

Psychologist Professional Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2012
1200-1300 EST

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1. Guest Speaker: CDR Christopher Hunter
2. Report from the Chair: LCDR Jeffrey Goodie (jgoodie@usuhs.mil)
 - Special Pays Update
 - The pay system is expected to change by Dec 2014; prefer to have special pays in place before this change.
 - Next CPAB meeting: April 18
 - Psychologist of the Year
 - Thanks to CDR Shobitz and the membership committee
 - Best Kept Secret Brochure
 - Forwarded pictures brochure is being finalized
 - Powerpoint reviewed by committee members
 - Committee Volunteer
 - Please consider joining; Important way to be involved in PsyPAG and influence the Corps
 - COA Conference 19-21 June, College Park, MD
 - 20 Jun (Wed)@ 1200, @ Adele's
 - Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland, College Park
 - Regular Corps
 - http://ccmis.usphs.gov/ccmis/PDF_docs/FAQ%20Reserve%20Deemed%20Regular.pdf
 - Student Loan Repayment
 - <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PSF.jsp#Q1>
 - Uniforms: Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)
 - Untucked USCG (NOAA style)
 - Planned phase-in will be tentatively set for 1 May 2012 with a 12 month phase in
 - http://dcp.psc.gov/cebuletin/articles/Uniforms_03_2012.aspx
3. Report from the Chair Elect: CDR Anne Dobmeyer (anne.dobmeyer@wpafb.af.mil)
 - No report.
4. Report from the Secretary: LCDR Tony Satterfield (William.satterfield@tma.osd.mil)
 - Website (<http://usphs-hso.org/?q=pags/psypag>) – PsyPAG is seeking an individual to assist in updating and maintaining the PsyPAG website. Interested individuals should contact me by e-mail.
 - PsyPAG Newsletter – There was a 50-50 split in the vote re: the value of adding a PsyPAG Newsletter. Given that other avenues (website, listserv, PsyPAG meetings) exist for disseminating information, it was decided to that a PsyPAG newsletter would not be initiated at this time.

5. Report from Category Liaisons

- HSO Category: CDR Scott Salvatore (scott.salvatore@amedd.army.mil)
 - CDR Salvatore was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following input. He requested that any PsyPAG and/or SIG members who are interested in meeting up or presenting on a mental health topic at AMSUS contact him. The AMSUS planning committee is willing to provide space and time, particularly during the PHS breakout session. Traditionally psychologist turnout has been low; the majority of mental health programming is through social work. This is an opportunity for psychology to become more involved/visible.
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- Scientist Category: CDR Nicole Frazer (Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil)
 - No Report

6. Report from OFRD Liaison: LCDR Anthony Tranchita (anthony.tranchita.1@us.af.mil)

- Funding of training and TDYs for Integrated Training Summit continue to be a focus as an issue.
- Training programs for Basic Readiness are being redeveloped. Baseline training is being reaccomplished (i.e. old training modules are out of date, and are being replaced).
- "Virtual" team training is being considered as an option for annual training as funding sources for annual training are scarce, and have not yet been fully identified as of yet, though the push is still for participation in similar events to previous trainings (i.e. RAMs).
- Currently supporting the Cherry Blossom Festival, and are leaning forward for G8 Summit in Chicago.

7. Report from COF Liaison: CDR Sam Dutton (Samuel.dutton@med.navy.mil)

- The 2012 COA Symposium will be 19-21 Jun (Tue-Thu). Opening ceremony will take place later on Tuesday and Category Day will be held on Thursday.
 - There will be a Sci-PAC social event on Thursday night following Category Day. The social will be at Hard Times Cafe, from about 6:00-8:00 pm on Thu 21 Jun (following Category Day). They have a great vegetarian chili, happy hour specials, and Sci-PAC will have a separate room for the event. Hard Times Café is located at 4738 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, tel (301) 474-8880, and is several minutes by car from campus.
- PsyPAG is planning a breakout session on Category Day under HS-PAC auspices that will include presentations by 3 psychologists in a one-hour block of time from 4:30-5:30; these may qualify for APA credit. The 3 presentations are:
 - Leadership Worth Following - CDR Dennis Slate will explore an organizational psychology topic dealing with leadership models.
 - How to Become a Prescribing Psychologist - CDR Sam Dutton will discuss details and decision points to consider when gaining prescriptive authority.
 - Psychological Evaluations for the Biological Personnel Reliability Program - CDR Scott Salvatore will talk about conducting focused assessments for certain sensitive government positions.
- We are organizing a PsyPAG lunch at the COA conference on Weds June 20th, the day before Category Day. This will be a rare chance to meet your fellow PsyPAG colleagues face-to-face, so by all means join us. The lunch will be held at Adele's Restaurant in the Stamp Student Union at 12 noon. The Stamp Student Union is also where the COA Symposium will take place,

so it will be very convenient to attend. Adele's has agreed to give everyone separate checks, and you will be able to order off their Summer Menu (menu can be viewed at Adele's webpage on the University of Maryland College Park website). We hope to see you there.

