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CC: CDR Sue Newman, Chair TPAC Information Management Committee

Subj: APRIL 2006 TPAC FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

I. Positions Open/Anticipated Openings

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle:

Staff PT:

Contact: ***LT Matt Armentano, PT***

928-674-7553

Matthew.Armentano @IHS.gov

Tuba City:

Clinical Specialist/Staff Therapist

Contact: ***LCDR Jim Cowher, PT***

928 283-2659.

Hopi:

PT Position remains open.

Contact: ***CDR Kathleen O'Neill-Manrique, PT, DPT, OCS,***

Chief Physical Therapist

Hopi Health Care Center

P. O. Box 4000

Polacca, AZ 86042

928-737-6131

- **IHS MULTI-SITE**

Hastings Indian Medical Center

1 Staff Physical Therapist

Tahlequah, OK

Available May 5, 2006

Contact: ***LCDR Cindy Carter, PT***

918-458-3260

- **IHS NM**

Shiprock:

One Staff PT opening

Contact: *LCDR Joe Strunce, PT*

- **IHS NW/AK**

Lame Deer: Staff PT

Crow Agency, MT: PT Supervisor

Searhc Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, AK: Staff PT

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner: Two PT's are in the works to be hired starting in June. *LCDR McMillan* hopes to hire 3 PTA's and one OT and is actively recruiting now

FMC Devens: Still has 1 PT vacancy

II. Congratulations:

- **IHS AZ**

PIMC:

CAPT Mark Dardis, CDR Liza Figueroa and CDR Ron West are recipients of the 2005 IHS National Director's Award for the dedication and commitment toward treating patients with complex hand injuries for the IHS Phoenix Area

Tuba City:

LCDR Jim Cowher received the PHS Isolated Hardship ribbon and a PHS Citation for managing the 2005 Spinal Cord Clinic.

- **IHS NM**

NNMC/Shiprock:

LCDR Lorrie Murdoch, PT, and *LT Alicia Souvignier, PT,* received PHS Achievement Medals

Zuni:

LT Karen Killman, PT recently completed her DPT through Arizona School of Health Sciences

LCDR Megan Horeis, PT, ICCE, was recently recognized as the 1st recipient of the IHS Rehabilitation Services Recognition award for her contributions in the area of women's health

- **IHS NW/AK**

SEARCH-Juneau Medical Clinic:

LCDR Jeff Lawrence, PT was selected as TPAC Junior Officer of the Year

Yakama Indian Health Center:

CDR Nancy Balash, PT recently completed her DPT through Arizona School of Health Sciences

III. News From the Field:

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

CMS:

CAPT Georgia Johnson served on the "Positions and Classifications" workgroup (one of five workgroups) to develop detailed approaches that will be needed to implement the Secretary's Commissioned Corps transformation decisions. A report was developed and sent to the ASH along with the reports from the four other workgroups.

CAPT Georgia Johnson and *CDR Rita Shapiro* served as judges for the Anne Arundel County Science and Engineering Fair. They served as Special judges in the Medicine & Health category.

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle:

Mr. Mike Powers, PT is at the half-way point in his DSc in Electrophysiology at RMUoHP. He has been providing Upper Extremity onsite EMG/NCV studies since Aug 05 and is just starting to provide Lower Extremity Studies.

PIMC:

CDR Ron West, PT was detailed on April 1, 2006 to HHS HQ. The Department of Health and Human Services received 11 out of 100 recommendations made by the President after reviewing the nation's response to Hurricane Katrina. He is working in the capacity of as an action officer for one of the 4 groups (the groups are made up of Deputy Directors of the HHS agencies: FDA, SAMHSA, CDC, IHS, NIH, OFRD) reviewing these recommendations.

Angie Levi, IHS PT Scholarship recipient from AZ School of Health Sciences is currently completing Clinical Internship III at this facility.

Tuba City:

LTJG Heidi Fisher, PT hosted an open house in the PT department for local elementary school students.

Mr. Duane Roseman, PT presented on physical therapy career opportunities to several local high schools.

TCRHCC graduated its first patient from the Phase II Cardiac Rehab Program.

Whiteriver:

Congratulations to ***LCDR Tarri Randall, PT*** and husband ***Gregor Randall*** (and big brother ***Lucas***) on the birth of their daughter, ***Marissa Clare***, born March 24, 2006. Marissa is beautiful and the whole family is doing well!

- **NIH**

CDR Michaele Smith completed post-graduate work from George Mason University, MEd in Curriculum and Instruction, Adult Education.

Joyce Maring, EdD, assistant professor at George Washington University is participating under the CRTP program research study of Friederich's Ataxia with ***Earllaine Croarkin***.

MaryLouise Kistler, student from Madeira High School is mentored by ***CDR Michaele Smith*** and interested in physical therapy as a career.

