



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

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**04 October 2012**  
**FDA White Oak Conference Room 1419**  
**1400-1530 (EST)**

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**Members Present**

RADM Scott Giberson (CPO), DCCPR-Rockville, MD  
CDR Peter Diak (Chair), FDA-Silver Spring, MD  
CDR Michael Crockett (Chair-Elect), BOP-Pollock, LA  
CDR Jeff Mallette (Ex-Officio), BOP-Pensacola, FL  
CAPT Aaron Sigler, FDA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Daniel Brum, FDA-Silver Spring, MD  
CDR Jefferson Fredy, IHS-Crownpoint, NM  
CDR Jinhee Lee, SAMHSA-Rockville, MD  
CDR Kristen Maves, IHS-Anchorage, AK  
CDR Aaron Middlekauff, DHS-Washington DC  
CDR Timothy Murray, IHS-Claremore, OK  
CDR MaryJo Zunic, IHS-Albuquerque, NM

LCDR Stephanie Arnold, IHS-Salina, OK\*  
LCDR Troy Bernardo, BOP-Butner, NC  
LCDR Brittany Keener, IHS-Anchorage, AK  
LCDR Jerome Lee, FDA-Rockville, MD\*  
LCDR Marisol Martinez, DoD-San Antonio, TX  
LCDR Khang Ngo, IHS-Taholah, WA  
CAPT Greg Dill (Assoc.), CMS-Chicago, IL  
CDR Carmen Kelly (Assoc.), AHRQ-Rockville, MD  
CDR Christina Mead (Assoc.), HRSA-Denver, CO  
CDR Vasavi Thomas (Assoc.), CDC-Atlanta, GA  
LT Jai Patel (Assoc.), DHS-Taylor, TX  
LCDR Liatte Krueger (Assoc.), JOAG-Parsippany, NJ

\*indicates PharmPAC alternate

**Excused members:** CDR Larry Lim, FDA-Silver Spring, MD; CDR Devvrat Patel, FDA-Rockville, MD; LCDR Tiffanie Myers, BOP-Marianna, FL; LCDR Jodi Sparkman, IHS-Claremore, OK; CDR Fortin George (Assoc.), NIH-Bethesda, MD; LCDR Kenda Jefferson (Assoc.), DHS-Washington DC

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**Call to Order:** CDR Peter Diak ([Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov))

Meeting began at 1400, EST.

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**CPO Report & Open Forum → RADM Scott Giberson**

- **Please see the October PharmPAC CPO Report.**
- This is American Pharmacists Month. Congratulations on choosing the pharmacy profession and advancing pharmacy practice. Commit to doing something extra related to pharmacy this month or educating someone about the expanded roles and services pharmacists can provide to the health system and patients.
- Q: Will the PHS be invited to assist with the upcoming Presidential inauguration?  
A: Most likely. We will be providing an update next month.
- Q: Would you, RADM Giberson, be able to participate at the New York City Veteran's Day Parade?

A: RADM Giberson stated that he unfortunately is unable to make it this year but will shoot for next year. He commends the officers' participation and encourages them to send pictures to be posted to the USPHS Pharmacy Facebook page.

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**Readiness Section** → CDR Daniel Brum ([dan.brum@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:dan.brum@fda.hhs.gov)) / LCDR Troy Bernardo ([tbernardo@bop.gov](mailto:tbernardo@bop.gov)) / LCDR Khang Ngo ([Khang.Ngo.USPHS@hotmail.com](mailto:Khang.Ngo.USPHS@hotmail.com))

- LCDR Kyle Lyons, DCCPR Uniform Policy Coordinator, presented on the new ODU. The ODU announcement has been officially released. The ODU will replace the BDU. You have 12 months from the date of the release to transition to the ODU. You can reference the following links for the ODU:
  - Please refer to the CCMIS website for the most up to date information on uniform policy: <http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/>
  - Official Policy (PPM) on ODU: [http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/PPM12\\_002.pdf](http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/PPM12_002.pdf)
  - "How to Order" Guide (step-by-step in plain language): [http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/PDF\\_docs/Directions%20%20Guidance%20for%20Ordering%20ODU%20online\\_31Aug12%20\(3\).pdf](http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/PDF_docs/Directions%20%20Guidance%20for%20Ordering%20ODU%20online_31Aug12%20(3).pdf)
  - Ordering the ODU POM: [http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/POM12\\_009.pdf](http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/POM12_009.pdf)
  - UDC website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/udc/ODUUntuckedUniforms.asp>
- Q: What other services wear the ODUs?  
A: US Coast Guard (USCG) and NOAA
- Q: What does the new ODU look like?  
A: They are similar to the USCG uniform – blue without logos. It is comprised of blue blouse, blue pants, blue PHS t-shirt (same screen print as the black PHS t-shirt), new blue command ball cap with embroidered rank.
- Q: How do I obtain them?  
A: You can buy them off the shelf in Woodbine, NJ if you live in the area or online via the CG uniform distribution center (UDC). Shipping takes about 5-10 days. Please refer to the CCMIS website and the links above.
- Q: What uniforms components can I reservice for the ODU?  
A: The black combat boots are authorized. Green jungle boots and brown combat boots are **not** authorized. Personal use items can continue to be used before this will be phased to blue or black, e.g., GI duffle bag, ALICE packs, backpacks, hydration systems, helmets, tactical or D-ring rigger's belts. Don't mis-match the blue and black t-shirts
- Q: How can I ensure that I order all necessary components?  
A: Please refer to the POM (refer to links above) and look carefully at the pictures.
- Q: What about name tapes?  
A: The name tape must be purchased from the Navy Exchange or online (cannot be purchased from the UDC). It must be 1 inch wide and letters must be 5/8 inch tall.
- Q: Will the ODU have a PHS command patch (that was on the left sleeve of the BDU)?  
A: No, not at this time. There are several places on the ODU that indicates the USPHS command.
- Q: How do I ensure the right size when ordering through the UDC?  
A: Follow the dimensions on the website chart – those are accurate. **Key point:** Male officers only purchase uniforms in **even** number sizes, whereas women only order **odd** number sizes. There is a significant difference in a size 40 and 41 jacket because of the gender differences.
- Q: How many sets do you recommend purchasing?  
A: 1 is required. It's a personal choice, depending on the deployment setting.

