

Vet PAC members meeting, Weds, FEB 11, 2015, 3-4pm ET

Attendees:

CAPT Terri Clarke

CDR Kis Robertson

LCDR Wanda Wilson (secretary)

LCDR Willy Lanier

CDR Renee Shibukawa-Kent

CDR Dwayne Jarman

LCDR Linda Pimentel

1. Call to order and roll call (see above)

2. Chair/CVO remarks

- Discussion from the SG PAC Meeting: Would like the VET PAC to proactively support the SG priorities which include: obesity, mental health and tobacco.
- Ideas from the group included:
 - VET PAC should be involved in national or local public health events/celebrations (i.e. National Public Health Week, National Pet Day, COA conference)
 - Dog Walks, Articles National/Local Newsletters
 - Adding a Dog Walk to the 5K run at COA
 - May be easier to “tag along” with another already established event
 - Consider permissions that might be needed to have an event
 - John/Lauren/Renee subcommittee was doing something to highlight smoking cessation (not sure what happened to this project)
 - Can publish Factoids on Smoking Cessation, the effects of smoking on pets (i.e. asthma), effects of pets on promoting mental health, effects of legalization of marijuana on pet health, repercussion of national trend to decrease vaccinations in pets
 - Need to revamp Category Newsletter
 - Submissions to the Combined Category Newsletter
 - CAPT Clarke can send anything the PAC develops up to the CPO level

3. Subcommittees

- a. Current status
 - i. Readiness (no updates)
 - ii. Career Development and Recruitment (no updates)
 - iii. Meetings and Awards (no updates)
 - iv. Communications (LT Lanier had questions regarding the potential to rotate committee chair positions)
- b. Who is doing what
- c. What are our priorities in 2015
 - i. Vet Pac Meeting Speakers : (Feb) Mary Boone- Benefits, (March) COA President

1. Send Ideas for further meetings (APFT requirements, Women's Issues Advisory Board, Space A Travel, Preparing for Promotion)
 - ii. Next PAC meeting in Feb.
- d. Eliciting involvement from category
Chair Elect is still vacant – need someone to volunteer

4. Documents to review:

- a. 2015 Category Benchmarks (send feedback to CAPT Clark before **March 1**)
(look at the 2nd and 3rd benchmarks that are unique for vets)
- b. FDA "lunch and learn" talk on PACs and other groups (send feedback to CDR Robertson before Feb 13)
Kis giving a lunch and learn at FDA on Feb 17th.

5. Other business

- a. Need to pick a new day of month for Vet PAC meeting
 - i. PAC members voted on changing the PAC meetings to the last Wednesday of the month going forward. (Kis will send out invite)