



Scientist Professional Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes for Tuesday, October 2, 2007

1100 – 1300

USA Toll Free Number: 866-723-8146

PASSCODE: 7713400

Leader: CDR (Sel.) Sara Newman

I. Call to Order and Welcome

CDR Sara Newman

Participants

SciPAC Executive Committee 2007 Voting Members

Rank	Name	Agency	Discipline	Prior Term	Current Term		Yrs on PAC	X, if present
					Start	End		
CAPT	Bill Burkhardt III	FDA	Microbiology	No	2005	2008	3	
CAPT	John Mosely Hayes	IHS	Epidemiology	Yes	2005	2008	6	X
CDR	Christine Benally	OS	Epidemiology	Yes	2007	2010	4	X
CDR	Diana Bensyl	CDC	Epidemiology	No	2006	2009	2	X
CDR	Jon R. Daugherty	FDA	Microbiology	Yes	2005	2008	6	X
CDR	Tracy MacGill	FDA	Microbiology	No	2005	2008	3	X
CAPT	Mehran Massoudi	CDC	Epidemiology	No	2005	2008	3	X
CDR	David McIntyre	IHS	Clinical Psychology	Yes	2007	2010	4	
CDR	Mark Methner	CDC	Env. Science/ Indus. Hygiene	Yes	2006	2009	5	X
LCDR	Maleeka Glover	CDC	Epidemiology	No	2007	2010	1	X
LCDR	Sara Newman	NPS	Epidemiology	Yes	2007	2010	4	X
CDR	Martin Sanders	CDC	Microbiology	Yes	2007	2010	4	
CDR	Mark Seaton	FDA	Pharmacology	No	2005	2008	3	X
CDR	Rachel Avchen	CDC	Epidemiology	No	2006	2009	2	X
LCDR	D. Ross Spears	CDC	Chemistry	Yes	2006	2009	5	X
LCDR	Marco Bennett	FDA	Medicinal Chemistry	No	2006	2009	2	X
LCDR	Wei Guo	FDA	Pharmacology/ Biochemistry	No	2005	2008	3	
LCDR	Rona LeBlanc	FDA	Microbiology	No	2005	2008	3	X
LCDR	Matthew Newland	HRSA	Epidemiology	No	2006	2009	2	X
	Dr. Dalton Paxman	OS/ OPHS	Environmental Health/Tox	Yes	2005	2008	6	
RADM	CPO-Helena Mishoe	NIH	Microbiology					X

Non-voting Scientist Participants

Participant	Agency
LCDR Drew Voetsch	CDC
LCDR Danice Eaton	CDC
Henraya McGruder	CDC
CAPT Omar Hottenstein	
CDR Lisa Pealer	CDC
CDR Michael Murry	BOP
LCDR John Stansberry	NIH
CDR Laura Draski	FDA
Clement Welsh	ATSDR
LCDR Miriam Sabin	CDC
CDR Daphne Moffett	CDC
LCDR Fei Xu	FDA
LCDR Karon Abe	CDC
CDR Timothy Nelle	FDA
LCDR Sally Hu	NIH
LCDR Joel Montgomery	CDC
CAPT Kate Brett	CDC
Michael Murry	BOP
Adrienne Goodrich-Doctor	HHS
CAPT Joseph Despina	FDA
LT Paul Seo	FDA
CAPT Pam Ching	CDC
LCDR Lauren Zapata	CDC
CAPT Mark Paris	

II. Report from the PAC Chair

LCDR Sara Newman

a) Historian

- CDR Moffett has been nominated and approved as SciPAC Historian for a five year term.

b) Minutes

- Please send short bullets on any updates given during the call to CDR Bensyl (dbensyl@cdc.gov).
- Please state name clearly on call; we will check attendance periodically from phone roll call.
- Please state name when making comments during the call.
- August and September minutes were approved.
- COERS open 10/3.
- Thanks to LCDRs Eaton, Hu, Nelle, and Zheng for serving as non-voting co-chairs.
- At the PAC Chair meeting, there was discussion about standardizing all PAC websites and the pros/cons of doing so.

III. Report from the CPO

RADM Helena Mishoe

a) Surgeon General update

- RADM Moritsugu had a farewell reception on 10/4/07.