- Q: What is the address of the Woodbine UDC?
- A: You can find the address on the website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/udc/Contacts.asp>. The hours of operation are from 0800 to 1530, Monday through Friday EST.
- Q: There are a couple items out of stock currently at the UDC (i.e., the t-shirts and the foul weather parka), do you know if this is because a shortage in inventory or if it was a technical glitch?
- A: This was because of a shortage in inventory. Keep checking, as items will continue to be restocked.
- Q: Can the nametape be on ripstop material?
- A: The nametape can be on ripstop or web-type material. Badges are only available in the ripstop material.
- Q: Regarding returns, can one return the item to either the UDC or the Navy Exchange?
- A: You should follow the return policy of the place of purchase. You can't return a UDC purchase to the Navy Exchange.
- Q: When will the NNMC exchange in Bethesda sell the ODU?
- A: DCCPR is still working out the specifics of whether the Bethesda Navy Exchange will carry the ODU.
- CDR Andrei Nabakowski provided additional information on an upcoming ASPR training opportunity for pharmacists (see PharmPAC listserv email sent out Oct. 3, 2012). The DCCPR Readiness and Response Program was seeking pharmacist volunteers from Tier 3 to deploy in support of the ASPR National Ambulance Contract and to support deployment of federal medical assets; deadline for submission was 10/10/12. Those selected will receive additional training from ASPR, likely in November 2012, and will be assigned across the existing Tier 3 rosters to ensure adequate coverage. The ASPR National Ambulance Contract provides additional ground and air ambulance services when needed in a federal response to a disaster. Previous responses have demonstrated that state and local ambulance resources may be exhausted in a large scale disaster, and existing EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) agreements may be inadequate to meet the need when large numbers of nursing homes, hospitals, or shelters must transport patients with medical needs. Volunteers for this training would deploy to assist in execution of this National Ambulance Contract, and would assist in coordination, management, and tracking of these assets.
- Q: What would the time commitment be if picked (after taking the training)?
- A: Volunteers will be assigned across the 5 existing Tier 3 rosters, and we hope to have at least 3 pharmacists per roster. If the National Ambulance Contract is activated, the Readiness and Response Program would work with those trained officers on-call that month to ensure coverage. Otherwise these trained officers will be on call in Tier 3 and subject to deployment as they are now.

**Administration Section** → CDR Larry Lim ([Larry.Lim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Larry.Lim@fda.hhs.gov)) / CDR Timothy Murray ([timothy.murray@ihs.gov](mailto:timothy.murray@ihs.gov)) / CDR Jinhee Lee ([Jinhee.Lee@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:Jinhee.Lee@samhsa.hhs.gov))

- The non-voting, associate membership application period has closed. The new members will be announced at the November PharmPAC meeting.
- Consider applying for a voting or non-voting member position on the PharmPAC next year or responding to the call for volunteers that are sent through the PharmPAC listserv.
- We remind voting member alternates to submit supervisory approval letters and CV.

