



Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

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**THERAPIST PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
17 APR 2009
1200 EST**

Call in: 1-866-705-8612 Passcode: 9396977

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | CDR Grogan | 1200-1205 |
| II. | REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA | CDR Grogan | |
| III. | REVIEW OF PREVIOUS
TPAC MINUTES | CDR Grogan | |
| IV | CHIEF PROFESSIONAL OFFICER | CAPT Siegel | 1205-1220 |
| V. | NEW BUSINESS | | |
| | 1. Officer Profiles | CAPT Coppola | 1220-1230 |
| | 2. Direct Access | CDR Glabach | 1230-1245 |
| | 3. TPAC New Members | CDR Grogan | 1245-1250 |
| VI. | OLD BUSINESS | | |
| | 1. Category Day | LCDR Willis | 1255-1300 |
| | 2. PHS Chat | CDR Taylor | 1300-1315 |
| VII. | REPORTS | | |
| | A. TPAC CHAIR | CDR Grogan | 1315-1325 |
| | B. ADMINISTRATION COMM. CHAIR | LCDR Souvignier | 1325-1330 |
| | C. INFO MANAGEMENT CHAIR | LT Fisher | 1330-1335 |
| | D. READINESS COMMITTEE CHAIR | LCDR Golding | 1335-1340 |
| | E. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE | CDR McMillan | 1340-1345 |
| | F. PROF DEVELOPMENT CHAIR | CAPT Whitehurst-Lief | 1345-1350 |
| VIII. | OPEN FORUM FOR DISCUSSION | TPAC CATEGORY | 1350 |
| IX. | ADJOURN | | |

Therapist Professional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 April 2009 Time: 12:00- 1320 EDT Location: Teleconference

I. **Call to Order: 12:00 PM EST**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Title/Proxy</u>	<u>Agency</u>
CAPT Jessie Whitehurst-Lief		BOP
CDR Laura M. Grogan	Chair	OS
CDR Martha Duganne		IHS
CDR David Byrne	Souvignier	CDC
CDR Fred Lief		BOP
CDR Kathleen O'Neill-Manrique		IHS
CDR Jon Schultz		BOP
CDR Rita Shapiro		FDA
CDR Ron West		IHS
LCDR Damien Avery		BOP
LCDR Joe Golding	Souvignier	IHS
LCDR Monique Howard		CMS
CDR Henry McMillan	Schultz	OS
LCDR Jeff Richardson		IHS
LCDR Alicia Souvignier		IHS
LT Christopher Barrett		OPHS
LT Heidi Fisher		IHS
 Ex-Officio Member:		
CAPT Karen Siegel/CPO		AHRQ

Guests	Agency
CAPT Nancy Balash	IHS
CAPT Terry Cavanaugh	IHS
CAPT Michaele Smith	NIH
CDR Andra Battocchio	IHS
CDR Jean Bradley	BOP
CDR Corey Dahl	OS
CDR Scott Gaustad	IHS
CDR Eric Payne	BOP
LCDR Dawn Dineyazhe	IHS
LCDR David Engelman	BOP
LCDR Jodi Tanzillo	IHS
LCDR Jill Tillman	BOP
LCDR Anne Whitis	IHS
LCDR Bayo Willis	CDC

LT Gwendolyn Hall
 LT Mike McClain
 LTJG Stephen Berry

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II. Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda:

CDR Shapiro moved to adopt the agenda and was seconded. Agenda Approved.

III. Review of Previous TPAC Minutes:

February 2009 meeting minutes were provided and approved via e-mail to all TPAC members. Minutes are posted on TPAC website.

