds of food and assemble meals to be distributed to those in need across Washington, D.C. This project is limited to 15 volunteers. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact: LT Kelly Verdin (USPHS/JOAG), JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee, [verdink@cc.nih.gov](mailto:verdink@cc.nih.gov)
5. JOAG is supporting Operation Trailblazer in honor of National Trails Day. Operation Trailblazer is part of the ‘The Mission Continues’ which is a nonprofit organization which empowers veterans through community service. “National Trails Day Service Project – The Mission Continues, Operation Trailblazer,” Washington D.C. DATE/TIME Saturday, June 4, 2016 1000 – 1600 EDT, If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please contact: LCDR Tyann Blessington (USPHS/JOAG) [tyblessington@gmail.com](mailto:tyblessington@gmail.com)
6. The Communications and Publications Committee (CPC) is looking for volunteers to enhance JOAG social media efforts. We’re currently looking for team leaders and team members for our Facebook account. Please contact [joag.socialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:joag.socialmedia@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the JOAG Facebook team.

7. The current and future JOAG Cyber-grams published by the JOAG Policy and Procedures Committee, specifically, the Policy Development and Training (PDT) Subcommittee, will now be published on the JOAG Subcommittee website [https:dcp.psc.gov\\_osg\\_JOAG\\_committees-5Fpolicy](https:dcp.psc.gov_osg_JOAG_committees-5Fpolicy). The current Cyber-gram features:
  - \* Uniform of the Day - Spring and Summer 2016
  - \* JOAG Online Store
  - \* U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers' Awards Program
  - \* Direct Access Leave Requests
  - \* Uniform Changes
  - \* Presidential Unit Citation
  - \* Readiness
  - \* Retirement

JOAG Cyber-grams are issued every 3-4 months. If there are critical and timely issues not discussed in the Cyber-gram, please submit ideas for future Cyber-grams to LCDR Andrea Smith at [andrea.smith@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:andrea.smith@cms.hhs.gov) or LCDR Bryan Shelby at [gvr1@cdc.gov](mailto:gvr1@cdc.gov).

8. The Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) Membership Committee is excited to announce the following upcoming Meet and Greet (M&G) event in June.  
Friday, June 3, 2016: Atlanta Federal Center Region  
Time: 12-1pm (EDT) Location: 100 Alabama Street, SW, 1924 Building, Suite 3R90, Atlanta, GA 30312  
Topic: Deployment stories from the frontline: Drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan and opportunities for deployment with the Service Access Team 1  
Speakers: LCDR Candis Hunter and LCDR Cody Thornton  
Conference Line: 1-888-844-9904; Passcode: 2359496  
Security: Please bring your CAC or work ID  
Contacts (Region Name Regional Lead) LCDR Emiko Petrosky ([xfq7@cdc.gov](mailto:xfq7@cdc.gov)) and LCDR Latasha Allen ([Latasha.Allen@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Latasha.Allen@fsis.usda.gov))

9. Junior officers in the Washington, D.C. area, Please join the JOAG Public Health and Community Service National Prevention Strategy Subcommittee and the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) to restock the shopping floor and pack food for the CAFB programs. The volunteer event will take place at 0800-1200 EDT on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the CAFB NOVA Warehouse. USPHS volunteers will work alongside CAFB staff to restock the shopping floor and pack food for their programs. The names of volunteers must be submitted by Friday, May 27, 2016. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please contact: LT Natasha Kormanik, JOAG Public Health and Community Service Committee,

[Natasha.Kormanik@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Natasha.Kormanik@fda.hhs.gov)

10. 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 9th, 2016 to be part of the USPHS Army Ten-Miler <<http://www.armytenmiler.com/>>  
Event Leaders: LCDR Shane Deckert ([shanedeckert@gmail.com](mailto:shanedeckert@gmail.com)), LT Jennifer Freiman ([freiman.jl@gmail.com](mailto:freiman.jl@gmail.com)), CDR Katherine Won ([katherine.s.won@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.s.won@gmail.com))

11. 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](mailto:dbenbassat@yahoo.com) or (234) 759-9001 or CDR Tom Ellis at [tbellis@bop.gov](mailto:tbellis@bop.gov), The APFT will be administered on the second Saturday in June, September, and November at 1100:
    - a. Saturday, June 11 @ 1100; Saturday
    - b. September 10 @ 1100
    - c. Saturday, November 12 @ 1100

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

### **MOLC RedDOG/CC Leadership Report April 2016**

RedDOG All Teams Call 24-APR 2016:

CAPT Waterman will be transitioning to FDA Crisis Management Position; Leaving RedDOG - Has 10 years of service with OFRD/RedDOG; Every mission since Katrina has had CAPT Waterman's handprint on it; will be missed.

LCDR Mahmud stays in readiness position/role

Currently there are 3 positions to fill at RedDOG – All O-6

1. Training and Preparedness position - now role has expanded to include OBC and Training course and Preparedness; something that LCDR DeGrange had in her set of responsibilities. Will not re-advertise this one; have some good candidates currently; Team Commanders to submit names if you know the right person. Even if deadline has passed.
2. Next billet is the Response Coordinator – CAPT Waterman's Billet – duties include making sure teams are prepared and all Tier 3 prepared; ie Team Commander of Tier 3
3. New Billet - Deputy Director for RedDOG Position – Executive Officer Role

Team commanders would be very good at these roles. Team Commanders should consider moving up to a HQ command position.

