U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee
Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
6 September 2007
Surgeon General’s Conference Room
Parklawn Building
1300-1530

Members Present:

In Rockville:
RADM Robert Pittman (CPO), IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch, FDA-Rockville, MD

LCDR Tara Turner (Executive Secretary), FDA- Silver Spring, MD

Via Telephone:
CAPT James Bresette, IHS-Rockville, MD
CAPT Robert McClelland, IHS-Elko, NV
CAPT Kimberly Zietlow, IHS-Red Lake, MN
CDR Tamara Close, IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
CDR Richard DeCedefelt, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Samuel Foster, IHS-White Earth, MN
CDR Patricia Garvey, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CDR Richard Glabach, OCCFM-Rockville, MD
CDR Mary Kremzner, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Michael Shifer, BOP-Cumberland, MD
CDR Todd Stankewicz, CMS-Chicago, IL
(alt for CDR Sood)
CDR Matthew Tarosky, FDA-Rockville, MD
CDR Jacqueline Thomas, CDC, Atlanta, GA

Via Telephone:
CDR Peter Vermilyea, IHS-Winslow, AZ
LCDR Brian Campbell (JOAG Liaison), IHS-Whiteriver, AZ
LCDR Violette Ganoe (Vice-Chair), BOP-Bradford, PA
LCDR Lori Hall, CDC-Atlanta, GA
(alt for CDR Allen)
LCDR Jeff Mouakket, HRSA-Dallas, TX
LCDR Jeffrey Newman, BOP-Springfield, MO

Members Absent:
CDR Christopher Allen, CDC-Atlanta, GA
(Excused - alt present)
CDR Michael Long (Ex-Officio Chair) BOP-Butner, NC
CDR Nita Sood (Chair), HRSA- Rockville, MD
(Excused - alt present)
LCDR Kristina Joyce (JOAG), FDA-Philadelphia, PA

LT Stacey Smith (JOAG), IHS-Fort Washakie, WY
Guests*:
CAPT Don Brown, DIHS-Florence, AZ
CAPT Michael Forman, IHS-Aberdeen, SD
CAPT Lillie Golson, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT Arden Hanson, BOP-Fort Worth, TX
CAPT Mike Jones, FDA-Rockville, MD
CAPT George Lyght, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
CAPT Thomas Sinwell, BOP-Fort Worth, TX
CAPT Robert Taylor, HRSA-Rockville, MD
CDR David Diwa, NIH-Bethesda, MD
CDR Scott Giberson, IHS-Rockville, MD
CDR Josephine Lyght, HRSA-Rockville, MD
CDR Glenna Meade, DOD-Falls Church, VA
CDR Judy Rose, IHS-Anchorange, AK
CDR Nate Yale, IHS-Gallup, NM
CDR Christine Yu, DIHS-El Centro, CA
LCDR Irene Ahlstrom, BOP-Dublin, CA
LCDR Christine Bina, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Vicky Borders-Hemphill, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Jim Czarzasty, OASPR-Washington, DC
LCDR Debra Emerson, FDA-Stoneham, MA
LCDR Sheryl Gunther, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Thomas Hinchliffe, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Janie Kim, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Christina Lee, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Larry Lim, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Jeffrey Mallette, BOP-Pensacola, FL
LCDR Kristen Miller, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Sohail Mosaddegh, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Ryan Nguyen, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Patrick Romero, USCG-Clearwater, FL
LCDR James Saunders, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Kendra Stewart, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Emily Thakur, FDA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Vasavi Thomas, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LCDR Karen Williams, HRSA-Rockville, MD
LCDR Chi-Ann Wu, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Dan Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD
LT Susan Pellock, FDA-Rockville, MD
LT Jeff Vang, IHS-Mount Pleasant, MI
LT Nicole Vesely, FDA-Rockville, MD
Mona Patel – pharmacy student

*Guests attending the meeting via call in are requested to email their rank, name, agency, and location information to the PharmPAC secretary at tara.turner@fda.hhs.gov.

