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Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that, effective 5 April 2010, Secretary Sebelius has approved four officers for Flag grade promotions. As executive-level officers of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (Corps), Flag officers exemplify the core values for which commissioned officers are known. The promotion of these officers further reinforces the Corps' public health leadership and that of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Please join us in congratulating these fine officers!

From O-7 to O-8 (RADM, upper half):

RADM Boris Lushniak
Assistant Commissioner, Officer of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats
Food and Drug Administration

RADM Anne Schuchat
Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

From O-6 to O-7 (RADM, lower half):

CAPT Claire Helminiak
Deputy Director, Medical Surge, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

CAPT Kevin D. Meeks
Director, Oklahoma City Area
Indian Health Service

Sincerely,

Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA
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Surgeon General

Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH
Assistant Secretary for Health