LCDR Mahmud – Team Commanders need to assist in identifying candidates for 30 days to in CAPT Waterman's position. Please forward names to LCDR Mahmud and CAPT Waterman. CAPT Waterman's last day is 30 APR 2016.

Corps Cares concept – formalize a structure of supporting officers pre, during, and post deployment. CAPT Edwards will get us as quickly as possible into Doctrine as it relates to our deployment activities. During Ebola response, we provided Ebola response related care and support to officers/families. There were some gaps/lessons learned.

Healthy Military Communities: Involves the Reserve and Guard/DoD. How can they support their members even in remote duty stations. This defines our everyday experience. There is an initiative in DoD to pilot in 6 different states and the services/the idea of going out into communities and doing stuff. SAT and APHT Teams and possibly RIST Teams will be engaged and supporting DoD in these community assessments and service access engagements. Team

Commanders – be looking out for the opportunity in the pilot in assisting and identify service members with services.

Initiatives: RDF 4 CAPT Taylor and his team have been working with RAM to have a CHASM type activity the weekend proceeding COA. RDF 4 will be using this opportunity to be able to exercise their planning process and community engagement sections. This is similar to a PHS led type event but really we are supporting and we are internally supporting this RAM mission. Be able to exercise the ICS structure.

CAPT Beck will be traveling down to Mayport, FL and meeting with the 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet/ Continuing Promise 2017/SOUTHCOM AOR; Hoping we may have some additional funding to support this for next year.

We are continuing to work with other partners - the Reserves, DoD, IRT (Innovative Readiness Training), and other pilot activities. Within next month or so have a better idea of how we are going to work with IRT with the Guard and Reserves. IRT training program is mandated in law – They have to go out and working with communities. Hopefully we will be mandated to do this also.

USAID and International Medical Corps (IMC) – Hope to build initiatives

Operations:

Continue to support in Flint – A fairly complex environment to work in; Hoping to get more engagement from our NIST Teams – NIST team commanders be on notice. Some shadow opportunities. Continue to have some need for community engagements SATs and APHTs. The Mission is still ongoing and active.

IHS Great Plains Area – High op tempo – Our officers providing surge; using more innovative ways to meet the crisis. Provide very active clinical support to the area; 30-45-60-90 day deployments – still a heavy lift. Will also have specific asks for team commanders and also help to identify and release officers from your teams.

4<sup>th</sup> of July and Democratic and Republican National Conventions – National Special Security Events (NSSE); expect a higher level of engagement in these events, especially for the NIST Teams – use these events to be able to more engage and fulfill the requirements for the operational ICS requirements. NIST and RIST will see much greater involvement with 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the future National Special Security Events

CAPT Aponte is the OIC for NORTHCOM mission. A smaller scale mission to Mexico

### **MOLC RedDOG/CC Leadership Report MAY 2016 (abbreviated report)**

No CC Leadership Meeting.

USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium had over 1100 attendees in Oklahoma City.

VADM Murthy is the first sitting US Surgeon General to meet with tribal leaders in OK. Tribal leaders from throughout Oklahoma joined VADM Vivek Murthy for a historic roundtable discussion at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Little Axe Health Center; SG Murthy also visited the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Center during a meeting of the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board to have a town hall meeting.

The VA, PHS, and USUHS have a 10 year training agreement – specifically for students attending medical school.

Ebola Response related Awards:

Presidential Unit Citation (PUC)– Approved – “Commissioned Corps officers were the only United States Government asset to provide direct patient care to health care workers with Ebola in West Africa.”

Ebola Campaign Medal (ECM) – Approved

Global Response Service Award (GRSA) – participation in a Corps deployment to a non-domestic or international response for 7 or more days

Foreign Duty Award (FDA) – 30 consecutive or 90 non-consecutive days serving outside the US

Expeditionary Attachment (EA) – Forthcoming in approval

IHS Great Plains Mission – Winnebago, Pine Ridge, and Rosebud Service Units – Ongoing – 30, 45, 60, 90 day deployments. There continues to be a strong need.

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- Call for Poster Abstracts THRU 01 JUL 2016
- AMSUS Awards Nominations accepted 30 APR -30 JUN 2016
- Pre-Conference: US Air Force Acupuncture Certification Training: Tier One: Battlefield Acupuncture – 28 NOV 2016 AM & PM Sessions
- Pre-Conference: Opioid Prescribing: Safe Practice, Changing Lives – 28 NOV 2016 1300-1615
- Joint Humanitarian Operations Course (JHOC) – 30 NOV-01 DEC 2016 All Day
- Rx for Change –Tobacco Cessation Intervention– 02 DEC 2016 1300-1700
- National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service in Health and Health Care for Emergency Responders– 02 DEC 2016 0800-1700
- USPHS Booth – Volunteer Opportunities
- HOSA – Future Health Professionals of America – USPHS, HOSA, and AMSUS will partner to have 150 HOSA students from the DMV area attend on first day 29 DEC 2016

### **Adjournment**

- CDR Hamet Touré was adjourned the meeting at 1600.