Call to Order: LCDR Violette Ganoe (vganoe@bop.gov)

LCDR Ganoe called the September 2007 Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) meeting to order.

Acceptance of August 07 PharmPAC Meeting Minutes: LCDR Violette Ganoe (vganoe@bop.gov)

Minutes from the August 2, 2007 PharmPAC meeting were accepted with edits.

CPO Comments: RADM Robert Pittman

♦ Personnel Announcements
  o ADM John Agwunobi resigned his position as Assistant Secretary for Health. His last day was August 29.
  o Dr. Anand Parekh has been designated as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Science and Medicine).
  o RADM Kenneth Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General, has announced his retirement after 37 years of service to the PHS. His last day will be September 30.
  o RADM Charles Grimm, Director of the Indian Health Service, has announced his retirement, effective in 60 days.

♦ Policy Announcements
  o The Commissioned Officers’ Dental Clinic in the Washington metropolitan area is closing at the end of December; affected officers have been sent information regarding alternatives for obtaining dental care
  o Uniform policy changes – implementation work group has been formed; changes will be implemented over an extended period of time
Promotion counseling – will be required for all officers not recommended for promotion; CPO Board met this morning to finalize criteria for counseling and documentation; career counselors have already been identified; training will be held this month; counseling will start at the end of the month.

Humanitarian missions – possibility of more opportunities for pharmacists; up to 60 additional missions are planned; will be looking for volunteers.

Training for RDFs has been completed at Camp Bullis, TX; Congratulations to all of the teams!

COER – Question was asked about the release of the 2007 COER; RADM Pittman responded that he hasn’t received information yet regarding a release date; he confirmed that the new design will not be implemented until the 2009 cycle.

Career Builders.com – will meet on Friday, September 7 with a government representative.

Presentation: CDR David Diwa and LCDR Vasavi Thomas provided an overview of the CDC International Experience and Technical Assistance Program. (see handouts)

Section Lead Comments:

Administration → CDR Patricia Garvey (patricia.garvey@fda.hhs.gov) / CAPT Kimberly Zietlow (kimberly.zietlow@ihs.gov)

Liaison Reports → CAPT Walter Holt (walter.holtjr@cdc.hhs.gov)

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)
- Posted highlights from the 2007 annual meeting

American Public Health Association (APHA)
- Posted 2 press releases:
  - Regarding nomination of Surgeon General
  - In support of independence and funding of the position of Surgeon General
- 2007 annual meeting scheduled for November 3-7 in Washington, DC

American Pharmacists Association (APhA)
- 2008 annual meeting scheduled for March 14-17 in San Diego, CA

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)
- Register for the 2007 ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting and Exhibition on or before October 17 and save $50 off member or non-member regular pre-registration fees! See the Registration Form for details. ASHP-discounted member rates also apply to members of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP). The meeting is scheduled for December 2-6 in Las Vegas, NV.

Recruitment → CAPT James Bresette (James.Bresette@ihs.gov) / CDR Beth Fabian Fritsch (beth.fritsch@fda.hhs.gov)

♦ Student Programs—LCDR Larry Lim
- Monthly message sent over student listserv; last month- deployment; this month- PHS opportunities
- Junior and Senior CoSTEPs not selected for summer position – followed up last month with phone calls and emails; of 58 students, received 17 responses; thanks to CDR Richard Decederfelt, CDR Peter Vermileya, LCDR Ruby Wu, and LCDR Christine Oliver for their help
Summer CoSTEP Events
  • Happy Hour at Dave & Buster’s
  • Pentagon tour
  • Capitol tour
  • Dr. Holsinger’s Senate confirmation hearing

Added PharmPAC monthly meeting to Student Section of PAC website
ENS Brent Reed wrote about his experience as a CoSTEP with IHS; his report has been sent for posting to the PAC website