**Communication Section** → CDR MaryJo Zunic ([MaryJo.Zunic@ihs.gov](mailto:MaryJo.Zunic@ihs.gov)) / LCDR Marisol Martinez ([marisol.martinez@amedd.army.mil](mailto:marisol.martinez@amedd.army.mil)) / LCDR Jodi Sparkman ([jodi.sparkman@ihs.gov](mailto:jodi.sparkman@ihs.gov))

- The section would like to initiate a quarterly newsletter to keep pharmacists up to date. If you are interested in volunteering – please email CDR Zunic.
- LCDR McLawhorn provided an update on the recent webinar, entitled “Puzzling Publication Process Made Painless”, held on September 27, 2012 at the White Oak building at FDA. The presenter was Dr. Gilbert Burckart, who is currently the Associate Director of Regulatory Policy in the Office of Clinical Pharmacology at FDA. He has authored over 200 publications, held appointments in academia, and was the past President of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and American College of Clinical Pharmacology. There were about 50 participants. The webinar was videotaped and, once edited, will be posted to the PharmPAC website.
- The Public Health Workgroup will have a booth at the Montgomery College Health Fair, to be held Oct. 24, from 12-4pm. Volunteers can sign up for 2 hour slots (12-2pm and 2-4pm) and will help distribute health literature and information on PHS/health profession career opportunities. If you are interested, please email LCDR Tina Nhu by COB Oct. 17 at [Tina.Nhu@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Tina.Nhu@fda.hhs.gov).

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**Career Development Section** → CAPT Aaron Sigler ([Aaron.Sigler@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Aaron.Sigler@fda.hhs.gov)) / CDR Jefferson Fredy ([jefferson.fredy@ihs.gov](mailto:jefferson.fredy@ihs.gov)) / LCDR Tiffanie Myers ([tmyers@bop.gov](mailto:tmyers@bop.gov))

- The section is coordinating a CV review service to assist officers who are preparing for promotion. If you are interested, please send your CV to LCDR Tiffanie Myers at [tmyers@bop.gov](mailto:tmyers@bop.gov). The CV template is accessible on the PharmPAC website at [http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy/sc\\_career\\_guidance.aspx](http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy/sc_career_guidance.aspx).
- ASHP Midyear Federal Forum will be held in Las Vegas on Dec. 2, 12:30pm to 5pm. Representatives from the Army, Air Force, VA, PHS will be present. More program details to come.

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**Recruitment Section** → CDR Kristen Maves ([klmaves@scf.cc](mailto:klmaves@scf.cc)) / CDR Aaron Middlekauff ([Aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil](mailto:Aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil)) / LCDR Brittany Keener ([blkeener@anthc.org](mailto:blkeener@anthc.org))

- Thanks go to the FDA students who came to the CG headquarters.
- There are openings for a couple schools in the University Point of Contact (UPOC) program. We are looking for UPOCs for:
  - D'Youville College of Pharmacy in New York
  - Cedarville University School of Pharmacy in Ohio
  - South College School of Pharmacy in Tennessee
  - Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy in Florida
  - Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy in Illinois

If you are interested in finding out more about the UPOC program and becoming a UPOC, please email CDR Middlekauff.

- Current UPOCs: your UPOC appointment letters, covering the time period of September through this summer, should be signed by the CPO and in your eOPFs before the next promotion boards convene.
  - The recruitment booth at ASHP Midyear will likely be funded. We will be sending out information soliciting volunteers for the booth once funding is confirmed with DCCPR.
  - Best wishes to those taking the ambulatory care board certification this weekend!
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**Chair Report** → CDR Peter Diak ([Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov))

- CDR Greg Davis is now the Senior Policy Advisor at DCCPR. Congratulations to him on this accomplishment.
  - We are still awaiting a response to the PharmPAC position paper asking for addition of the BPS Ambulatory Care certification to the list of approved special pay certifications.
  - The PharmPAC has received 8 nominations for non-voting, associate membership, representing ex-minimus Agencies. We will announce the new associate members at the November PharmPAC meeting.
  - The Recruitment Section of the pharmacy category has once again been recognized for their work partnering with DCCPR and helping to recruit for medical, dental, and therapist officers.
  - CDR Diak and 4 other voting members will complete their final term on the PharmPAC at the end of October. He recognized them for an outstanding job representing the pharmacy category and leading important initiatives during challenging times:
    - CDR Dan Brum – current Readiness Section co-lead
    - CDR Kristen Maves – current Recruitment Section co-lead and 6 year PharmPAC member
    - CDR Larry Lim – current Admin Section co-lead for the past 3 years
    - CDR Dev Patel – current IT and webmaster
  - CDR Diak also recognized other contributors: CDR Crockett as Chair-Elect, CDR Juliette Touré as Executive Secretary, LT CoCo Tsai for all her assistance, CDR Ida-Lina Diak for all her support, CDR Mallette as a mentor and Ex-Officio member, RADM Giberson as CPO.
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**Chair-Elect Report** → CDR Michael Crockett ([mcrockett@bop.gov](mailto:mcrockett@bop.gov))

- You are invited to the promotion ceremony to be held on Friday, November 2, from 1400 to 1600 to honor RADM Chris Bina's promotion to flag rank for his role as Chief Pharmacist at the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). This is an important promotion for BOP and the entire pharmacy category because it recognizes the scope and impact the BOP has in regards to public health and the importance of correctional public health. RSVP to CDR Crockett if you are attending.

The location is:

Lecture Hall E, First Floor Lobby of Building C  
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center  
4301 Jones Bridge Road  
Bethesda, MD 20814

- Be sure to prepare your COER and for promotion if you are eligible.