IV. CPO Report- CAPT Siegel

- Leadership Transitions: On March 25 President Obama announced his intent to nominate Howard Koh for ASH. Prof Koh is currently at Harvard University and has an established public health background with emergency preparedness. Laura Petrou was named Chief of Staff for HHS.
- Readiness:
 - Please check 5- year medical exam. This is a top issue of why our officers fall off of Readiness status. This can take several weeks to complete, so plan in advance.
 - March 31 Readiness check results are not available yet for our category. 93.3% Corps wide Readiness.
 - Comfort and Pacific missions are getting ready to start up. There are opportunities for therapists to participate. See instructions from OFRD.
 - Training summit in Dallas last week. PHS participated with other disaster relief organizations.
 - Announcements of Tier 1 and 2 to come out in next couple weeks.
- Personnel: Officer Profiles have been released. The license that is listed in Officer Profiles is a generic license, not discipline specific. Difference between degrees and certification sections. For PT Certifications, APTA is certifying body. Direct Access will be launched in May. This is all part of the Transformation Initiatives from 2009 funding increases.
- Regular Corps ceiling raised from 2800 to 4000 officers. There may be a board held this year for assimilation. Stay alert for announcements.
- End of promotion board season. Two more boards will meet and results will likely be released in early June.
- 2010 Benchmarks for promotion have been posted. Look for revised format for CV Coversheet to come from category.
- Special Pays:
 - AIP: Currently a pilot program. Only two categories NOT receiving AIP: Environmental Health and Therapist. After trial program, there will be an evaluation of the process
 - Recent DoD initiative authorizes new special pays. Each category made recommendations which will be reviewed by the Corps and then

will be reviewed by the Agencies. This was a good opportunity for our category to voice our opinion of special pays, especially as a carry over from Retention Survey.

- Waiver to Rule of 50 has been issued. Look forward to seeing as many officers as possible at COA Conference in Atlanta.
- April is National Occupational Therapy Month. Happy OT Month!

V. New Business

1. Officer Profiles Update- CAPT Coppola

- First part of this initiative information gathering for Category specific billets, and then will progress to Multidisciplinary information and Readiness information.
- Registration: Input certifications and then have awarding institution send documentation to OCCO. Can also be sent to officer in sealed envelope and forwarded to OCCO. Or can be printed from online verification and then sent with cover letter to OCCO. All reports of skilled sets have to be validated, which makes this database more valuable.
- Communications: Ongoing and we are looking for large influx of information.
- FAQs:
 - Why is my accomplishment/school not listed? May not be an element that is entered yet for any type of billet. Not all institutions are included, but can be added.
 - If information is in eOPF, why do we have to submit again? eOPF is a picture file but has no capability of becoming usable data in a matching program. Also documents are not always named exactly what they are.
 - There is no reimbursement for cost of sending in transcripts.
 - Do we need to send in qualifying degrees? No. However degrees earned prior to qualifying degrees do need to be sent in.
- Please go to secure area of CCMIS website and click on Officer Profile Entry.

2. Direct Access- CDR Glabach

- This was created in order to find officers to fill specific needs of the Corps. Provides an integrated approach for force management.
- DA has been used by Coast Guard since the year 2000. They have had success with this program.
- eResume is a compilation of Officers Profiles and created from information from current databases.
- Officer may designate preferences for jobs and can notify hiring agencies of availability for transfer. New applicants will also be placed on Direct Access

through the eCAD system.

- We will be capturing information on officers and jobs postings. Supervisors can request certain skill sets for a vacancy, and DA will allow a search for that officer.
- Will better match officers to Readiness needs and job opportunities.
- Direct Access begins May 2009.

3. Election Results

- TPAC 2009 Election Results:
 - LCDR Mary Glenshaw
 - LCDR Harvey Ball
 - LCDR Jodi Tanzillo
 - CDR John Figarola
 - CDR Henry McMillan, 2nd term
 - CDR Laura Grogan, 2nd term
 - CDR Fred Lief, 2nd term

Alternates:

- LCDR Brian Elza
- LT Jennifer Bebo

VI. Old Business

1. Category Day Update: LCDR Willis

- Registration for conference is officially open: <http://www.coausphs.org/>
- Category Day Agenda has been sent through LISTSERV and is available at: <http://www.phscofevents.org/agenda/CategoryDay.cfm> and at our category website at <http://www.cc.nih.gov/rm/pt/educ.htm>
- Wellness Booth set up in exhibit hall- June 3 (all day) and 4 (thru 1:30pm)- still need volunteers.
- Please notify LCDR Glenshaw and LCDR Willis if you are presenting at COA.
- If you are looking for a roommate for conference, please contact LCDR Glenshaw: fev5@cdc.gov and LCDR Willis: bnw6@cdc.gov and they can help organize.