♦ UPOC→CDR Fritsch
  o CDR Peter Vermilyea is working on the second installment of the UPOC newsletter; will be sending an e-mail requesting trip reports
  o Drafting an e-mail to UPOCs urging them to contact their pharmacy schools this Fall
  o Discussing an open enrollment in the UPOC program; actively soliciting for new volunteers; LCDR Emily Thakur has agreed to draft the UPOC appointment letters
  o Drafting thank-you letters to UPOCs who presented the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award at universities

♦ WACS→CDR Fritsch
  o LCDR Karen Williams and her husband developed the database
  o LCDR Devvrat Patel is working on retrieving reports from the system

♦ ARP→LCDR Christine Bina
  o There are supplies left – fill out the form on the PAC website and e-mail to LCDR Bina
  o APhA midyear regional meetings are coming up soon – participation is being coordinated by LCDR Ganoe; need volunteers for Minneapolis, Houston, and West Lafayette; only allowed 4 officers per booth; booth space is free
  o CAPT Skerda is developing a pre-approved checklist for AR activities; will be posted soon
  o Updating active AR list and will post on PAC website
  o Career Builders.com – approximately 65 hits for the pharmacy category; 38 meet the requirements; 35 have been assigned to a recruiter
  o CAPT Bresette reminded the PAC that this is the season for career fairs; there are a lot of opportunities within 2 hours of the Washington metropolitan area; for instance, the University of Maryland has a career fair scheduled for Saturday, October 7 (LCDR Rebecca DeCastros is coordinating participation)

Communication → CDR Samuel Foster (Samuel.Foster@ihs.gov) / CDR Richard Glabach (Richard.Glabach@hhs.gov)

♦ Health Diplomacy Missions→CDR Foster
  o Updates posted weekly on the pharmacist listserv

♦ PLANT Profiles →CDR Foster
  o Last profile posted was for CAPT Justina Molzon; encourage junior officers to read her advice

♦ Call to Active Duty Package→CDR Foster
  o Posted on PAC website (under “What’s New”)

♦ PharmPAC Website →CDR Glabach
  o Have received feedback from section leads regarding location of information
  o Last call for any additional concerns
  o Will start putting together a prototype for review by a series of increasingly larger groups
♦ Public Health Pharmacy Workgroup—LCDR Sheryl Gunther
  o School Outreach
    ▪ New initiative to implement a community outreach activity
    ▪ Will develop and deliver presentation to elementary students (3rd – 5th grades) about injury and poison prevention
    ▪ Request for volunteers – to contact schools or to give the presentation
    ▪ LCDR Kendra Stewart, LCDR Devvrat Patel, and LCDR Tia Harper-Velazquez have volunteered to research and prepare the presentation
    ▪ This is a pilot project; will document experiences in an article
    ▪ Suggestion to list contact information on the PAC website
    ▪ Will send announcement over the listserv
    ▪ For more information contact LCDR Gunther (Sheryl.gunther@fda.hhs.gov) or CDR John Quinn (john.quinn@fda.hhs.gov)

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Career Development ➔ CDR Michael Shiber (MJShiber@bop.gov) / CDR Mary Kremzner (mary.kremzner@fda.hhs.gov)

♦ Immunization Training ➔ CDR Shiber
  o Meeting with OFRD and RADM Pittman regarding pharmacist immunizers staffing the FOH clinics for the upcoming flu season
  o On September 14 an immunization training course was sponsored by the PharmPAC at the FDA White Oak campus; 32 officers registered
  o BOP and IHS are furthering their efforts at training their pharmacists in immunization; will have roll out coordinated with their CE programs

♦ Mentoring Program ➔ CDR Shiber for CAPT Lillie Golson
  o Training session was held on Thursday, August 16
  o Very successful – over 30 participants
  o Will provide full report next month