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**Old/New Business** → CDR Peter Diak ([Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Peter.Diak@fda.hhs.gov))

- LCDR Ngo provided an update on the COF Symposium to be held in Glendale, AZ from May 20-23, 2013. An email requesting speakers and presenters for Pharmacy Category Day was distributed via the PharmPAC listserv on October 4. The theme will be “Public Health Prevention and Care: Bridging the Gaps”. We invite the pharmacists to look at the Pillars of the National Prevention Strategy and present on what can be done to bridge knowledge gaps to improve the health, particularly of the more vulnerable / at-risk populations. We are looking for a broad representation of topics and perspectives. Please email LCDR Ngo if you have questions and topic proposals ([Khang.Ngo.usphs@hotmail.com](mailto:Khang.Ngo.usphs@hotmail.com)), NLT than Oct. 26, 2012.
- Summary of Actionable Items for all PHS pharmacists (This is why you joined the Corps...to do more):
  - Complete 2012 COER.
  - Prepare documents for Promotion Year 2013.
  - Purchase/Prepare your new ODU for deployment.
  - Complete the APFT (only 25% of pharmacists are left to switch from President’s Challenge to the APFT – Great job!).
  - Report out on any direct or indirect impact from the Pharmacy Report to the Surgeon General to RADM Giberson and/or LT Tsai.

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**The meeting was adjourned @ 1515.**

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**Next Meeting Date: 01 November 2012, from 1400 to 1530 EST, White Oak Conference Room Bldg 22, Room 1419; Agenda and call-in information will be distributed prior to the meeting.**

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**Useful Links and Contact Info:**

- ◆ Emails: [PharmPAC@list.nih.gov](mailto:PharmPAC@list.nih.gov)  
[PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov](mailto:PHS-Pharmacists@list.nih.gov)  
[PHS-RX-JOBS@list.nih.gov](mailto:PHS-RX-JOBS@list.nih.gov)  
[PHS-Rx-Students@list.nih.gov](mailto:PHS-Rx-Students@list.nih.gov)
- ◆ Listservs: PHS Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-pharmacists.html>  
PHS Rx Students <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-students.html>  
OFRD <https://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?A0=ofrd>  
RPh Job Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-rx-jobs.html>  
CCMIS <http://ccmis.usphs.gov/ccmis>  
CC Vacancies <https://list.nih.gov/archives/ccvacancies-1.html>  
PHS Immunizing Pharmacists <https://list.nih.gov/archives/phs-immunizing-pharm.html>  
JOAG <https://list.nih.gov/archives/joag.html>
- ◆ Websites: PharmPAC <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/pharmacy>  
CCMIS <http://dcp.psc.gov>  
USPHS <http://www.usphs.gov>  
OFRD <http://oep.osophs.dhhs.gov/ccrf>  
Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/USPHSPharmacists>

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--Respectfully Submitted,

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Juliette Touré / \_17 October 2012\_\_\_\_  
CDR Juliette Touré, Executive Secretary Date

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CDR Peter Diak, Chair / \_\_\_\_\_  
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RADM Scott Giberson, CPO / \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attachments:**

1. **JOAG Liaison Report**
2. **BOP Liaison Report**
3. **CMS Liaison Report**
4. **NIH Liaison Report**
5. **IHS Liaison Report**
6. **PharmPAC Recruitment Report**
7. **CPO Update**
8. **ODU Uniform Presentation**

**JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP (JOAG)**  
UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DATE: October 4, 2012  
TO: Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee  
FROM: LCDR Liatte Krueger  
SUBJECT: JOAG Liaison Report – INFORMATION

- The October 2012 Career Fair list has been posted on the JOAG website and can be accessed through this website: <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/JOAG/resources.aspx>. The November 2012 Career Fair list is attached below. We encourage all junior officers to get out there and represent the Corps!



JOAG November  
2012 Career Fair List.

- JOAG is proud to present their “New Officer Guide”. Although it is a guide aimed for “New Officers”, we feel that all junior officers, and even senior, may find it handy and informative. We hope that you take some time to read through this document.



2012 JOAG New  
Officer Guide.pdf

- As a reminder, if you want to become an active part of JOAG, now is the time. The 2012-2013 Call for Volunteers will be sent out shortly through the JOAG listserv. This document will outline the mission and purpose for each JOAG committee. To learn more about our committees, please go to our website: <http://www.usphs.gov/corpslinks/JOAG/committees.aspx> and contact the current Committee Chairs for more information.
- If you aren't already, please sign up for the JOAG listserv by going to this website: <https://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=JOAG>.

**NEXT JOAG MEETING: General Member Meeting October 12, 2012; 1300 - 1500 EST.**

Call-in information will be provided via JOAG listserv prior to the meeting.