2. PHS Chat: CDR Taylor

- No longer password protected
- TheraChat link
- Website: <http://www.phschat.com>
- See Attachment F for further information

VII. Reports

A. TPAC Chair Report

- Discipline Liaison Position announcement: 2 year appointments
 - Serve SG, CPO and TPAC Chair.
 - Submit applications to CAPT Siegel and CDR Grogan by May 15th.
 - See Attachment G.

B. Administration Committee (Attachment A)

C. Professional Development Committee (Attachment B)

D. Information Management Committee (Attachment C)

E. Strategic Planning and Development Committee (Attachment D)

F. Readiness Committee (Attachment E)

Next TPAC meeting: June 19, 2009 - 1200 EST
Call in number: 1-866-705-8612, code 9396977

Respectfully Submitted: LCDR Alicia Souvignier, TPAC Executive Secretary
Concur: CDR Laura M. Grogan, TPAC Chair
Concur: CAPT Karen Siegel, CPO Therapist Category

USPHS Therapist Category Website: <http://www.cc.nih.gov/rm/pt/tpac.htm>.
Join the Therapist Category LISTSERV at https://list.nih.gov/archives/usphs_therapist.html

Attachment A**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CDR Laura M. Grogan, TPAC CHAIR

FROM: LCDR Alicia Souvignier, Administration Committee Chair

DATE: 4/17/09

RE:

Administration Committee Report

April 2009

Finance Subcommittee Report, CDR Fred Lief, Chair

Nothing to report.

Member Elections Task Force:

New members for TPAC 2009 have been selected and names sent to OSG for approval.

- TPAC 2009 Election Results:
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 - LCDR Harvey Ball
 - LCDR Jodi Tanzillo
 - CDR John Figarola
 - CDR Henry McMillan, 2nd term
 - CDR Laura Grogan, 2nd term
 - CDR Fred Lief, 2nd term

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Attachment B

DATE: April 17, 2009

TO: CDR Laura Grogan, TPAC Chair
LCDR Alicia Souvignier, TPAC Executive Secretary

FROM: CAPT Jessie Whitehurst Lief
Professional Development Committee Chair

SUBJECT:
Professional Development Committee Report
Therapist Professional Advisory Committee

The following are the submitted subcommittee reports for the April 17, 2009 TPAC meeting:

Awards Subcommittee:

Chair: CAPT James Standish

Members: CAPT Lois Goode, CDR Scott Gaustad

The 2009 award nominations have been received and the judge's have chosen the following Therapists:

Therapist of the Year Award – CDR Ron West

Josef Hoog Award – LCDR Monique Howard

Therapist Junior Officer of the Year Award – LCDR Stephen Spaulding

Congratulations to all recipients!

Education Subcommittee:

Chair: LCDR Jessica Feda

Secondary Chair: LT Felipe Zamarron

Members: LCDR Jeff Richardson, LT Carlos Estevez, LT Brian Elza, LCDR Dean Trombley, LCDR Jeff Lawrence, CDR Henry McMillan, LCDR Scott Mitchell, LT Chrissy Eaker, LT Christopher Barrett

The Education Subcommittee is currently working on 508 compliance to ensure all submitted items for the Advanced Practices page meet requirements.

Please remember we need your submissions for the Advanced Practices page found on the TPAC website. Presentations, certification updates, CATs, and publications are all important submissions! Please use the Advanced Practices page to look up evidence based literature and as a means to network and contact each other!

