



**U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee**

Chief Pharmacy Officer Update

September 2010

Commissioned Corps Status

- Roughly 1122 Commissioned Corps Pharmacists.
- We are currently still in a hiring "pause". This is still expected to be very temporary. OCCO is accepting 1662s to begin processing but cannot guarantee action on them until the pause is lifted. No exact timeline has been given at this point in time. Stay tuned for more information.
- Please note once again that recruiting activities have NOT ceased or paused.

Uniform Advisory Committee

- We are very pleased that a pharmacist has been selected to the Uniform Advisory Committee (UAC). LCDR Andrei Nabakowski, the Senior Staff Officer at the OFRD Global Health Operations has been selected. His uniform expertise and experience in DOD should represent the Corps and category well. Congratulations LCDR Nabakowski.

Recently attended Federal Pharmacy Leads meetings

- APhA held a special meeting for PHS CPO and colleagues. We discussed various reform issues and advancing the profession in the coming times. Next meeting will be with federal pharmacy leads at APhA September 23
- Presented a PHS Pharmacy keynote to Joint Commissioners of Pharmacy Practitioners in late August. Well received and good feedback on potential new partnerships.

COERs.

- Once again, please review the new COER as soon as possible with your rater and reviewer. Questions should first be directed to our PharmPAC Career Development section. The 2011 COER has been released and found on the CCMIS webpage.

Billets.

- Pharmacy billet implementation will begin in Sept/October. CDR Mike Crockett, PAC Career Development section lead can brief you further. We are looking to create some awareness of issues and produce a report for OCCO.

Promotion FY11.

- Currently OFRD and MAB are still working on a backlog of immunization documentation. CDR Nate Yale from the PharmPAC can give additional information.

OBC Pinning Ceremony.

- CPO presented keynote at OBC Pinning Ceremony.
- OBC Graduation schedule is on CCMIS page: <http://dcp.psc.gov/COTA/OBCD.aspx>

CPO Initiatives

- We have released an announcement for a volunteer as Special Assistant to the CPO as 1-year minimum collateral duty. The announcement came out on the PHS Pharmacists Listserve. Please review this email. This officer will be a primary point of contact for CPO. A significant opportunity to develop skill sets; however this is a voluntary commitment and collateral duty only. Service will be reflected in multiple ways for officership and leadership. Officer will remain with current agency and continue agency duties as assigned. Supervisory approval will be required. Consideration must be given to officers located in geographic vicinity of CPO due to duties and responsibilities assigned as Special Assistant. Please stay tuned for more information.

Enjoy Labor Day Weekend.

Best,

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