October 2012  
**CMS Agency Report to PharmPAC**  
Submitted by CDR Matthew D. Febbo

**MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PREMIUMS TO REMAIN STEADY FOR THIRD  
STRAIGHT YEAR**

*Coverage improves and out-of-pocket savings grow as a result of the health care law*

Average basic premiums for Medicare prescription drug plans are projected to remain constant in 2013, Health and Human Services Secretary (HHS) Kathleen Sebelius announced today. The average 2013 monthly premium for basic prescription drug coverage is expected to be \$30. Average premiums for 2012 were projected to be \$30 and ultimately averaged \$29.67. At the same time, since the law was enacted, seniors and people with disabilities have saved \$3.9 billion on prescription drugs as the Affordable Care Act began closing the “donut hole” coverage gap.

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=4425&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C+2%2C+3%2C+4%2C+5&intPage=&showAll=&Year=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

**HEALTH CARE LAW SAVED AN ESTIMATED \$2.1 BILLION FOR CONSUMERS**

The health care law – the Affordable Care Act – has saved consumers an estimated \$2.1 billion on health insurance premiums according to a new report released today by the Department of Health and Human Services. For the first time ever, new rate review rules in the health care law prevent insurance companies in all states from raising rates with no accountability or transparency. To date, rate review has helped save an estimated \$1 billion for Americans. Additionally, the law’s Medical Loss Ratio (or 80/20) rule is helping deliver rebates worth \$1.1 billion to nearly 13 million consumers.

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=4446&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=1%2C+2%2C+3%2C+4%2C+5&intPage=&showAll=&Year=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>



## Bureau of Prison Report to PharmPac October 2012

Submitted by LCDR Kellie Guedry BOP PharmPac Liaison

- Congratulations to Rear Admiral Chris Bina, Chief Pharmacist, who received a rare flag grade promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half). His flag promotion ceremony will be held at 1400, Friday, November 2, 2012 at USUHS.
- Article published in September edition of APhA's "Pharmacy Today" publication regarding BOP pharmacy.
- Injectable therapy guidance was released a couple of weeks ago.
- October 2nd: BOP Chief Pharmacist has coordinated and is sponsoring a teleconference presentation between numerous State Department of Corrections Pharmacy Directors and the HRSA 340B Program. CDR Krista Pedley, PharmD, Director, Office of Pharmacy Affairs, HRSA; and LCDR Josh Hardin, RN/BSN, 340B Program Management Officer, Office of Pharmacy Affairs, HRSA will be presenting.
- BOP Regional Medical Teams, which include the Regional Chief Pharmacists, had a productive week long meeting in Washington, DC the week of September 17th.
- Memorandum of Agreement was signed between BOP and FDA for RADM Bina to participate on the FDA's Drug Safety Advisory Board.

**October 2012 NIH Agency Report**  
**Submitted by CDR David Diwa**



*Turning Discovery into Health*

**Monday, Sept. 24, 2012 - Newly discovered molecule could deliver drugs to treat diseases**

Kansas State University researchers have discovered a molecule that may be capable of delivering drugs inside the body to treat diseases. For the first time, researchers have designed and created a membrane-bounded vesicle formed entirely of peptides. This could serve as a new drug delivery system to safely treat cancer and neurodegenerative diseases. Partial funding for the study came from the National Institutes of Health. <http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/sept12/peptide92412.html>

**Sunday September 23, 2012 - Discovery May Shed Light on Why Some HIV-Positive Patients Have More Virus**

Biologists at UC San Diego have unraveled the anti-viral mechanism of a human gene that may explain why some people infected with HIV have much higher amounts of virus in their bloodstreams than others. Schlafen 11 has been found to specifically blocks synthesis of HIV proteins and researchers are conducting further studies to see if variations in the Human Schlafen 11 gene can be correlated with disease progression in HIV infected individuals. The research was supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health Human. If that turns out to be the case, the discovery could one day lead to the development of a diagnostic test for HIV infected individuals that would inform them of their likelihood of developing AIDS or, better yet, the development of a therapeutic drug that would prevent HIV infected individuals from ever developing AIDS .

[http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressreleases/discovery\\_may\\_shed\\_light\\_on\\_why\\_some\\_hiv-positive\\_patients\\_have\\_more\\_virus](http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressreleases/discovery_may_shed_light_on_why_some_hiv-positive_patients_have_more_virus)

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012 Scripps Research Institute Receives \$20 Million to Shed Light on HIV Drug Resistance**

The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California has received a grant totaling approximately \$20 million over five years from the National Institutes of Health to research the development of drug resistance in HIV. NIH National Institute of General Medical Sciences and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases made the award. The grant will create a new consortium, the HIV Interaction and Viral Evolution (HIVE) Center, to better understand drug resistance and lay the groundwork for developing new anti-HIV treatments. <http://www.scripps.edu/news/press/2012/20120919hive.html>

**Wednesday, September 19, 2012 UGA researchers boost efficacy of drugs by using nanoparticles to target 'powerhouse of cells': Positive results shown for cancer, Alzheimer's and obesity drugs**