LCDR Brian Elza recently attended the Joint Operational Deployment Course offered by the Army at Camp Bullis, TX. LT Alex Brenner is on the list to attend in 2010. This is an evidence-based and comprehensive course to assist therapists in deployment preparedness and operating as physician extenders. The course registration and housing is free. Please consider this course for next year.

2009 COURSE LISTINGS:

The following courses will be offered in 2009. Please start thinking about them now and contact me if interested (jfeda@bop.gov or 507-424-7490)

1. US Army Burn and Trauma Course, San Antonio, Texas
Final date pending (Last week in August or first week in September)
USPHS interested officers: CDR Henry McMillan & LT Heidi Fisher

2. Management of Stress Casualty Course (Occupational Therapists), San Antonio, Texas
<https://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/dms/OTbranch/managementofcombatstresscourse.htm>
21 August through 29 August 2009 with a separate residence course "Combat Operational Stress Control Residence Course" August 17-August 21, 2009.
USPHS interested officers: None at this time

3. COL Kersey Advanced Clinical and Operational Practice Course, San Antonio, Texas 26 October 2009 - 6 November 2009
USPHS interested officers: LT Kit Burnham, LT Tracy Gualandi, CDR Andrea Woolridge, and LT Alice Priest
There will likely be five slots available for USPHS officers for this course.
Currently this course is full. If you are interested in the 2010 rendition of the course or to put your name on as a back-up please let me know.

Mentoring Subcommittee:

Chair: CDR Eric D. Payne, DPT, OCS

The program has established four new mentoring pairs since the last report submitted in February. Two of the four pairs involve mid-level officers requesting a mentor for professional development and promotion preparation.

I would encourage any officer preparing for the 2010 promotion boards to strongly consider signing up for a mentor to assist in promotion preparation. Remember that all officers O5 and below are now eligible to participate as mentees. Additionally an officer can serve concurrently as a mentee and mentor. Any therapist wishing to sign up for the program should contact me via email at epayne@bop.gov. I will send you the application forms to allow for electronic program enrollment. Please do not use the forms on the TPAC web page as they have not yet been updated.

Promotion Preparation Subcommittee:

Chair: CDR Michelle Jordan

Members: CAPT Nancy Balash, CAPT Jessie Whitehurst Lief, CDR Ron West, CDR Kathleen O'Neill-Manrique, LCDR Monique Howard, CDR Tarri Randall
Nothing new to report.

Retirement Recognition Subcommittee:

Chair: CDR Cindy Carter

Members: CAPT Lois Goode, CAPT Jessie W. Lief, CDR Ron West, CDR Sue

Newman, LCDR Damien Avery, LCDR Bridgette Seago, and LT Jennifer Bebo
Nothing new to report.

Attachment C

Date: 17 April 2009

To: CDR Laura Grogan, TPAC Chair
 LCDR Alicia Souvignier, TPAC Secretary

From: LT Heidi Fisher, TPAC Information Management Committee Chair

Re:
 TPAC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
 APRIL 2009

I. DISCIPLINE LIASIONS

CAPT Frank Weaver – Audiology
 -Nothing to report.

CAPT Rebecca Parks – Occupational Therapy
 -Nothing to report.

CDR Michaele Smith – Physical Therapy
 - National Capitol Area Therapists (Quad-Service) Meeting was held 02 April 2009.

Ms. Beth Solomon – Speech Language Pathology
 - Nothing reported.

II. FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT/ CATEGORY ROSTER SUBCOMMITTEE:

LCDR Jodi A. Tanzillo, Field Representative Coordinator

I. Congratulations To:

Multi-Agency

Congratulations to LCDR Doug Fiorentino, PT, serving in the FDA, for being awarded the USPHS Crisis Response Ribbon for service during deployment for Hurricane Ike, 2008.

II. News From the Field:

BOP West

FMC Carswell, Fort Worth, TX

LCDR Richard Brantley, PT successfully completed the training in Glynco, GA.

LCDR Tracy Gualandi, PT is currently enrolled in the t-DPT program at Texas Women's University.

