



Scientist Professional Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

1100 – 1300 (Eastern Time)

Toll Free Numbers: USA 866-723-8146

Participant Passcode: 7713400 Leader: CDR Sara Newman

Participants

SciPAC Executive Committee 2007/8 Voting Members

Rank	Name	Agency	Role	Prior Term	Current Term		Yrs on PAC	X, if present
					Start	End		
RADM	Helena Mishoe	NIH	CPO					X
CAPT	Bill Burkhardt III	FDA		No	2005	2008	3	
CAPT	Jon R. Daugherty	FDA	Recruitment and Retention	Yes	2005	2008	6	
CAPT	Mehran Massoudi	CDC	Science	No	2005	2008	3	
CAPT	John Mosely Hayes	IHS	Website	Yes	2005	2008	6	
CDR	Rachel Avchen	CDC	Vice-Chair Rules and Membership	No	2006	2009	2	X
CDR	Christine Benally	OS	Policy	Yes	2007	2010	4	X
CDR	Diana Bensyl	CDC	Secretary	No	2006	2009	2	X
CDR	Tracy MacGill	FDA	Emergency Preparedness	No	2005	2008	3	
CDR	David McIntyre	IHS	Emergency Preparedness	Yes	2007	2010	4	
CDR	Mark Methner	CDC	Mentoring	Yes	2006	2009	5	X
CDR	Daphne Moffett	CDC	Historian	Yes	2004	2012	7	X
CDR	Sara Newman	NPS	Chair	Yes	2007	2010	4	X
CDR	Martin Sanders	CDC	ExOficio	Yes	2007	2010	4	X
CDR	Mark Seaton	FDA	OFRD	No	2005	2008	3	X
CDR	D. Ross Spears	CDC	Career Development	Yes	2006	2009	5	

LCDR	Marco Bennett	FDA	Category Day	No	2006	2009	2	X
LCDR	Maleeka Glover	CDC	JOAG Category Day	No	2007	2010	1	X
LCDR	Wei Guo	FDA	Visibility	No	2005	2008	3	
LCDR	Rona LeBlanc	FDA	Recruitment and Retention	No	2005	2008	3	X
LCDR	Matthew Newland	HRSA	Treasurer Awards	No	2006	2009	2	X
Dr.	Dalton Paxman	OS		Yes	2005	2008	6	

Non-voting Scientist Participants

Participant	Agency
Nelson Adekoya	CDC
LT Tajah Blackburn	EPA
CDR Heidi Blanck	CDC
LT Rene Calanan	CDC
CAPT Susanne Caviness	FDA
LCDR Chekesha Clingman	FDA
LT Dianna Densmore	CDC
LCDR Judy Facey	EPA
LCDR Danice Eaton	CDC
LCDR Christine Hunter	NIH
CAPT Francois Lalonde	NIH
LTC Paul Levin	Army
CDR Kathleen McDuffie	CDC
LCDR Henraya McGruder	CDC
LT Matthew Murphy	CDC
CDR Michael Murry	BOP
CDR Timothy Nelle	FDA
CAPT Ralph O'Connor	CDC
LCDR James Osterhout	FDA
LT Paul Seo	FDA
David Skanchy	FDA
CDR Steven Sparenborg	NIH
LCDR John Stansberry	NIH
LT Robin Toblin	CDC
LCDR Fei Xu	FDA

I) Call to Order and Welcome

CDR Sara Newman

EMAIL dbensyl@cdc.gov for roll call

Please state name before talking. Please put phones on mute.

II) Report from the CPO

RADM Helena Mishoe

- a) Looking forward to seeing all those who are able to attend in person at COF.
- b) OCCFAM Redesigned COER. Inflated COER from grade inflation.
- c) Health Diplomacy Missions. Need volunteers. Scientists could do Executive Assistant/Public Information Officer (EA/PIO) or Psychologist.
- d) Four proposals 1) T & E issues, psychologist standards, change in appt standards. Proposing applicable pre-doctoral credit be given. 2) TED credit –length of time given for doctoral degree. 3) Non-competitive auto promote to O-4 as for Medical category. 4) ?
- e) Long discussion on different uniforms for COF. In general, the uniform for COF is khaki.

III) Report from the PAC Chair

CDR Sara Newman

- a) See information provided via the listserv on the Health Officer Program, which is an initiative spearheaded by the PharmPAC to provide age-appropriate public health information to elementary aged children nationwide. The SciPAC voting members voted to support this effort and would like to participate, but because there were many questions about it, we have asked LCDR Birch-Smith from the PharmPAC to answer those during the meeting today.
- b) Our next SciPAC meeting will not be until the first Tuesday in July because of the upcoming COF meeting in Tucson

IV) PharmPAC Officer Health Program

LCDR Postelle Birch-Smith, PharmD

- a) LCDR Birch-Smith described the program and how they would like to see it work with all categories involved. SciPAC would like to have a representative work with this group to see it get off the ground

V) Treasurer's Report

LCDR Matthew Newland

- a) ~\$1600
- b) Will bring t-shirts and coins to sell at conference.

