

Psychologist Professional Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2012
1200-1300 EST

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1. Guest Speaker: None
2. Report from the Chair: LCDR Jeffrey Goodie (jgoodie@usuhs.mil)
 - Happy New Year and Welcome!
 - Goals
 - Build on foundation
 - Increase our interactions with each
 - Exploring ways to enhance our perceived sense of community and family
 - share knowledge and experiences
 - Share accomplishments
 - Enhancing our COERs, Vitas, OS, ROS
 - PsyPAG's success
 - measured by whether those who are involved in our committees and leadership roles progress to higher levels of leadership and participation.
 - Promotion rates
 - Expand our influence on policy
 - Special Pays Update
 - 18 Jan 2012, Attended the Compensation Policy Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting
 - CDR Frazer and LCDR Goodie; CDR Abe (Chair SciPAC), CAPT Sharon Williams-Fleetwood
 - Driving force behind the need for special pays needs to fall under one of the ASH's 5 priority assignment preference areas
 - 1. Assignments Serving Vulnerable and Medically Underserved Populations
 - 2. Assignments in an Isolated, Hazardous Duty or Hard-to-Fill Location/Specialty/Profession
 - 3. Assignments Requiring Rapid Deployment or Providing 24/7 Support
 - 4. Assignments having Regular Engagement with Members of Other Uniformed Services
 - 5. Assignments Meeting a Public Health Need
 - DoD Parity is the strongest argument
 - Accession Bonus, Retention Bonus, Incentive Pays, Board Certification Pay
 - Meeting on Friday to debrief from the Jan meeting CAPT Williams-Fleetwood. CDR Abe
 - HS PAC Best Kept Secrets Document
 - Request from Booz, Allen, Hamilton

- CAPT Michael Murry & LCDR Julie Chodacki led previous efforts
 - Continuing to encourage recommended changes
 - Training Opportunities
 - CDR Schobitz leading the Psychology Internship with the Army
 - CAPT Salas & CDR Park
 - Clinical Psychology Two Year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Child Psychology
 - Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Two Year Fellowship in Neuropsychology
 - Committee leadership
 - Appreciate those willing to volunteer their time
 - Committee members are new/liasons have stepped up
 - Trying a new committee, LCDR Toblin
 - Worked on since the end of December
 - Planning for transitions should begin in Oct/Nov
 - Consider joining a committee and consider leadership positions for next year.
 - Psychologist of the Year
 - Last year CDR Shobitz
 - Work to get call out by the end of the month
 - COA Conference 19-21 June, College Park, MD
 - Lunch will be planned
3. Report from the Chair Elect: CDR Anne Dobbmeyer (anne.dobbmeyer@wpafb.af.mil)
4. Report from the Secretary: LCDR Tony Satterfield (William.satterfield@tma.osd.mil)
- Website (http://usphs-hso.org/pags/psypag/psypag_main.shtml) – PsyPAG is seeking an individual to assist in updating and maintaining the PsyPAG website. Interested individuals should contact me by e-mail.
 - PsyPAG Newsletter – I am seeking feedback from the PsyPAG membership regarding whether or not they think a PsyPAG Newsletter would be of value, and if so, what information would they like to see included.
5. Report from Category Liaisons
- HSO Category: CDR Scott Salvatore (scott.salvatore@amedd.army.mil)
 - First 2012 HS PAC meeting is this Friday
 - CDR Karen Sicard is the HS PAC 2012 Chair and CDR Ali Danner is the 2013 Chair elect.
 - An AMSUS Representative has offered DoD SIG a place to meet at AMSUS Nov 2012; more information to come.
 - Scientist Category: CDR Nicole Frazer (Nicole.frazer@tma.osd.mil)
 - PAC Chairs made recommendations for the 2013 promotion benchmarks. Most of these were word-smithing type recommendations. These recommendations will go to the CPO board for approval.
 - From JOAG updates: Volunteer opportunity--any junior officer interested in volunteering at the Officer Basic Course (OBC) Open House or Graduation should contact either LCDR Danso (Benjamin.danso@fda.hhs.gov) or LCDR Steffen (scott.steffen@fda.hhs.gov)