8. Report from APA Liaison: LT Rivera (Luz.E.Rivera@fda.hhs.gov)

- LT Rivera indicated that she has been in contact with APA and intends to increase involvement when she moves to the DC area in May 2012.

9. Reports from Committee Chairs

- Policy and Procedures: CDR Anne Dobmeyer (anne.dobmeyer@med.navy.mil):
 - We have had a request to review the PsyPAG bylaws section related to Psychologist of the Year Award. The Policy subcommittee will be reviewing sections of the bylaws related to eligibility and time frame for the award. However, we will not be proposing any modifications for a vote by membership until after the current Psychologist of the Year award process has been completed. We will address further in our August PsyPAG meeting
- Membership: LCDR Asha Ivey (aivey@cdc.gov)/LCDR Erika Odom (ECOdom@cdc.gov):
 - Psychologist of the Year applications have been received and are being reviewed. CDR Rick Schobitz is chairing the selection committee. The award will be presented to the recipient during the 2012 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium in June.
- Recruitment and Retention: CDR Aditya Bhagwat (Aditya.Bhagwat@med.navy.mil)/ LCDR Meghan Corso (meghan.corso@med.navy.mil):
 - First meeting will be held on 12 April 12 at 1300 EST.
 - Focus this year will be on retention while we continue to monitor recruitment and the ongoing difficulties with new accessions.
- Professional Development: LCDR Robert Belde (robert.belde@usafa.af.mil)/LCDR Heidi Daniels (heidi.daniels@afncr.af.mil):
 - No Report
- Advocacy: CDR Bryan Davidson (bryan.davidson@langley.af.mil)
 - Re-established Advocacy Committee: Now at 9 members
 - Reviewed previous progress and developed game plan
 - Will be working with PsyPAG leadership to re-engage CAPT Williams-Fleetwood to make license-limited tours of duty feasible. From policy standpoint this is permissible, but operationally it has been difficult to accomplish. This would help support SRCOSTEP positions for psychologists.
 - The Advocacy committee is intentionally tabling the plan to have OFRD formalize the 80 hr clinical requirement: may become too rigid.
 - Based on the survey completed last Nov, 34 PsyPAG members voted regarding whether or not APA accreditation should be required for internship or for the doctoral program. 32 advocated for APA program being a requirement. For an APA internship, it was a 50% split. The Advocacy committee now request that PsyPAG leadership determine next step.
- DoD SIG: LCDR Jennifer Bodart (jennifer.bodart-02@afncr.af.mil)/LCDR Renee Pleasanton (evelyn.pleasanton@lakenheath.af.mil)
 - Those in the DoD continue to struggle with good contact with the liaisons;

however, LCDR Nelson (Program Manager for the Mental Health MOA) was able to join the call. He clarified his role and informed the group that he will be hosting an all hands MOA tel-con that will include both himself and the liaisons in order update officers within DoD on latest policies. If successful it may make the need for our SIG obsolete. The first call will occur sometime the 2nd week in April. LCDR Pleasanton is currently gathering information regarding the concerns surrounding the liaisons so we have a better idea of how wide spread the issues are and what specific concerns officers have.

- Science Committee: LCDR Robin Toblin (robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil)
 - Send any conferences you think psychologists might be interested in to CDR Christine Hunter (hunterchristine@nidk.nih.gov)
 - Send any conference presentation/poster or publication since 2010 to LCDR Robin Toblin (robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil<<mailto:robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil>>) - it is fine to simply copy and paste this from your CV.

9. Misc Announcements:

- The question was raised as to whether or not it was appropriate to wear the “Top 3” ribbons (rather than all ribbons) on the Khaki uniform. It was confirmed that this is acceptable. The reference can be found at http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/CCPM26_3_3.pdf (para 6-21).

10. Adjourn

Mark your calendars – the next PsyPAG meeting will be June 6, 2012.

Participation:

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Present/Excused
CAPT	Murry	Michael	Yes
CDR	Barnes	Vincen	Yes
CDR	Davidson	Bryan	Yes
CDR	Dobmeyer	Anne	Excused
CDR	Dutton	Samuel	Yes
CDR	Frazer	Nicole	Excused
CDR	Ingram	M.Victoria	Yes
CDR	Robin	Lewis	Yes
CDR	O'Toole	Jerry	Yes
CDR	Salvatore	Scott	Excused
CDR	Tranchita	Anthony	Yes
LCDR	Barry	David	Yes
LCDR	Beaulieu	Kay	Yes
LCDR	Belde	Robert	Excused
LCDR	Bodart	Jennifer	Yes
LCDR	Breitbach	Jill	Yes
LCDR	Corso	Meghan	Yes
LCDR	Goodie	Jeffrey	Yes

LCDR	Pauli	Ingrid	Yes
LCDR	Satterfield	William	Yes
LCDR	Streeter	Emily	Yes
LT	Burns	Robert	Yes
LT	Reilly	Meghan	Yes
LT	Green	Seth	Yes