

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



**General Meeting Report**

Friday, June 12, 2015

1300 – 1500 EST

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 Call-in number: (626) 677-3000  
 Passcode: 791-9605#  
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**I. Roll Call**

LCDR Hatch, JOAG Executive Secretary, took attendance by performing roll call.

<b>I. Voting Membership</b>					
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>OPDIV</b>	<b>Category</b>
AA	LCDR	Otto	Jessica	IHS	EHO
AA	LCDR	Kosko	Robert	FDA	PHARM
X	LCDR	Garza	Elizabeth	CDC	HSO
AA	LCDR	Nichols	Erin	CDC	SCI
X	LCDR	Hatch	Lindsay	FDA	HSO
X	LCDR	Olele	Chinyelum	FDA	PHARM
X	LT	Marrero	Abraham	CDC	ENG
X	LT	Fleming	Eleanor	CDC	DENT
X	LT	Bailey	Daveta	FDA	EHO
AA	LCDR	Eisenberg	Judith	CDC	PHYS
AA	LCDR	Koch	Frank	BOP	DIET
X	LCDR	Pinizzotto	Samantha	FDA	VET
AA	LCDR	Halldin	Cara	CDC	SCI
X	LCDR	Irvin	Kari	FDA	HSO
AA	LCDR	Bobo	Qiao	FDA	SCI
X	LCDR	Stein	Avi	CDC	HSO
X	LT	Arroyo	Peter	BOP	THER
X	LCDR	Nguyen	Quynh Nhu	FDA	ENG
AA	LT	Bates	Mekeshia	HRSA	NURSE
X	LCDR	Huang	David	CDC	SCI

X=Present, AA=Approved absence; AWA=Absent with alternate; UA=Unapproved absence  
 \*Ex-Officio/Past Chair, non-voting member

## II. Executive Committee Reports

- a. No report from Ex-Officio or Chair-Elect
- b. **Chair Report: LCDR Jessica Otto (LCDR Garza reporting)**
  - i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. Thank you to all volunteers and officers who helped to make the JOAG-sponsored events at the Symposium a success, and thank you for your flexibility throughout the planning process.
- c. **Vice-Chair Report: LCDR Robert Kosko**
  - i. No updates
- d. **Executive Secretary Report: LCDR Lindsay Hatch**
  - i. No updates
- e. **Financial Liaison Report: LCDR Erin Nichols (LCDR Hatch reporting)**
  - i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. Questions regarding purchasing JOAG merchandise can be directed to LCDR Hatch at [Lindsay.hatch@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Lindsay.hatch@fda.hhs.gov), or the JOAG email address.
      - a. JOAG email address is included at the bottom of all emails sent out via the JOAG listserv.
  - ii. Accomplishments
    - 1. Square account was used during electronic payments for merchandise at the Symposium.
    - 2. JOAG was successful in sales of merchandise at the Symposium.

## III. JO Voice: LCDR Erin Nichols (LCDR Hatch reporting)

- a. Next JO Voice topic is “what PHS officers need to do when they get married.”
  - i. LCDR Hatch thanked all junior officers who submitted questions and comments for the next JO Voice topic.
  - ii. Commissioned Corps Women’s Issues Advisory Board (CCWIAB) is in the process of creating a resource guide that will include all pertinent information related to the aforementioned topic.
    - 1. LCDR Hatch thanked LCDR Rachael Lopez, JOAG CCWIAB Liaison, who is spearheading this process, for her effort and collaboration with JOAG on this initiative.
  - iii. Aforementioned JO Voice topic will be presented during the August JOAG General Member Meeting on August 14, 2015.
- b. JOAG is anticipating that the July Journeyman Speaker Series (JSS) will involve coverage of the new Surgeon General’s initiatives and policies.
  - i. The Surgeon General or a representative from OSG will present this topic.
  - ii. JOAG will distribute a call for questions, comments, ideas from junior officers regarding the initiatives and policies.
    - 1. Specifically, JOAG is interested in collecting ideas regarding how junior officers can support the Surgeon General’s initiatives.