LT Carlos Estevez, PT completed the first session of EMG/NCV training at Rocky Mountain University, Provo, UT.

USMCFP Springfield, Springfield, MO

LCDR Justin Feola, PT placed 3rd in an international 24 hour endurance climbing competition; bravo on a job well done.

IHS AZ Phoenix

LCDR Terry Boles, PT is acknowledged with distinguished appreciation for his work in assisting the RDF Team #5 in preparation for deployment. RDF #5 is on call during the month of April with possible deployment in response to the Red River flood in North Dakota.

Tuba City

LCDR James Cowher, PT has been selected as coordinator for CARF DMEPOS accreditation.

Mr. Aaron Jones, PT attended the 2009 Baseball Team Medicine Conference at Washington Nationals Stadium in Washington DC.

Ms. Melissa Long, PT attended PNF & Orthopedics Rehabilitation conference in Denver CO.

Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation has become the second IHS or tribally operated facility to own/operate an MRI.

Multi-Agency

LCDR Doug Fiorentino, PT, serving in the FDA, has been selected for service in the Applied Public Health Team (APHT) #3.

Welcome/ Farewell To:

IHS NM Zuni PHS Indian Hospital, Zuni, NM

Welcome to Ms. Carrie Gashytewa, OT who will begin working April 13, 2009.

Presentations:

IHS Multi-Site

Hasting Indian Medical Center, Tahlequah, OK

LCDR Matthew Armentano, PT, presented April 6, 2009 at the 2nd meeting of the Oklahoma Orthopedic Interest Group. This meeting was held in Idabel, Oklahoma and covered the cervical spine.

NIH

Dr. Holly Cintas, PT presented "Spine-Specific Exercise for Scoliosis in Individuals with Types III and IV Osteogenesis Imperfecta," during a scientific platform presentation on February 20, 2009 at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Las Vegas NV.

Ms. Mina Jain, PT participated in two co-presentations: "Will I Be Able To Wear Heels To The Prom? Physical Therapy Assessment and Rehabilitation of Children With Osteosarcoma." and "State of the Art Measurement Methodology for Evaluating Lymphedema." on February 11, 2009 at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Ms. Ellen Levy, PT presented "State of the Art Measurement Methodology for Evaluating Lymphedema" on February 11, 2009 at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

CAPT Michael Smith, PT and LT Kieu Vu, PT co-presented "Will I Be Able To Wear Heels To The Prom? Physical Therapy Assessment and Rehabilitation of Children With Osteosarcoma" on February 11, 2009 at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Publications:

NIH

Mr. Joseph Shrader, PT, Ms. Mina Jain, PT, CAPT Michael Smith, PT, and Dr. Holly Cintas, PT: Harris-Love MO, **Shrader JA**, Koziol D, Pahlajani N, **Jain M**, **Smith M**, **Cintas HL**, McGarvey CL, James-Newton L, Pokrovnichka A, Moini B, Cabalar I, Lovell DJ, Wesley R, Plotz PH, Miller FW, Hicks JE, Rider LG. Distribution and severity of weakness among patients with polymyositis, dermatomyositis and juvenile dermatomyositis. *Rheumatology (Oxford)*. 2009 Feb;48(2):134-9. Epub 2008 Dec 11. Paper: Research

Dr. Holly Cintas, PT: **Cintas H**, Kwan F, Paul S. Spine-Specific Exercise for Scoliosis in Individuals with Types III and IV Osteogenesis Imperfecta, Abstract No. 493278, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Las Vegas NV. Abstract: Research

Deployments:**Multi-Agency**

Four Therapists were deployed to the first ever POD team during the 56th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC:

CDR Mercedes Benitez-McCrary, SLP; CDR Scott Gaustad, PT, a member of the health station team; CDR Rita Shapiro, PT; LCDR Monique Howard, OT.

Current Research:**BOP East****FMC Lexington, Lexington, KY**

LT Alex Brenner, PT is exploring opportunities to do research within the BOP system.

Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider: None

III. CATEGORY HISTORIAN:

CDR Alicia Hoard

A reminder to check out the Therapy Category History Timeline! It is available for viewing at the following website: <http://lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov/apdb/phsHistory/>
Click on Therapy History Timeline under the section entitled "Educational Tools".

There are some decades that have no information. I am trying to reformat the decade dates so that those that hold information are a different color from those that are blank. Until then, just keep clicking on each decade until you find information. Additionally, the decades that have a lot of information have a scroll bar positioned on the right side, so the entire document can be accessed.

I welcome your comments regarding the Timeline and any information that you can provide to fill in the "gaps" or update the information from 2007 onward. Well-composed photographs of milestone events are always needed.

IV. JOAG LIAISON

LCDR Jessica Feda
Nothing to report

V. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:

CAPT Jessie Lief
Nothing to Report

VI. RETIRED THERAPIST REPRESENTATIVES:

CAPT (Ret) Leo LaBranche & CDR (Ret) Selden Wasson
Nothing to report.

VII. INACTIVE RESERVE THERAPIST REPRESENTATIVE:

LCDR Christa Themann
Nothing reported.

VIII. WEB PAGE SUBCOMMITTEE:

CAPT Karen Siegel, Web Master
I am working with CDR Diahann Williams and a core group to provide template and document samples for the PACS and Special Interest Groups. This is an ongoing project.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION & UPDATES

- Nothing to report.

Information Management Committee Report respectfully submitted by:

*Heidi Fisher, PT
LT, USPHS
Information Management Committee Chair
2008-2011 Term*

Attachment D

**From: CDR Henry McMillan PT, DPT
Chair, Strategic Planning and Development Committee**

**To: LCDR Alicia Souvignier
TPAC Executive Secretary**

**Subject:
Strategic Planning and Development Committee
April 2009 REPORT**

The following is the April 2009 Report for the Strategic Planning and Development Committee. There was no activity reported for the COSTEP Subcommittee (LCDR William Pearce, Chair), I H S Scholarship Subcommittee (LCDR Lori Lee, Chair), or Appointment Standards Subcommittee (LCDR Robert Roe, Chair). So please let the records indicate.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Henry McMillan

**From: CDR Scott Gaustad
Chair, Strategic Growth Subcommittee**

Subject: Strategic Growth Subcommittee April 2009 Report

The Strategic Subcommittee participated with a collaborative work group that assessed, studied and recommended the implementation of special pays for the Therapist Category to the Office Commissioned Corps Force Management. The Strategic Subcommittee has no other outstanding projects to comment or update you and the TPAC on at this time. We are always soliciting information from the TPAC and Category concerning the growth and strategic planning for the Therapist Category.

**From: LCDR Michelle Baker
Chair, Recruitment Subcommittee**

Subject: Retention Subcommittee April 2009 Report

The Associate Recruiter Program is currently being restructured globally in an effort to improve centralized recruitment operations throughout the Commissioned Corps. As these changes will affect each PAC, the Recruitment

Subcommittee chair and the Therapist Lead Associate Recruiters are currently working on restructuring the Associate Recruiter Program for the Therapist Category in line with the DCCR policy changes and recommendations.

**US Public Health Service Rehabilitation Vacancies
April 2009**

Position	Duty Location	POC
Alaska		
Staff PT PTA	Nome, AK	LCDR Joe Kennedy 907-443-4513 jkennedy@nshcorp.org Ken Bartline, BSN 877-538-3142 kbartline@nshcorp.org
Staff PT	Kozebue, AK Maniilaq Health Center	Genevieve Ophiem 907-442-7658
Staff PT	Sitka, AK	CAPT Terry Cavanaugh 907-966-8312 terryc@searhc.org
Staff PT Home Health	Anchorage, AK	Tess Johnson 907-729-5011 tjohnson@scf.cc http://www.scf.cc
Arizona		
Chief PT Staff PT	Chinle, AZ	CDR Andra Battocchio 928-674-7223 andra.battocchio@ihs.gov
SLP	Chinle, AZ	CDR Andra Battocchio 928-674-7223 andra.battocchio@ihs.gov
Audiologist	Chinle, AZ	CDR Andra Battocchio 928-674-7223 andra.battocchio@ihs.gov
Audiologist	Ft. Defiance, AZ	LCDR Mike Faz 928-729-8805 Mike.faz@ihs.gov
PT	Ft. Defiance, AZ	LCDR Mike Faz 928-729-8805 Mike.faz@ihs.gov