Nanoparticles have shown great promise in the targeted delivery of drugs to cells, but researchers at the University of Georgia Athens have refined the drug delivery process further by using nanoparticles to deliver drugs to a specific organelle within cells. By targeting mitochondria, the researchers increased the effectiveness of mitochondria-acting therapeutics used to treat cancer, Alzheimer's disease and obesity in studies conducted with cultured cells. The researchers used a biodegradable, FDA-approved polymer to fabricate their nanoparticles and then used the particles to encapsulate and test drugs that treat a variety of conditions. Their results were published this week in early edition of the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The research was supported by National Institutes of Health startup grant <http://news.uga.edu/releases/article/nanoparticles-target-powerhouse-of-cells-091912/>

**Monday, September 10, 2012 - The Placebo Response Occurs Outside of Conscious Awareness, Study Finds**

A new study demonstrates that the placebo and nocebo responses to pain may be activated by subliminal cues, thought to occur outside of a person's conscious awareness. Placebo and nocebo responses are the clinical change in a patient's condition after a treatment that has no active components. A placebo has a beneficial effect on the patient; a nocebo has a negative one. Researchers have long believed that placebo and nocebo responses are associated with a person's conscious thoughts, beliefs, or expectations of outcomes. However, this study builds on the growing evidence suggesting that these responses can be triggered by cues that are not consciously perceived. The study was funded in part by National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) at the NIH and is published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

<http://www.nccam.nih.gov/research/results/spotlight/091112>

**PharmPAC IHS Liaison Report**  
**Indian Health Service - National Pharmacy Council**  
**September 2012**

**NPC Membership Updates**

- Solicitation of the Billings Area Representative and Alaska Area Representative for the NPC Committee is being solicited.

**Sub Committee Updates:**

- **PSG Update**
  - Workgroups:
    - Controlled Substance Reports
    - Pyxis/Omniceil Interface
  - Pharmacy Technology Survey: Workgroup formed to develop a new pharmacy technology survey
  - Pharmacy Informatics Training: Survey sent to the PSG Members for feedback on training needs for 2012/13.
  - Membership: PSG Alternate Vacancy for Nashville, Billings. Committee is still waiting for an alternate representatives.
- **OIT Pharmacy Consultant Report**

Pharmacy GUI is moving forward with concurrence from PSG, HIMS and NPC.

  - All of the current RPMS Pharmacy Package functionality will be incorporated into the Pharmacy GUI.
  - Funding for the project is being tied to the ICD-10 and SNOMED project.
- **CMOP Report**

There are 21 Sites currently using CMOP. More sites have been setup to the point of doing a test send out to CMOP.

  - Initial focus will be on local mail out, since CMOP is optional at this point. Many CEO's have not wanted to commit to CMOP just yet, but this should not prevent sites from starting with local mail out.
  - Presentations are scheduled to start in October.

**Topic Updates:**

- **Pharmacy Chapter 7: CS & Update**

Pharmacy Chapter 7 CS updates and edits has been completed and will be sent to IHS PPO for review. Pending action.
- **Pharmaceutical Industry Sale Rep Policy**
  - Action Plan: APC's are to present to their respective Area CMO's for their input to see if they endorse this position statement or not.
- **IHS Pharmacy Standards of Practice**
  - The IHS Pharmacy Standards of Practice workgroup is currently reviewing the Standards and is meeting (virtually) next week to select specific updates and edits to bring to the NPC for the October meeting.
- **Medication Therapy Management (MTM) certificate training program**
  - The APhA has a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) certificate training program. It is a train the training pharmacy program and IHS pharmacist already has a number of trained certified pharmacist who have been trained. To enable these trained certified IHS pharmacists to train others, there is a \$500 fee that IHS would need to pay to APhA. This fee allows any number

of pharmacists to be trained by a previously trained certified pharmacist. It is our understanding that pharmacists completing the training will receive information on implementing and maintaining an MTM program, billing practices, and receive continuing education. When payment is provided to APhA, IHS would ask our trained pharmacists to provide the MTM certificate training program at the national pharmacy meetings or other locations as appropriate. The IHS Pharmacy Program does not have a budget, but there may be some end of year funds at the HQE that could be used to pay for this project.

▪ Do you endorse or disapprove this recommendation? YES (Majority = 77%)

• **Pharmacy Sites who do NOT have C2s ... What do we advise sites?**

- Action Plan: Recommendation was made to allow facilities latitude to come up with their own creative ways to provide CII's that are deemed best practice for certain diagnoses (i.e. ADHD). An acknowledgement statement to this affect will be in the Pharmacy Chapter 7 CS section.

• **CMS Meaningful Use Stage 2 criteria.**

- The final rule for Stage 2 meaningful use is available.
- Pharmacy can have a huge impact on the clinical quality measures. However, not every facility will have cooperation from the medical staff regarding pharmacies participation in these efforts. Therefore, should this be addressed at a National level.
- Before the committee can address this issue, all members need to be updated what the new Stage 2 criteria will be.
- Action item: Presentation of clinical quality measures to the NPC members at the next meeting.