2. The questions and comments that are submitted will potentially be utilized during the presentation.
3. This call will be distributed via the JOAG listserv in the near future.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### a. Awards Committee: LCDR Chinyelum Olele & LT Abraham Marrero

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. Committee is currently identifying approved governing documents in order to initiate the SOP review process.
  2. Certificates for non-voting members who were unable to attend the Symposium were sent to their respective Committee Co-Chairs for distribution.
  3. Recognition Subcommittee is currently revising and updating the certificate distribution process.
  4. Committee is currently finalizing the Award Guidance document.
  5. The next committee meeting is July 1, 2015.
    - a. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.
- i. Accomplishments
  - a. Strengthened SOP Subcommittee by adding another volunteer (LCDR Bonzagni).
  - b. Committee had a successful awards season and successful Symposium this year.
    - i. They were able to distribute the Junior Officer of the Year Award, Excellence Award, and Carmona Award.

##### b. Communications and Publications Committee: LT Daveta Bailey & LT Katie Bante

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. Spring JOAG Journal is currently being reviewed and will be ready for distribution during the week of June 8, 2015.
  2. Call for articles for the Summer JOAG Journal will be distributed during the week of June 8, 2015.
    - a. Summer JOAG Journal publication date is July 15, 2015.
  3. Outreach Subcommittee is currently updating the "About JOAG" presentation.
  4. Scrapbook/photo repository album is currently under EC review.
  5. Website Subcommittee continues to maintain JOAG website and apply updates.
  6. Uniform Subcommittee is working on the next edition of *With Pride & Distinction* and an article for inclusion in the Summer JOAG Journal.
  7. Next committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015, at 1300 EDT.
- ii. Accomplishments
  1. Published Vol. 12 of *With Pride & Distinction* in May, which highlighted the Dinner Dress Uniform.
  2. Mid-Year Report was compiled and distributed.

##### c. Development Committee: LCDR Judith Eisenberg & LCDR Dawn Montoya

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. JOAG Symposium booth hotwash
    - a. Coin racks sold out and an order has been placed to restock the coin racks via the same vendor as used previously.

- b. Three preorders were placed for merchandise at the Symposium.
  - i. Preorders appear useful, but this will be revisited to determine the viability of this operation for next year's Symposium.
- c. The Square point of sale tool was a great success during the Symposium since it gave buyers more options to complete the sale (cash versus credit).
  - i. Committee would like to potentially use this payment option at the Symposium next year.
- d. Development Committee thanked the Atlanta COA chapter for their cooperation during the sharing of a booth with JOAG in the marketplace.
- e. All Symposium volunteers at the JOAG booth have received their LOAs.
  - i. Thank you to CDR Chad Dowell for bringing the luggage tags and magnets to the booth, as well as picking up the kit and shipping it back to the EC in Washington D.C. after the Symposium.
- f. JOAG will not be restocking the "Not the Navy" t-shirt.
  - i. If an officer would like to purchase one, please do so before they are unavailable.
- g. T-shirt Subcommittee will be reactivated to potentially create a new t-shirt for 2016.

2. Items for future consideration

- a. Square account option as a payment method for the Symposium was very successful but it could be more successful by ensuring that "pay by cash or credit card" is featured prominently on all merchandise handouts.
- b. Committee is currently in search of an online payment system for the merchandise website that not only will process credit card payment, but has the capacity to incorporate shipping/taxes into the final charge that the customer must approve.
- c. Committee is currently awaiting EC approval to restock certain JOAG merchandise items, such as the lanyard and PHS core values coin.
- d. Research and Selection Subcommittee is ready to start exploring sales items that would display the USPHS Creed upon final approval.
- e. Booth kit is now with EC.
  - i. Booth kit contains two JOAG table skirts, cash box, return policy sign holder, and tabletop/vertical display racks.

