

**Physician Assistant Professional Advisory Group
U.S. Public Health Service
October 24, 2013 Minutes**

Chair Report/ LCDR Brian Burt

PAPAG Chair report:

PA week was recognized by Deputy SG RADM Giberson. Hopefully you all received your letter. I would like to recognize CDR Dan Goldstein and his fellow PA co-workers at FMC Devens, BOP, for the Health Fair screening they conducted for staff members at their duty station in recognition of National PA Week. Approximately 20% of the staff voluntarily attended. Screening included blood pressure and blood sugar checks, visual acuity, and body mass index calculations. A brief article about the event was posted on the AAPA Facebook page."

This is exactly the kinds of things we need to be doing to increase our credibility and highlights our importance in the corps. We are doing these things everyday anyway!!

COERS: OK so due to the government slim down the deadlines have been modified:

The Online Annual COER is available in the secure area of the CCMIS Web site on **18 October 2013**.

- COER is due to the Rater by **04 November 2013**;
- COER is due to the Reviewing Official by **25 November 2013**; and
- COER must be in the officer's eOPF by **16 December 2013**.
- COER will be turned off **17 January 2014**.

Speaking of the shutdown/slim down, we persevered as a corps and proved that we are essential. While it may seem that our civilian counterparts got a paid vacation, trust me....it is beneficial to be essential and non-furlough status. The tropical weather in the gulf nearly sparked a deployment. The RDF that was on-call was predominantly staffed with HIS officers who were mission critical due to civilian furloughs so this would have been an interesting muster.

Subcommittee Reports

Awards Subcommittee- CAPT George Carter/CDR Janet Valdez/LCDR Deborah Bishop

No updates.

Communications Subcommittee- CDR Stephen Keller/LCDR Jim Reid

In support of the National Prevention Spotlight and to highlight the Physician Assistant Profession in general LCDR James Reid wrote an article detailing the preventative screening tests that both men and women should undergo. The tests screen for cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and many others that can shorten a patient's life span or decrease the quality of life if not caught early were highlighted in the write up that was published in the Health Service Officer weekly newsletter.

Membership Subcommittee-LT Tracy Sanchez

So far, there are 3 applications received. Please encourage our fellow PAs to submit their nominations. The deadline is on October 31, 2013.

Policy and Procedure Subcommittee- CDR Paul Hager/CDR Joe Morris

We are still in the process of reviewing and updating each section of By-laws. Distributed a section of By-laws to voting members for input.

Professional Development Subcommittee- CDR Anthony Bryant

The PAC Professional Development Committee is preparing a presentation on "Advancing Your Education". Will plan to do a presentation in November.

Readiness Subcommittee- CDR Josef Rivero/CDR Dan Goldstein

Because of the federal government shutdown during the first 2 weeks of October 2013, the readiness subcommittee was unable to obtain a readiness report from DCCPR for the September 30, 2013, readiness check for HSO officers. We are hoping to have some data to report for basic readiness for PAs during the next monthly meeting in November.

Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee-CDR Matthew Zagula/ LT James McLellan

No updates.

Welcoming Subcommittee-LCDR Candace Been/LCDR Paul Licata

The Welcome letter and PAPAG career jumpstart guide have been completed. Will distribute to members for voting.

Ad Hoc COF Subcommittee/ CDR Pelkey

No updates.

Ad Hoc AMSUS Subcommittee/ CDR Rivero

AMSUS is scheduled on November 3 through November 8, 2013, in Seattle, WA

Liaison Reports**JOAG/ LCDR Pieter Vanhorn**

JOAG is requesting nominations for JOAG Senior Advisor for the term 2013-2016.

The Journeyman Series occurs the 2nd Friday of every other month. The next meeting is on November 8, 2013.

BOP/ CDR Anthony Bryant

No updates.

IHSC- LCDR Bishop

Information on job listing about the PA /Health Services Administrator Position.

Please go to USA Jobs

(1) In the "What" Section: Type in **IHSC**

(2) In the "Where" Section: Type in zip code **19533**

(3) Click on the words **Physician Assistant**

(4) The location is **Leesport, PA**

*** Please note that general billet listing is 0-4 - However, the position in Leesport is a dual role as clinician and Administrator at the 0-5 Supervisory Billet***

IHS/

No updates.

FDA/ LCDR Stephen Smith

Search on USA Jobs for entry level Consumer safety Officer positions and currently only a Director's position and an Institutional Environmental Health Officer position are open (both of which would probably not meet the criteria for an entry level cross over).

NOAA/ CDR Michelle Pelkey

No updates.

PHSAPA/ LCDR Pieter Van Horn

The website for new board members had been updated. Currently working on the price of lifetime membership and how it will benefit the members.

DOD/ LCDR Billy Collins

No updates.

PAPAG Presentation:

HSA AWARDS PAPAG by LCDR Deborah Bishop- 10/24/2013 (see attachment)

Meeting adjourned at 20:58 hours EST.

Next teleconference: November 21, 2013 at 20:00 hrs EST.

Call –in number: 1-218-548-3569 Pass code: 778730#

Minutes prepared by: CDR Janet Valdez, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: LCDR Scott Klimp, Chair

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Thursday, October 24, 2013

2000-2100 EST

Attendance	Rank	Last Name	First Name	OPDIV
Present	LCDR	Been	Candace	IHSC
Present	LCDR	Bishop	Deborah	IHSC
Present	CDR	Brooks	Chauna	BOP
Present	CDR	Bryant	Anthony	BOP
Present	LCDR	Burt	Brian	HRSA
Present	CAPT	Carter	George	NIH
Absent	LCDR	Didonna	Danielle	FDA
Present	LCDR	Forster	Jerry	DOJ/BOP
Present	CDR	Goldstein	Dan	BOP
Excused	CDR	Hager	Paul	IHS
Present	CDR	Keller	Stephen	IHS
Excused	LCDR	Klimp	Scott	DOD
Absent	LCDR	Licata	Paul	FDA
Present	LCDR	McKinnon	Mark	HHS
Excused	CDR	Meece	Rebecca	HHS
Present	CDR	Morris	Joe	DHS
Present	LCDR	Olson	Holli	IHS
Excused	CDR	Pelkey	Michelle	NOAA
Present	LCDR	Reid	Jim	BOP
Present	CDR	Rivero	Josef	BOP
Absent	CDR	Saini	Parmjeet	HRSA
Absent	LT	Sanchez	Tracy	IHS
Present	LCDR	Thompson	Jasen	DHS
Present	CDR	Valdez	Janet	NIH
Absent	CDR	Zagula	Matthew	IHS

Liaisons: LCDR Stephen Smith-excused; LCDR Billy Collins-absent; LCDR Pieter Van Horn-present

Guests: CDR Miguel Medina, LCDR Michelle Womack, LCDR Hunter