**Next NPC Meeting: October 4, 2012**

# Recruitment Section

## October-2012

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### Exec

CDR Thomas Hinchliffe, CDR Kristen Maves, and CDR Aaron Middlekauff; LCDR Brittany Keener

- Need UPOC's for several universities. If interested please e-mail CDR Aaron Middlekauff at [aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil](mailto:aaron.p.middlekauff@uscg.mil)
- Work with DCCPR is ongoing to confirm ASHP Funding for the December 2012 Midyear meeting further details to follow.
- The recruitment section would like to welcome and thank LCDR Ryan Stevens and LT Zachary Woodward as co-leads for the website sub-section under our recruitment section.

### Website

LCDR Ryan Stevens, LT Zachary Woodward

- No current updates to report

### University Points of Contact (UPOC)

CDR Aaron Middlekauff

- Activity Reports are to now be submitted to: <https://sites.google.com/a/phspharmacist.org/pharmpac-tools/current-officers/upoc-activity-report>.

### Ready Reserve Corps

CDR Jefferson Fredy

- Policies for the development and implementation of the Ready Reserve is ongoing. Interested individuals can find more information here: <http://usphs.gov/aboutus/readyreserve.aspx>

### Student Programs

LCDR Misu Ahn, LCDR Lisa Kubaska

- No current updates to report

### Pharmacy's Best Kept Secrets (PBKS)

- Updates for 2013 to the PBKS document are underway. If anyone needs the 2012 updated document for recruitment please contact CDR Kristen Maves, CDR Aaron Middlekauff, or LCDR Brittany Keener

### PHS Vacancies Document Workgroup

- No current updates to report

### Policy

- No current updates to report



**U.S. Public Health Service**  
**Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee**  
**Chief Professional Officer, Pharmacy Update**

**October 2012**

**Commissioned Corps**

- Corps HQ continues discussions with the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) and his Advisory Board (consists of multiple civilian and agency leadership stakeholders) regarding the mission of the Corps and the five criteria (Pillars) for new calls-to-active duty (CADs). This is a pertinent discussion for all categories. At this time, the five pillars from Jan-Jun 2012 are under review. Data was collected and analyzed at Corps HQ regarding new CADs for six months. This was presented to the ASH and will soon be presented to the Board. Recommendations will be forthcoming. It is safe to say that further defining the criteria will not ultimately change the overall public health mission of the Corps; however there is and will be continued focus on direct patient care services provided to underserved and vulnerable populations (i.e., IHS/BOP/Immigration) as well as service to the other uniformed services, etc.
- **Application Processes** - I would like to continue to reiterate facts with regards to calls-to-active duty:
  - Beginning on October 9, 2012, we no longer need Senate confirmation for any calls-to-active duty. This regulation was passed and signed on August 10, 2012 by President Obama.
  - **If candidates are willing to go to the locations of most need, including clinical positions within IHS, BOP and Immigration, we will be able to get through the applicant pool more efficiently and look toward new applicants.**
  - If you have detailed questions, your Commissioned Corps liaisons, Professional Advisory Committee, and DCCPR Assignments Team should be able to provide additional information and answer your questions.
- **Policy** - You may already be aware that we are increasing our emphasis on prideful wear of the uniform. The existing policy on uniform wear is being enforced. This emphasis has resulted in an increase in esprit-de-Corps and many positive comments from multiple stakeholders. Good job.

**COSTEP**

- We are pleased to say the COSTEP will continue within the Pharmacy Category in 2013. We will work closely with Corps HQ to make sure it is completed more smoothly than the previous two years with renewed support from OASH. This year will be the first we have streamlined applicant pool to those categories (Pharmacy, Engineers, and EHOs) that most utilize the COSTEP program. This will reduce overall applications and those that are in these three categories will be processed more efficiently. If you are going to support a COSTEP, please make this known to your pharmacy lead in the Agency.

**Promotions**

- Continue to prepare all your paperwork, CV, ROS, OS, Basic Readiness data, etc. for Promotion Year 2013. All documents will be due at the end of the 2012 calendar year as customary. Please attempt to submit an APFT (instead of President's Challenge) for the fitness requirement. Although not mandatory this promotion year, we will continue to move toward APFT-only requirements.

**Readiness and Response Program (DCCPR)**

- Basic Readiness is mandated. It is not a promotion-specific requirement. It is an 'active-duty' requirement and policy. Continue to maintain readiness even when you are NOT up for promotion.

We continue to focus on positive support of existing policies. We will be monitoring this more closely. At this time, there are ramifications if you are not Basic Ready when up for promotion; however there can be stronger enforcement in the near future if you are not Basic Ready at any point in time (if left unresolved).

#### **OBC**

- Schedule is on CCMIS: <http://dcp.psc.gov/CCMIS/COTA/obcdates.aspx>. Please join us for the October OBC Pinning and Graduation.

#### **COER**

- The 2012 COER was released on October 3, 2012 and is now available online in the Secure Area on the CCMIS website. Please proceed to complete the COER.

