



NAME: LCDR PHILIP SIEBIGTEROTH

JOB TITLE: CHIEF PHARMACIST, SAULT TRIBE
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

AGENCY: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

LCDR (Lieutenant Commander) Philip Siebigteroth received an Associates of Math and Natural Sciences from Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1998. He continued on to obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2002. LCDR Siebigteroth is currently pursuing a Post Masters Certificate in Health Informatics from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

LCDR Siebigteroth has a broad range of professional certifications and training including Firefighter I and II certification, HazMat First Responder Operations certification, and Anti-terrorism and Force Protection certification.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

LCDR Siebigteroth is the Chief Pharmacist at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services, St. Ignace Tribal Health Center. He is responsible for managing a pharmacy department with 6 employees that serves a Tribal population of over 11,000 within a seven county Tribal agreement area. As the Chief Pharmacist, he ensures the availability, preparation and control of medications, determines appropriate drug therapy, and manages the department's budget. He also provides health promotion and disease prevention activities for patients and continuing education opportunities for his staff.

In addition to his other responsibilities, LCDR Siebigteroth coordinated and led the Tribe from dependence on a commercial outpatient pharmacy computer system to exclusive Electronic Health Records (EHR) and the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) use. RPMS is a decentralized integrated solution for management of both clinical and administrative information in healthcare facilities. LCDR Siebigteroth serves as the Tribal Health Center's expert on RPMS and EHR. He also developed and implemented Tribal policy regarding medication errors and serves as the Tribal expert and consultant for ScriptPro™ pharmacy automation system.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

Prior to being commissioned in the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), LCDR Siebigteroth served in the U.S. Navy for six years as a Lieutenant. He was stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland for 2 ½ years and served as the inpatient and outpatient pharmacy Division Officer. During his last tour with the U.S. Navy, he was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where he served as the Pharmacy Department Head and provided care to military and civilian base population. He also assisted in efforts of the State

Department in the treatment of Cuban refugees on hunger strike, transformed the hospital's medication error reporting system, and improved pharmacy automation systems.

Throughout LCDR Siebigteroth's career, he has had extensive training opportunities and a broad range of professional experiences. He has been recognized for his exceptional work through numerous Agency and USPHS awards.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:

LCDR Siebigteroth continued his career in public health by transferring from the U.S. Navy to IHS when he was presented with an opportunity to serve as the Chief Pharmacist, and only PHS officer, at Lambert Tribal Health Center in St. Ignace, Michigan. In this position, LCDR Siebigteroth has been able to expand his pharmacy practice experiences by providing advanced pharmacy care to a Tribal population.

PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

Chief Pharmacist, Lambert Tribal Health Center, IHS, St. Ignace, Michigan

MOST REWARDING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

LCDR Siebigteroth has had many rewarding professional experiences in his current position with IHS and prior positions with the U.S. Navy. He especially enjoys being the Tribal Health Center's expert on Electronic Health Records (EHR) and the Resource Patient Management System (RPMS).

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

Throughout LCDR Siebigteroth's career in public health, he has gained extensive knowledge in the area of health informatics. He credits his experiences with the U.S. Navy for contributing to his growing expertise in that area. He is eager and committed to sharing his knowledge and experiences with others by obtaining an advanced degree in health informatics and further expanding his role at the Tribal Health Center.

By CDR Richardae Araojo