**d. Membership Committee: LCDR Cara Halldin & LCDR Kari Irvin**

- i. Current activities/updates
  - a. JOAG Voting Members reviewed 28 applications for the 10 vacant Voting Membership positions.
    - i. All applicants who applied for JOAG Voting Membership have been notified of their selection status.
    - ii. Concurrence from CPOs and Agency Liaisons is currently being gathered.
      - 1. New Voting Members will be announced during the second week of June.

- b. A Meet and Greet event for the D.C., MD, and VA regions is scheduled for July 23, 2015 from 1500-1600 EDT.
    - i. Details will be provided at a later date.
  - c. Membership SOP Subcommittee is currently working on a proposal to modify the JOAG Membership Committee SOP to include a Voting Membership Subcommittee.
  - ii. Accomplishments
    - a. Meet and Greet Subcommittee is finalizing edits to a presentation for Voting Members to use during Meet and Greet events.
- e. Policy and Procedures Committee: LCDR Elizabeth Garza**
- i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. Policy development and training
      - a. Committee is finalizing the summer PDT Cybergram and plans to send it out in June/July.
        - i. Cybergram will include several updates regarding new USPHS CC policies and will touch on uniforms, officer grievances against non-Corps supervisors, officer pay changes, and promotion highlights.
    - 2. SOPs
      - a. On June 9, 2015, all Committee Co-Chairs received an email launching the annual review of the Committee SOPs.
        - i. SOP Subcommittee Co-Leads compiled the 2015 Committee SOP template that all committees should use to update their 2014 SOP.
        - ii. There were only minor changes to the template, so the structure should look the same.
        - iii. Committee Co-Chairs will have about six weeks to send in the 2015 SOP for review.
        - iv. During this process, Committees should make sure that their mission statement as listed in the 2015 JOAG General SOP matches what is in their committee-specific SOP and that their website also reflects what is in their 2015 Committee SOP.
    - 3. Strategic Plan
      - a. JOAG Strategic Plan Subcommittee finalized the JOAG Strategic Plan for 2015-2020.
        - i. JOAC EC is currently revising the JOAG Strategic Plan and will be posting it to the JOAG governing documents website once it is finalized.
        - ii. An announcement will be distributed via the JOAG listserv when it has been posted.
        - iii. LCDR Garza thanked LCDR Jessica Cole and LCDR Griff Miller for leading this charge.
        - iv. Committee will be coordinating a Strategic Planning training towards the end of the operational year once new

Voting Members have been assigned to the various Committee Co-Chair positions.

1. This will allow for a smooth transition and active engagement of our new leadership to track each Committee's current strategies against the five JOAG strategic goals.
4. Next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 1200 EDT.
  - a. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month.
  - b. Committee is always looking for new self-motivated officers to join the committee.

**f. Professional Development Committee: LCDR Qiao Bobo & LCDR Avi Stein**

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. Next Journeyman Speaker Series (JSS) Seminar
    - a. Speaker will be Chief Scientist Officer, CAPT Martin Sanders.
    - b. Topic will be "Writing for effect; how to write bullets for awards, COERS, and CVs."
    - c. Scheduled for Friday July 10, 2015 from 1300 to 1400 EDT.
      - i. Call in information: 1-860-970-0300; passcode: 6904646
    - d. Possibility that the Surgeon General or a representative from OSG will be present on the next JSS to discuss the new initiatives.
      - i. An announcement will be sent out via the JOAG listserv in the near future.
  2. Next committee meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2015 at 1000 EDT.
    - a. Call-in number: 712-432-0933; passcode: 567393.
- i. Accomplishments
  - a. Uniform Inspection Booth, lead by LCDR Idowu and LT Wittry, was well-received and implemented at the USPHS Symposium in Atlanta.
    - i. During the first two days (Monday and Tuesday), there was not a dedicated Uniform Inspection Booth.
      1. Inspectors would approach officers to inquire if they'd like a uniform inspection.
    - ii. The next two days (Wednesday and Thursday), the UIB was placed in the back of the Exhibit Hall in a low traffic area.
      1. Despite of the challenge of finding good space, approximately 70-80 officers utilized/approached the UIB during the Symposium.
  - b. Committee held a hot wash after the Symposium to talk about lessons learned for the future Uniform Inspection Booth at the Symposium.