#### **NEW Deployment Uniforms (ODU)**

- To reiterate - the new deployment uniform has been released. Please refer to the personnel policy memorandum at [http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/PPM12\\_002.pdf](http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/PPM12_002.pdf). A very helpful "How to Order" guide is also posted here: [http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/PDF\\_docs/Directions%20%20Guidance%20for%20Ordering%20ODU%20online\\_31Aug12%20\(3\).pdf](http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/PDF_docs/Directions%20%20Guidance%20for%20Ordering%20ODU%20online_31Aug12%20(3).pdf).
- You will have plenty of time to transition to the new ODU. All officers will be required to purchase and prepare the ODU by September 1, 2013. The BDU is allowable until September 1, 2013.

#### **Meetings**

- Joint Forces Pharmacy Seminar (JFPS) 2012 on October 28-November 1, 2012, at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel and the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California.
- ASHP Midyear 2012 on December 2-6, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV.

#### **CPO Initiatives Update**

- September - Privileged to be selected to present as the 2012 William A. Zellmer lecturer during the Policy Week of ASHP.
- September - Presented keynote to the New England Regional Pharmacy Association Annual Convention, which included roughly >500 participants from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont.
- We continue to collect data worldwide regarding the impact of the *Pharmacy Report to the Surgeon General*. This first week of October, I was invited to be part of an international pharmacy (FIP) Roundtable in Amsterdam, Netherlands. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet pharmacy leaders from all parts of the globe. Many recognized the *Report* and complimented PHS Pharmacy on its work in advancing the profession globally! Excellent work to all of you for setting the standard! The meeting in Amsterdam was FIP's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.
- In addition to the FIP meeting, the Secretary and Surgeon General were invited by the Dutch Ministry of Health to participate in a European Health Ministers Summit. This summit included global stakeholders such as WHO, PAHO, Institute of Medicine, IMS, and other internationally known organizations and countries. Over 10 Health Ministers and representatives participated, including European and non-European members. They included Health Ministers and representatives from Tanzania, South Africa, India, Australia, Morocco, Canada, Columbia, France, Spain, Denmark, Netherlands, Finland, Ireland, and the U.S. Myself and one representative from the Office of Global Affairs functioned as the official U.S. Delegation. I had the privilege and honor to discuss advancing the pharmacy profession with multiple Health Ministries. Some were even aware of the *Report*. This was a

unique venue for discussing the Report and attempting to help pharmacy worldwide advance in the safe use of medications and patient access to care.

- Currently we are working on a briefing document that consolidates some of the impact from the *Report* and presenting it to the Surgeon General. **If you have any positive and tangible impact seen as a result of the *Pharmacy Report to the Surgeon General*, please contact myself or LT Tsai as soon as possible.**
- As always, please consider utilizing the PharmPAC leadership (CDR Diak or CDR Crockett) and LT Yiyong 'CoCo' Tsai ([Yiyong.Tsai@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Yiyong.Tsai@fda.hhs.gov)) for any CPO business related issues.

**Summary of Actionable Items (This is why you joined the Corps...to do more):**

- 1. Complete 2012 COER.**
- 2. Prepare documents for Promotion Year 2013.**
3. Purchase/Prepare your new ODU for deployment.
4. Complete the APFT (only 25% of pharmacists are left to switch from President's Challenge to the APFT! – Great job).
5. Report out on any direct or indirect impact from the *Pharmacy Report to the Surgeon General* to RADM Giberson and/or LT Tsai.

**Thank you for all your hard work and efforts! You are transforming our category and the profession!**

**RADM Giberson**

# U.S. Public Health Service The ODU and You



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**September 2012**



# USCG Tucked ODU – NOT Authorized



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# The Untucked NOAA/USPHS ODU



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# NO POCKET LOGOS



# NO BOTTOM POCKETS



# NO SHOULDER EPAULETTES



# NAMETAPES 1" WIDE W/ 5/8" *GOLD* BLOCK LETTERS



# New Blue Command Ball Caps w/ EMBROIDERED Rank Insignia



Pay Close Attention to Authorized Covers!!!!



# New Blue 8-Point Utility Cover



**New Blue PHS T-shirt**  
**\*Moisture Wicking Now Authorized for Non-HazMat Environments**



# Outer Wear



# BDU Accoutrements Authorized with ODUs

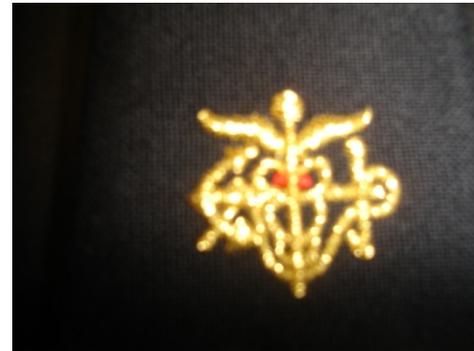
- Combat Boots/Safety Shoes
- Belt
- OD, Woodland pattern\* or other personal gear that is in a **SERVICEABLE** condition



# NEW MilSpec'd Items – Phase-out of old insignia CY 2014



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# Physical Training Uniform\*



# Questions?

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