The physical therapy section hosted ***Hosaida Hosain***, an international visitor from Singapore, who spent two weeks at the NIH and National Navy Medical Center (NNMC) to learn more about setting up an oncology center at her local hospital.

The staff participated in standardization training of the 10 point manual muscle testing to two groups of collaborating researchers in preparation for a multi-center study under the direction of ***Michael Harris-Love*** and ***Joe Shrader***.

- **IHS NM**

ACL:

PT department continues with a walk-in orthopedic clinic. The PT clinic hopes to offer an on-site DM shoe fitting and delivery service through a contracted orthotics/prosthetics company in the near future.

- **St Elizabeth's**

CAPT Michelle Coleman received a Letter of Recognition for exceptional performance in the development of Curriculum Based Community Support Services. She is also the creator of a Community Swim Club newsletter called the Elite Rays Swim Club Newsletter that features health teaching and injury prevention for swimmers. The newsletter has been well received by the community, parents and swimmers. ***CAPT***

Coleman attended a MED2000, Inc Seminars on Inflammation: The Silent Killer. This seminar identified inflammation as prime indicator for Prediabetes, Alzheimer Disease, Cardiovascular Disease and Obesity.

- **BOP EAST**

FMC Butner:

LT Doug Henry completed Glynco the end of March.

LT Artresiah Rogers had a new baby girl on March 30th.

FMC Butner plans to open the FCI II in June. The Physical Rehab Dept has a 2000 sq ft step down unit for orthopedics in this facility.

There will be a **BOP Retreat** held in Raleigh, NC on May 16-18th for therapists, PA's, MD's and NP's. Training will include oncology, lymphedema, wound care, cognitive assessment and treatment, and orthopedics

FMC Lexington:

RADM Newt Kendig and *Dr. Mike Nelson* visited the Institution the week of April 3rd to assess how Lexington was doing with its medical mission. As of yet, no report of their findings has been issued.

IV. Welcome/Farewell

Welcome

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

DHHS/CDC/NIOSH:

LCDR David Byrne, an audiologist with DHHS/CDC/NIOSH converted from the civil service to the commissioned corps on January 23. He had worked as a civilian for NIOSH in Pittsburgh since 1998, and was recently transferred to the Taft Laboratories in Cincinnati. He had been an audiologist in the Army Reserve immediately prior to his conversion

Farewell:

- **MULTI-AGENCY**

CMS wishes *CDR Rita Shapiro* a fond farewell. CDR Shapiro left CMS on 31 March 2006 to accept a position with the Coast Guard in Washington, DC. CDR Shapiro went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that CMS officers were able to maintain a Basic readiness by providing BLS training as well physical fitness tests. She will be missed for her many contributions to this agency.

V. Presentation

- **IHS NM**

ACL:

Lori Howeya, PT, is giving a PT presentation to the local Acoma Wellness Center staff.
Scott Mitchell, PT, spoke about exercise at the last Diabetes Sweet Talk

Crownpoint:

PT Department has begun presenting an ergonomics/posture/injury prevention talk at each Annual Employee Orientation.

Lori Lee, PT recently presented on the topic of sports injuries/rehab at local high school. PT dept preparing for similar presentation this month at another local high school.

- **St Elizabeth's**

CAPT Coleman was guest speaker for the Suitland High School Annual Athletic Award Banquet honoring swimmers who made noteworthy achievements in academics and in the water.

VI. Publication

- **NIH**

Cintas HL and Gerber LH. Children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Strategies to Enhance Performance; Gaithersburg MD: Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation 2005

Cintas H, Parks R, Chou M, Hildenbrand H, Gerber L. BAMF: The Brief Assessment of Motor Function: Content validity and reliability of the Fine Motor Scale. *Pediatric Physical Therapy* 2006; 18: 87-88.

Cintas H, Parks R, Don S, Gerber L. BAMF: The Brief Assessment of Motor Function: Content validity and reliability of the Upper Extremity Gross Motor Scale. *Pediatric Physical Therapy* 2006; 18: 88.

Harris, M, *Smith M.* Pediatric Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection: Independent Study Course 15.1.6. Orthopedic Interventions for Pediatric Patients: The Evidence for Effectiveness. American Physical Therapy Association. November 2005.

VI. Current Research: None reported

VII. Deployments

- **IHS AZ**

Chinle:

LCDR Carlos Stanford OT: Feb 18-March 4, Baton Rouge & New Orleans

LCDR Andra Battocchio PT: March 4-18, New Orleans

LT Dean Trombley SLP: March 8-22, Baton Rouge

LT Matt Armentano PT: March 18-April 1, New Orleans

VII. Future Agenda Items: None requested

Respectfully submitted by:

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