**g. Public Health and Community Service Committee: LCDR Frank Koch & LCDR Samantha Pinizzotto**

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. Officer Health and Wellness Promotion Subcommittee
    - a. "United States Regional Fitness Events Log"

- i. Committee is considering a name change to the log to be more in line with the recent revision, which removed listings by region, and listed them by state.
    - b. Two Get Fit, Stay Fit slides have been created and reviewed by the EC.
      - i. Revisions suggested by the EC are under consideration/in progress.
    - c. Subcommittee is discussing the development of a new *Let's Move!* standing project that will likely focus on teaching school age children about the importance and benefits of exercise.
    - d. The incorporation of the PHS Athletics Group into this subcommittee has been communicated to us.
      - i. How to accomplish this task is under consideration.
  - 2. National Prevention Strategy Subcommittee
    - a. Baltimore Women's Classic (Baltimore, MD)
      - i. June 28, 2015 at 0630- 1200 EDT
      - ii. Lead: LT Morgan Walker
      - iii. Assist with the race to help raise awareness of cancer.
      - iv. Project has been approved.
  - 3. Uniformed Services Community Service Projects Subcommittee
    - a. Honor Flight Meet and Greet (LA Airport).
      - i. Lead: LCDR Kari Harris
      - ii. June 14, 2015
      - iii. Project approved.
    - b. Honor Flight Reunion (Ontario, CA)
      - i. Lead: LCDR Kari Harris
      - ii. July 19, 2015
      - iii. Proposal in progress.
    - c. Spirit of 45 WWII 70<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration (San Diego, CA)
      - i. Lead: LCDR Kari Harris
      - ii. Proposal in progress.
- ii. Accomplishments
  - 1. Officer Health and Wellness Promotion Subcommittee
    - a. "United States Regional Fitness Log" project has been posted and distributed via the JOAG listserv.
  - 2. Every Body Walk! Subcommittee
    - a. National Trails Day Walking Events
      - i. Greenbelt Park Trail
        - 1. Lead: LCDR Blessington
        - 2. June 6, 2015 from 1000-1200 EDT
      - ii. Cross Florida Greenway National Trails Day
        - 1. Lead: LTJG Bagenski
        - 2. June 6, 2015 from 0900-1200 EDT
      - iii. Bear Mountain Reservation
        - 1. Lead: LTJG Fine
        - 2. June 8, 2015 from 1615-1730 EDT
  - 3. National Prevention Strategy Subcommittee

- a. Capital Area Food Bank (Washington D.C.)
  - i. Lead: LT Jennifer Clements
  - ii. March 28, 2015 at 0845-1200 EDT
  - iii. 13 officers and four civilians (including one child) assembled food bags for weekend delivery
  - iv. Concern was expressed about the number of volunteers who failed to attend.
- b. Manna Food Center (Gaithersburg, MD)
  - i. Lead: LT Jinean Riley
  - ii. April 4, 2015 at 0900-1100 EDT
  - iii. 17 PHS Officers and two civilians volunteered to pack boxes of food donations to help those in need in Montgomery County.
- c. Martha's Table (Washington D.C.)
  - i. Lead: LT Jinean Riley
  - ii. May 2, 2015 at 1300-1530 EDT
  - iii. Six officers and two civilian volunteers packed hot meals, salad, and sandwiches and delivered a total of 60 meals to local homebound seniors who struggle to make ends meet.
- d. Daffy's Pet Soup Kitchen (Atlanta, GA)
  - i. Lead: LCDR Nelva Bryant
  - ii. May 4-9, 2015
  - iii. Collect pet supplies to help keep pets with their financially struggling families.
  - iv. Cancelled.
- e. Bread for the City (Beltsville, MD)
  - i. Lead: LT Jinean Riley
  - ii. May 9, 2015 at 1000-1300 EDT
  - iii. 20 officers and three civilian volunteers tended to crops.
    - 1. Duties included weeding blueberry and strawberry plants, and putting down mulch at the orchard. All of the fruit grown and harvested at City Orchard will be distributed to Bread for the City clients through their two food pantry locations.
- f. ALIVE U.S. Mail Carrier Food Drive (Alexandria, VA)
  - i. Lead: LCDR Samantha Fontenelle
  - ii. May 10, 2015 at 1300-1600 EDT
  - iii. Nine officers were present to help with the sorting of donated food that had been collected by mail carriers.
  - iv. Volunteers were able to sort nearly six tons of food in two hours.
- g. DC Central Kitchen (Washington D.C.)
  - i. Lead: LT Marriah Lombardo
  - ii. May 15, 2015 at 1700-2000 EDT