VI) Subcommittee reports

a) Category Day

LCDR Marco Bennett and LCDR Maleeka Glover

i) Category Day Update/Reminders

- (1) Category Day is June 10, 2008 in Tucson, Arizona (www.coausphsconference.org)
- (2) All arrangements with speakers are finalized including our keynote VADM (Ret.) Richard H. Carmona (17th Surgeon General of the United States, 2002-2006)
- (3) Our Acting Surgeon General RADM Galson will visit of category during the lunch period. We have requested that RADM Galson make presentations to our scientist awardees as well as a category group picture with RADM Galson
- (4) Scientist Category group social event after category day at 7:30 pm at El Charro Cafe (www.elcharrocafe.com)

(5) Service Khaki is the prescribed uniform of the day for Symposium attendees. The uniform for the closing dinner is Dinner Dress White Jacket (0-5 and above). Service Dress Blue with miniature medals is an appropriate alternative for the closing dinner for 0-4 and below

ii) Please visit the website for other symposium related events:

(1) Sign up for pre-conference workshops

(2) Sign up for Basic Life Skills Renewal

(3) Pre-register for Surgeon General Run/Walk (June 11, 6:30 am) and APFT (June 11, 5:30 am)

(4) Sign up for Retiree Breakfast

(5) Sign up for Retirement Seminary of Friday June 13

b) JOAG Liaison Report

LCDR Maleeka Glover

- i) **COA Call for Volunteers at the 2008 Symposium:** COA is in need of JOs to assist during the 2008 USPHS Symposium in Tucson, AZ. Volunteers are needed in assisting with "room moderation," and "registration" (see duties and shift below). Throughout the years COA has always been very supportive of JOAG and has repeatedly provided us with booth space and scholarships. Not only would this be a great way to show COA our appreciation, this would also represent a great opportunity for JOs to gain valuable experience and a great way to meet and connect with your fellow officers. If interested, please email LT Carlos Bell (izz3@cdc.gov <<mailto:izz3@cdc.gov>>).
- ii) **JOAG Journeyman Series on Friday, May 9 at 1300 ET:** Fellow Junior Officers, Please plan on attending the JOAG Journeyman Series presentation on Friday, May 9. Our speaker will be RADM (Ret.) Jerry Michaels. RADM Michaels will be speaking about "The Proud History of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps." The presentation will be available on the JOAG website soon. When: Friday, May 9, 1300 to 1400 ET Call in: 1-605-475-4333 (note that this is a toll line and long distance charges apply) Passcode: 122211
- iii) **JOAG membership call for nominations:** Fellow JOs -- It's that time of the year -- JOAG is soliciting self-nominations for voting members to serve October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010. JOAG Voting Membership 2008 Call for Nominations, as well as the Nomination and Supervisor Approval Forms can be found on the JOAG website. Please review the Call for Nominations form for more information about the required eligibility criteria and the open category and at-large slots. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact LCDR Rich Henry, JOAG Membership Committee Chair. REMINDER -- the deadline is May 15, 2008
- iv) **LAST CALL: Forward Thinking Retreat at USPHS Symposium:** You may recall that over the past several months we have been discussing the development of a Forward Thinking Retreat for junior officers. Flag officers participated in a retreat last summer, and JOAG was approached by senior leadership to participate in a similar event. We are excited to announce that we have finalized details for the retreat! LAST CALL to sign up for the Forward Thinking Retreat. Please contact LCDR Aimee Treffeletti at alt5@cdc.gov by COB on Wednesday, May 7 if interested.

v) **JOAG Social Event, Wednesday June 11th**: The COF Planning Committee has organized a JOAG Social at the PHS Symposium on Wednesday, June 11. Please see the attached flyer for more details. We hope you'll join us!

c) **Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee** **CAPT Jon Daugherty and LCDR Rona LeBlanc**

i) CAPT Daugherty continued to call some of the Scientist Category applicants to see what their status is, and to answer any questions about the Corps and the category.

d) **Visibility Subcommittee** **LCDR Wei Guo and LCDR Sally Hu**

i) SciPAC poster is ready and will be posted at COF and will be used for other activities to increase the visibility and understanding of our category

e) **Awards Subcommittee** **LCDR Matthew Newland**

i) No update.

f) **Rules and Membership Subcommittee** **CDR Rachel Avchen**

i) Welcome April CAD: LT Richard Schobitz, DOD/Tricare Management Activity

ii) Call for SciPAC membership, due May 30

iii) Incoming EIS Class : 32 PhD (not all CC, but large number)

g) **Website** **CAPT John Mosely Hayes and LCDR Danice Eaton**

i) Holding pattern in moving forward on HHS template.

h) **Career Development** **CDR Ross Spears**

i) No update.

i) **OFRD Subcommittee** **CDR Mark Seaton**

j) **Mentoring Subcommittee** **CDR Mark Methner**

i) 46 mentors and 52 protégés

k) **Policy Review** **CDR Christine Benally and LCDR Tim Nelle**

l) **Science Subcommittee** **CAPT Mehran Massoudi and LCDR Yi Zhang**

i) No update.

m) **Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee** **CDR Tracy MacGill/CDR David McIntyre**

i) No update.

VII) Closing Remarks **CDR Sara Newman**

Next meeting: JULY 1, 2008; 1100-1300 EST

NO June Meeting PLEASE JOIN US IN TUCSON FOR CATEGORY DAY on JUNE 10th

(See agenda:

http://www.coausphsconference.org/agenda/documents/2008_ScientistAgenda%20_2_.pdf