Chief PT	Hopi, AZ	Laverne Dallas 928-283-6020 Lavern.dallas@ihs.gov
Staff PT	Tuba City, AZ	LCDR James Cowher 928-283-2659 james.cowher@tchealth.org
Staff PT	Whiteriver, AZ	Mike Huylebroeck 928-338-3610 Mike.Huylebroeck@ihs.gov
Staff PT	SANTA ROSA, AZ Archie Hendricks Skilled Nursing Facility	Mr LEE OLITZKY (520) 444-4109 Lolitzky@toltc.org This facility will accept a Corps officer
Staff PT	Sells, AZ	CDR Andrea Woolridge Andrea.woolridge@ihs.gov 520-383-7303
Montana		
Staff PT	Crow Agency, MT PHS Indian Hospital	Curtis Brien 406-638-3490 Curtis.Brien@IHS.GOV
Staff PT	Lamedeer, MT PHS Indian Health Center	Jennifer Allies 406-477-4400 Jennie.allies@ihs.gov
New Mexico		
2 Staff PT	Shiprock, NM	LCDR Lorrie Murdoch 505-368-7106 lorrie.murdoch@ihs.gov
Staff OT	Shiprock, NM	LCDR Joe Strunce 505-368-7118 joseph.strunce@ihs.gov
Staff PT	Gallup, NM	LCDR Dawn Dineyahze 505-722-1503 dawn.dineyazhe@ihs.gov
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Related websites:

<http://www.usajobs.gov>

<http://www.usphs.gov>

<http://www.fda.gov>

<http://www.cdc.gov>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov>

<http://www.bop.gov>

<http://www.hrsa.gov>

<http://www.ihs.gov>

PT- 0633

OT – 0631

SLP – 0665

Aud – 0665

RT- 0651

Attachment E

READINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

TPAC READINESS COMMITTEE



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April 17, 2009

From: LCDR Joe Golding, Readiness Committee Chair

To: CDR Laura Grogan, TPAC Chair
 LCDR Alicia Souvignier, TPAC, Executive Secretary

BASIC READINESS:

Thank you to CDR David Byrne for contacting the officers who were not qualified, and helping them with their deficiencies.

Please maintain your Basic Readiness, and if you are not Basic Qualified get Qualified.

It is your responsibility, your duty as a Commissioned Officer of the United States Public Health Service to meet basic readiness.

I encourage all officers to use the Readiness Checklist on the OFRD website to ensure they remain qualified for Basic Readiness:

http://ccrf.hhs.gov/ccrf/Readiness/Checklist_070908.pdf

or contact CDR Byrne Dbyrne@cdc.gov or LCDR Golding joseph.golding@ihs.gov for assistance. We are always happy to help.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

The article introducing the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans (PAG), submitted by LCDR Doug Fiorentino and LT Scott, was published in the April issue of eCCBulletin under the Fit for Duty...Fit for Life column. Well Done!!!

A second article featuring the PAG written by CDR Scott Gaustad and CDR Rita Shapiro will be published in the Fit for Duty...Fit for Life column of the

eCCBulletin's June issue. In fact, three more articles featuring the PAG in the eCCBulletin will be published every other month.

LCDR Matt Armentano and LCDR Joe Golding have written an article featuring the PAG that has been approved to be published in the May issue of the COA *Frontline*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Golding, PT, DPT, OCS
LCDR, USPHS

Attachment F

TPAC Task Force Report for PHS Chat/ *Thera-chat*

Oversight

LT Carlos Estevez will serve as site moderator for *Thera-chat*. He will screen *Thera-chat* for appropriate use and content and monitor trends and topics for two months. He will provide a written report to the TPAC Chair on with any trends and suggestions at the end of the two months.