- a. Workgroup monitors various websites three times per day and provides weekly reports.
- 7. TAP Subcommittee has recently made a number of presentations.
- 8. SRCOSTEP Surveys are currently under EC review.
- 9. JRCOSTEP contact list has been requested, but we have not received a response back yet from DCCPR.
- 10. Career Fair Subcommittee will resume creating career fair lists in July for the September career fairs.
- 11. LT Arroyo provided the following information regarding interservice transfers:
  - a. USPHS website states that interservice transfers will be continuous for officers able to fill clinical billets.
    - i. Clinical billets could include, but are not limited to, physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, dentists, dieticians, and psychologists.
    - ii. Officers that are not in clinical billets may still apply for interservice transfers, but they must apply during an open application window for their discipline.
  - ii. Accomplishments
    - 1. ATP Subcommittee conducted the annual review on the informational brochure and placed it in the subcommittee dropbox.
    - 2. COSTEP Subcommittee has solicited for JRCOSTEP mentoring volunteers.
- i. Symposium Planning Committee: LT Eleanor Fleming & LCDR Debra Wagner**
  - i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. Committee ensured that the JOAG General Meeting at the Symposium occurred as scheduled.
      - a. Committee organized members for volunteer opportunities, and ensured that lines of communication were open with between the EC and Georgia State regarding payment, etc.
    - 2. Committee worked with the other committees with space needs to ensure lines of communication were open between the planners and the EC.
    - 3. Committee is currently reviewing their SOP for possible revisions.
    - 4. Committee will schedule a call with the EC in the near future for a hot wash discussion of the Symposium.
    - 5. Next committee meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2015 at 1300 EDT.
  - i. Accomplishments
    - a. JOAG General Meeting at the Symposium was successful.
    - b. JOAG committees with space needs at the Symposium were met.
    - c. Other Symposium assignments were completed, such as the Room and Car Share program.
- j. Welcoming Committee: LCDR David Huang & LT Mekeshia Bates**
  - i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. Approximately 30 officers are attending the June OBC.
      - a. Welcoming Committee will be staffing the Open House and graduation.

2. Officers who sign up for the JOAG mailing list at the Open House will receive a welcome letter, JOAG brochure, and New Officer Guide, and will be added to the JOAG listserv.
  3. Committee is exploring possibility of using the Square account at OBCs in the future.
  4. Next OBC is scheduled for July 2015.
    - a. Volunteer vacancies have been filled for the July OBC.
  5. Committee is currently working on other possible venues for the tip of the month.
  6. Committee is currently reviewing their SOP for possible revisions.
- ii. Accomplishments
1. At the June OBC Open House on June 10, 2015, the Welcoming Committee provided new officers with information about JOAG and offered JOAG merchandise for sale.
    - a. Additionally, the committee provided flyers on the Peer-to-Peer and Job Shadowing initiatives.
  2. CAD Email Subcommittee sent a welcome email and the Listserv Subcommittee added emails to the JOAG listserv for the 27 officers who signed up at the JOAG booth at the April OBC Open House.