- The Acting Surgeon General is RADM Steven Galson.
- b) ASH update
- September 4, 2007 was Agwunobi's last day. Anand K. Parekh, MD, MPH is the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health.
- c) Health Diplomacy Missions: Peleliu is complete. Comfort is wrapping up. Both went very well.
- d) Sizing: Want to grow the Corps to 9000 officers by December 2009. Please recruit for our category and others.
- e) Billet Officer Profile System
- Beta Testing in progress. Please participate and provide comments to indicate how your score and billet assigned by the system corresponds to your actual billet and duties.
 - Granularity of your job occurs in the position description, not in the actual billet.

IV. Treasurer's Report

LCDR Matthew Newland

Update (October 2, 2007: \$2537.51 (\$410.00 Pending)*

- Treasurer now point of contact for Scientist Coins
 - a. Wish to thank CAPT Caviness for her hard work and dedication
- This year, the Executive Committee is interested in growing the Sci-PAC Treasury for the purpose of: supporting junior officers attending COA, especially those who have submitted presentations for Category Day.
 - a. Presently, the most that the Treasury can reasonably manage is covering registration fees. However, in the future, we would like to cover more expenses.
 - b. Executive Committee is considering different ways to raise funds for Sci-PAC:
 - i. Primary Mode: Coin Sales
 - ii. Discussed: Sci-PAC t-shirts, coffee cups, keychains
 - iii. Please forward any ideas to Lcdr Sara Newman or myself, Lcdr Matt Newland

V. Functional Advisory Committee Reports (as needed)

- DOD detail for approximately 20 PHS officers to DOD hospitals to bridge gap in mental provider capacity will be coming out soon.
- Surveys will be going out to officers in hazardous duty and isolated hardship assignments.

VI. Transformation Reports (as needed)

VII. Subcommittee Reports (As Needed)

LCDR Newman

a. Rules Subcommittee

LCDR Rachel Avchen

- Welcome to new CAD Officers: LT Highsmith Keisher - HRSA, Tranchita Anthony - IHS, LT Brooke Wenman-Heroux

b. Awards Subcommittee

LCDR Matt Newland

- **Scientist Responder of the Year Award**
 - a. Deadline for nominations: COB October 31st, 2007
 - b. Self-nominations allowed/encouraged
- **Junior and Senior Scientists of the Year**
 - c. Will announce a call for nominations in December
 - d. Last Year, Deadline March 15th
 - e. Self-nominations also encouraged
- Email your nominations to LCDR Lauren Zapata dvq8@CDC.GOV and LCDR Matthew Newland mnewland@hrsa.gov no later than COB October 31st, 2007

c. Visibility Subcommittee

LCDR Wei Guo, LT Sally Hu

- No update.

d. Science Subcommittee

CAPT Mehran Massoudi, LCDR Yi Zhang

- No update.

e. JOAG Report

LCDR Maleeka Glover

- No update.

f. Career Development Subcommittee

LCDR Ross Spears

- No update.

g. Category Day Subcommittee LCDR Marco Bennett, LCDR Maleeka Glover

- 2008 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium, Tucson AZ

Subcommittee Members:

CAPT Robert Linkins

CDR Christine Benally

LCDR Boris Aponte

LCDR Marco Bennett, Co-Chair

LCDR Maleeka Glover, Co-Chair

LCDR Henraya McGruder

LCDR Matthew Newland

LT Paul Seo

- The 2008 Symposium will be held at the Tucson Convention Center during the week of June 8, 2008.
- Rooms are currently available at the Riverpark Inn Tucson (www.coausphsconference.org)
- The working theme, not finalized is "Back to Basics of Public Health"

but also the necessary skills as do CDR Striley and CAPT Francois Lalonde. For me, I'll continue to do my best to help coordinate the maintaining of the website and assisting CDR Mike Murry hunt down content when needed. Since I will be out of the office quite a bit before the New Year, I am especially appreciative that Danice is able to co-chair and do so much of the updating work.

VIII. Other Business

- **None**

XI. Closing Remarks

- The next PAC call will be the first Tuesday in November. (November 6, 2007)

November SciPAC Call

November 6, 2007, 1100-1300 (EST)

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