Logging In

Log into **PHSCHAT.com**. If you are a new user, click “Register” on the top left of the screen, and it will walk you through the process.

Once logged in, you will see on the left hand side of the page a section titled: “**Welcome to PHSCHAT Forums**”. Click on that to enter the “**Forum**” area of the site.

On the bottom right of the screen, you will see a bar entitled “**Forum Jump**” with “Welcome to PHSCHAT Forums” in the text screen. Click the down arrow immediately to the right of this (NOT “Go”).

Scroll down until you get to “**Organizations**”. Immediately under this, find “**Committee, Group, and Council Forums**” then “***Thera-chat***”, with all of its sub-sections. Initially *Thera-chat* was password protected, however in the interest of easy access, this feature has been eliminated.

In Brief:

Log into PHSCHAT.com

“Welcome to PHSCHAT Forums”

“Forum Guide”

“Forum Jump“-click down arrow

Organizations

Committees, Group, and Council Forums

Thera-chat

Use of Site

The *Thera-chat* site is in the public domain and is in no way sanctioned by the USPHS, Commissioned Officers Association or Therapist Professional Advisory Committee. As such, utilization of the site is not a requirement, but would be voluntary similar to any other discussion or forum website. Since it is in the public domain, however, it is important for officers to remember to maintain professionalism at all times. Officers should always be aware of how their posting might reflect on the Corps, the Therapist Category and/or themselves.

Used in a professional and conscientious manner, the Thera-Chat website has the potential to be a beneficial resource to therapist officers. Officers are encouraged to explore the website and take part in the discussions

and information sharing. If you have any questions or concerns, please forward them to a member of the Task Force and/or the TPAC Chairperson.

ATTACHMENT G
Call For Discipline Liaison Nominations



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April 9, 2009

The Chief Professional Officer (CPO) and the Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) Chair for the Therapist Category are announcing a call for nominations for Discipline Liaison positions representing: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and Audiology.

You are invited to self-nominate for a liaison position representing your discipline. Term of office is to be designated by the CPO. The appointment will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew the appointment for an additional two (2) years.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. To serve the Surgeon General, CPO and TPAC Chair regarding specific issues/ tasks related to each professional discipline.
2. To represent the CPO at Quad Service Meetings for each designated discipline as requested.
3. Disseminate specific professional related information to the Office of the Surgeon General, CPO and Chair TPAC. He/she will serve as the communication link with issues related to each discipline.

Discipline Liaison Communication Chain:

Reports to:

Surgeon General (as requested)
 Chief Professional Officer (directly)
 Chair, TPAC (directly)

Receives Information From:

*Surgeon General
 *Chief Professional Officer

- *Chair, TPAC
- *Representatives from Other Uniform Services
- *Representatives from each Professional Category (American Physical Therapy Association, American Occupational Therapy Association, American Speech Language Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology) Any source with information pertinent to the Category

Eligible Applicants

A senior officer in the Commissioned Corps (or of equal civilian status). Must demonstrate extensive knowledge of the Commissioned Corps and be a recognized member of the specific professional discipline. An individual with close familiarity with the sister services a strong plus. Non-senior officers may be considered. Supervisor approval recommended, not required.

Application Information

Applications must be submitted to CAPT Siegel, CPO and CDR Laura M. Grogan, TPAC Chair no later than May 15, 2009. Applications will be accepted electronically or by mail.

Self nominations must include:

- 1-2 page statement with your motivation, goals and vision for the position
- Current CV
- Three issues currently facing your profession in or outside of the Corps.

Additional Information

For additional information, contact CAPT Siegel at (301) 427-1321 or Karen.siegel@ahrq@hhs.gov

Respectfully,

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Chief Therapist Officer

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