♦ Non-APhA Immunization Training ➔ CDR Kremzner
  o Putting together a broader list of programs that offer immunization training
  o LCDR Jeff Mallette is the lead
  o CDR Brenda Stoddart has gathered information from 16 programs; 12 met the guidelines; only 4 did not match the criteria that the PAC established
  o Working on finishing the position paper to send to OFRD

♦ Clinical Pharmacy Subgroup ➔ CDR Scott Giberson
  o Plan to develop sustainable, consensus-based objectives
  o The following are broad goals for the subgroup:
    ▪ Develop a webpage with clinical components (i.e. guidelines, protocols)
    ▪ Identify numbers of pharmacists with clinical roles and the types of clinical roles/survey pharmacists to identify needs
    ▪ Interagency collaborations regarding NCPS
    ▪ Assist pharmacists in publishing data
    ▪ Seek recognition from CMS (reimbursement for clinical services)
  o Will draft a listserv message requesting volunteers and report to the PAC in October

♦ Publishing Workgroup ➔ CDR Shiber for CDR Louis Flowers
  o CDR Flowers will be looking for final edits for the first article; will plan a telecon with all contributors
At the August meeting RADM Williams and CDR Eckert presented an update on transformation
Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 1300-1500h; call-in information is on the JOAG website (www.joag.org); RADM Moritsugu is scheduled to participate
Will assure that a new JOAG representative is selected before the October PAC meeting

Agency Reports

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – CDR Matthew Tarosky (see written report)
  o 2 new products approved: 1. Selzentry – for treatment of HIV and 2. new smallpox vaccine
  o Advisory committees – risks and benefits of ESAs (next week); OTC cough and cold products (next month)
  o CDER has developed a public health certificate program in collaboration with Georgetown University (contact CDR Louis Flowers for more information)
  o Congress went on vacation before authorizing the FDA Revitalization Act (FDARA)
  o FDA is partnering with DOD to share data and expertise related to the review and use of FDA-regulated drugs, biologics, and medical devices.
  o White Oak Commissioned Corps group meets monthly (contact CDR Joe Tonning for more information)
  o Labeling changes for warfarin, now includes pharmacogenomic information
  o Pending transformation of Office of Regulatory Affairs
  o New regulation for OTC sunscreen products

Indian Health Service (IHS) – CDR Bradley Bishop
  o Representative not present (see written report)

Bureau of Prisons (BOP) – LCDR Jeffrey Newman
  o CAPT Chris Bina participated in a meeting regarding the treatment of TB in prison populations; coordinated through the Office of Global Health Affairs
  o Scheduled regional training for the BEMR Rx system (electronic medical record)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Representative not present. Report given by CDR Christine Yu
  o Brown bag lunch scheduled for September 12; topic of discussion is COERs
  o www.hrsa.gov – link to inside HRSA – feature article with RADM Moritsugu
  o Plans to move DIHS from HRSA to Dept. of Homeland Security (effective October 2007)

Office of the Secretary (OS) – CDR Jacqueline Thomas (see written report)
  o Encourage all officers to review the CCMIS website; several Commissioned Corps Instructions and Personnel Policy Memoranda have recently been released
  o Beginning in the month of September, the Transformation Team will be surveying a group of officers to gather feedback in four different areas: post-hiring satisfaction, periodic satisfaction, pre-exit satisfaction, and assignment support. There is an article in the eBulletin.
  o CDR Thomas is no longer with the Office of the Secretary

DHS – LCDR Patrick Romero (USCG)
  o Nothing new to report

National Institutes of Health (NIH) – CDR Richard DeCederfelt
  o Nothing new to report
The meeting was adjourned @1530.
--Respectfully Submitted,

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LCDR Tara Turner, Executive Secretary     Date

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CDR Nita Sood, Chair                                  Date

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RADM Robert E. Pittman, CPO                      Date

Attachments:

  1. FDA Agency Report
  2. IHS Agency Report
  3. Office of the Secretary Report
  4. Recruitment Section Report
  5. CDC IETA presentation