- Special pays update: CDR Frazer & LCDR Goodie attended the CPAB meeting with CAPT Williams-Fleetwood on 18 Jan. We submitted a whitepaper in December (thanks to the officers who provided feedback through the Advocacy Committee). A follow-up meeting with CAPT Williams-Fleetwood is scheduled for 3 Feb. Per the CPAB discussion, going forward with support of special pays for career fields such as psychologists, will require a paper focused on the applicant priority areas (which in this case would be regular engagement with other Uniformed Services and serving underserved) and parity with DoD. Good news: our initial paper is written in this format already.
 - The next SciPAC meeting is 7 Feb at 1100. There will be a post-call presentation beginning at noon. The speaker will be CAPT (Ret) Jerry Farrell, Executive Director of the Commissioned Officers Association. Toll-Free Number: 1-877-691-9937, Pass code: 4549026.
6. Report from OFRD Liaison: LCDR Anthony Tranchita (anthony.tranchita.1@us.af.mil)
- OFRD continues to explore options for funding training missions this coming summer through meetings with OPDIVS. No definitive plans for summer training as of yet.
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.
 - Agenda for the Sci-PAC Category Day has been initially established. None of the presentations will likely qualify for APA CE approval, but immediately following the Category Day agenda there will be a breakout session under HS-PAC auspices that will include presentations by 3 psychologists in a one-hour block of time; these should qualify for APA credit.
 - Unofficial word is that there will be no agency funding available for the 2012 Symposium, so factor this into your travel plan considerations.
 - There will be a Sci-PAC social event on Thursday night following Category Day; details to be determined.
8. Report from APA Liaison: LT Rivera (Luz.E.Rivera@fda.hhs.gov)
- No report
9. Reports from Committee Chairs
- Policy and Procedures: LCDR Anne Dobmeyer (anne.dobmeyer@wpafb.af.mil):
 - The Policy and Procedures committee is responsible for PsyPAG mission statement, bylaws, relationships with the PACs, and administering PsyPAG elections. The bylaws were just updated in early 2011 so we do not expect that these will need significant changes in upcoming year. If there are psychologists interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact me by e-mail or at or 937-656-2408.
 - Membership: LCDR Asha Ivey (aivey@cdc.gov)/LCDR Erika Odom (ECOdom@cdc.gov):
 - Responsible for working with the Secretary to maintain the PsyPAG director. Also responsible for seeking out new members and overseeing the Psychologist of the Year Award process.

- Want to ensure retiring psychologists are honored.
- Recruitment and Retention: CDR Adit Bhagwat (Aditya.Bhagwat@med.navy.mil)/ LCDR Meghan Corso (meghan.corso@med.navy.mil):
 - We are planning to have a conference call with the current chairs to map out what we want to do this year. More information to come.
- Professional Development: LCDR Robert Belde (robert.belde@usafa.af.mil)/LCDR Heidi Daniels (heidi.daniels@afncr.af.mil):
 - No specific information to report at this time.
- Advocacy: CDR Bryan Davidson (bryan.davidson@langley.af.mil)
 - CDR Davidson is happy to assist the PsyPAG in determining ways to advocate for psychologists in the USPHS. He invited anyone who would like to be a part of this team to email him at bryan.davidson@langley.af.mil or call @ 757-764-9596. Those members who were a part of the team will be contacted and are asked to confirm their participation in the Advocacy Committee for 2012. Topic areas covered in the past include getting CEUs for OFRD trainings, determining member opinions on accreditation requirements for psychologists in USPHS, and identifying humanitarian and deployment opportunities for psychologists. The Advocacy Committee will be reviewing goals and presenting future plans at the next PsyPAG meeting.
- DoD SIG: LCDR Jennifer Bodart (jennifer.bodart-02@afncr.af.mil)/LCDR Renee Pleasanton (evelyn.pleasanton@lakenheath.af.mil)
 - The DoD SIG met on 18 Jan with LCDR Satterfield leading the call. CDR Park has stepped down and myself and LCDR Renee Pleasanton will be the new co-chairs with meetings now occurring every other month. The next meeting is 21 Mar from 1200-1300 Eastern time. The Jan meeting focused mainly on several clinical issues including available IOP programs within DOD and several ongoing admin issues. The goal for the next meeting is to hopefully have both a DoD liaison and LCDR Nelson on for part of the call so officers can ask them questions. Next DoD SIG meeting is on 21 Mar 12 @ 1200EST.
- Science Committee: LCDR Robin Toblin (robin.l.toblin@us.army.mil)
 - Goals
 - Develop a running list of articles, posters, and presentations made by our psychologists
 - Produce a list of upcoming conferences that might interest our members
 - Distribute conference and scientific work lists monthly
 - Post two lists and PsyPAG authored publications on PsyPAG webpage
 - Highlight all behaviorally oriented presentations at COF prior to the conference
 - Need members: Contact LCDR Toblin if you are interested in participating on the Science Committee.

9. Misc Announcements: None

10. Adjourn

Mark your calendars – the next PsyPAG meeting will be April 4, 2012;
Our guest speaker will be CDR Christopher Hunter.

Participation:

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Present/Excused
CAPT	Martinez	Jack	Yes
CAPT	Murry	Michael	Yes
CDR	Vincen	Barnes	Yes
CDR	Bhagwat	Aditya	Yes
CDR	Coady	Jeff	Yes
CDR	Davidson	Bryan	Yes
CDR	Dobmeyer	Anne	Yes
CDR	Dutton	Samuel	Yes
CDR	Ingram	M.Victoria	Yes
CDR	Krick	Robert	Yes
CDR	O'Toole	Jerry	Excused
CDR	Salvatore	Scott	Yes
CDR	Schobitz	Rick	Yes
CDR	Tilus	Michael	Yes
LCDR	Beaulieu	Kay	Excused
LCDR	Belde	Rob	Yes
LCDR	Bodart	Jennifer	Yes
LCDR	Breitbach	Jill	Yes
LCDR	Cohn-Aizic	Daniela	Yes
LCDR	Corso	Meghan	Yes
LCDR	Daniels	Heidi	Yes
LCDR	Goodie	Jeffrey	Yes
LCDR	Hatch	Arlin	Yes
LCDR	Hess	David	Yes
LCDR	Pauli	Ingrid	Yes
LCDR	Reed	Bithiah	Yes
LCDR	Satterfield	William	Yes
LT	McDaniel	Dawn	Yes
LT	Reilly	Meghan	Excused