## V. Agency/Organization Reports

### a. CCWIAB: LCDR Rachael Lopez

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. CCWIAB is currently developing a plan to disseminate the Expectant Parent Resource Guide to USPHS officers.
    - a. If officers are aware of a group who would like a presentation on this topic, please contact LCDR Rachael Lopez at Rachael.lopez@nih.gov.
  2. Ad hoc group is currently working on the Resource Guide for Officers Getting Married.
    - a. Expected completion date is August/September 2015.
- ii. Accomplishments
  1. Expectant Parent Resource Guide was posted on the CCWIAB website: <http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/ccwiab/>.

### b. COF Board: LCDR Robert Kosko

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. The *Members Only* section of the COA website was recently upgraded.
    - a. COA members are asked to sign in to update their contact information and, if applicable, renew their COA membership.
  2. COA members qualify for a \$7500 scholarship when they matriculate from the online Master of Public Health or Master of Health Administration degrees at George Washington University.
  3. LT Marrero provided the following information:

- a. A pilot program has been initiated for Public Health certification, in which an officer needs five years of public health experience and Bachelor's degree, and he/she is eligible to take the test in October.
      - i. Reduced cost of the exam is \$150 through COA, and the study guide can be obtained for free, if the COA code is used.
    - b. If any officers are interested in more information, they can contact LCDR Hatch at Lindsay.hatch@fda.hhs.gov.
  - c. **DCCPR: LT Tonya Cooper**
    - i. No updates
  - d. **MOLC: LCDR Timothy Cunningham**
    - i. Current activities/updates
      - 1. May MOLC Meeting was held on May 26, 2015 at 1400 EDT.
      - 2. The next MOLC Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2015 at 1400 EDT.
    - ii. Accomplishments
      - 1. The annual MOLC Awards Ceremony was held.
        - a. Breakfast was held during COF Symposium in Atlanta, GA.
        - b. VADM Antonia Novella, first woman, and Hispanic, Surgeon General gave keynote speech.
      - 2. MOLC Booth for the COF Symposium was staffed by volunteers from the CMAGs.

## VI. PAC Liaison Reports

- a. **Dental Category: LT Eleanor Fleming**
  - i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. LT Fleming forwarded announcements to the Dental PAC.
    - 2. LT Fleming provided information on Dental PAC Voting Member opportunities and awards opportunities to JOAG, as requested.
  - ii. Accomplishments
    - 1. Spoke with RADM Makrides about some concerns from junior dental officers.
    - 2. Shared ideas from junior officers about how to improve recruitment with RADM Makrides.
- b. **Dietitian Category: LCDR Frank Koch**
  - i. Current activities/updates
    - 1. Next Dietitian PAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 1200-1400 EDT.
      - a. Call-in information: 877-614-9060; passcode: 1386394.
- c. **Engineer Category: LCDR Quynh Nhu Nguyen**
  - i. The Engineer Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC) is seeking motivated engineers and architects, both Commissioned Corps and civil service, within the Department of

Health and Human Services (HHS) to serve as members of the EPAC beginning January 1, 2016.

1. All those interested in becoming a Voting Member of EPAC should submit a self-nomination form by June 30, 2015.
2. Additionally, current first term members of EPAC are encouraged to re-nominate for a second term.
3. The 2016 EPAC Self-Nomination Form can be found at <http://www.usphsengineers.org/index.php/epac/forms>.

**d. Environmental Health Category: LT Daveta Bailey**

- i. No updates

**e. Health Services Category: LCDR Avi Stein**

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. HS PAC is seeking new Voting Members for three year term.
    - a. Application package is due June 30, 2015.
    - b. Refer to HS PAC website for application requirements.
  2. Health Services Assignment Assistance Program (HSAAP) is available to assist Health Services Category applicants and active duty officers seeking their next suitable assignment.
    - a. HSAAP participants will be matched with one of the trained HSAAP Liaisons, who will assist with navigating the job search process.
  3. Social Workers
    - a. VA/DoD/USPHS CEU opportunities
      - i. Second Wednesday of every month, 1300-1430 EDT
      - ii. 1.5 CEUs
      - iii. Domestic Violence Typologies on June 10, 2015
      - iv. Workplace Safety for Clinicians on July 8, 2015

**f. Nurse Category: LT Mekeshia Bates**

- i. Current activities/updates
  1. All Junior Nurse Officers are encouraged to verify that they are on the NPAC listserv via visiting <http://phs-nurse.org/listserv>.
    - a. If officers have previously signed up but are not receiving emails, please sign up again.
  2. NPAC General Body Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 1300 EDT, unless otherwise noted.
    - a. Call-in information: 1-877-267-1577; passcode: 994407855
  3. Junior Nurse officers interested in participating/observing a NPAC committee should visit the NPAC website, <http://phs-nurse.org/>, for information on the committees and contact the respective Committee Chair and Co-Chair for specific meeting times.
  4. The call for nominations to fill the vacancy for the NPAC Executive Secretary-Elect Position has been extended to June 19, 2015.
    - a. If you have any questions, please contact CDR Anitra Johnson at [anitra.johnson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:anitra.johnson@cms.hhs.gov) or CDER Reginald Smith at [rsmith3@hrsa.gov](mailto:rsmith3@hrsa.gov).

b. Self-nominations are encouraged.

**g. Pharmacy Category: LCDR Robert Kosko**

i. Current activities/updates

1. Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) published the Spring 2015 issue of the *PharmPAC Perspectives* and the Spring/Summer 2015 issue of the University Point of Contact (UPOC) Newsletter. These newsletters were distributed via the PharmPAC listserv.

a. Officers are asked to consider submitting a written piece or pictures to share your thoughts, ideas, knowledge to the Summer 2015 issue of *PharmPAC Perspectives*.

i. Deadline for submissions is COB June 15, 2015.

b. For questions and feedback, please contact the newsletter Editors-In-Chief, LCDR Tina Bhavsar ([asn2@cdc.gov](mailto:asn2@cdc.gov)), LCDR Thomas Scott Raisor ([Thomas.raisor@ihs.gov](mailto:Thomas.raisor@ihs.gov)), and/or LCDR Rodney Waite ([rcwaite@bop.gov](mailto:rcwaite@bop.gov)).

2. Nominations are being solicited from pharmacists who are interested in serving as Voting Members on the PharmPAC.

a. Solicitation for nominations for a three year term beginning November 1, 2015 for PHS pharmacists serving in the following organizations include: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (at least four vacancies), Indian Health Service (at least one vacancy), and National Institutes of Health (at least one vacancy).

b. Nomination instructions were distributed via the PharmPAC listserv.

c. All nomination materials must be submitted electronically by COB June 19, 2015.

3. Next PharmPAC meeting will be held on August 6, 2015 at 1400 EDT.

a. Call-in information: 855-828-1770 or 301-796-7777; meeting ID: 17874411.

b. Agenda will be distributed via the PharmPAC listserv.

**h. Physician Category: LCDR Judith Eisenberg**

1. Next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015 at 1300 EDT.

a. Call-in information: 866-816-2251

b. Website: <https://collaboration.fda.gov/ppac2015/>

**i. Scientist Category: LCDR Qiao Bobo**

i. Current activities/updates

1. The next Scientist PAC meeting will be July 7, 2015 at 1200 EDT.

a. Call-in information: 1-866-782-0573; passcode: 2214354

**j. Therapist Category: LT Peter Arroyo**

i. Current activities/updates

1. The new TPAC was launched on APAN.

a. This is where information and continuing education will be passed and stored, including the following:

i. TPAC documents (meeting minutes, etc.)

