

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT/CATEGORY ROSTER SUBCOMITTEE:
LCDR Matt Armentano, Field Representative Coordinator
August 21, 2009**

Welcome to LCDR Armentano as the new Field Representative Coordinator.

A. Congratulations:

BOP East

LT Brian Saunders (FCC Terre Haute) is now serving as the new Field Representative for the BOP East. He is taking over for LT Doug Henry (FMC Butner). Special thanks to LT Doug Henry for his past services as the BOP East Field Representative.

The PHS promotion ceremony at FCC Butner was held on 31 July with Admiral Milner's participation in the ceremony as guest speaker and promoting officer. CAPT Karen Siegel also visited Butner for the event where Eric Payne was promoted to Captain, Damien Avery was promoted to Commander, and Gwen Hall and Stan Bennett were promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

The FCC Butner Rehabilitation Services and Orthopedic Department were recognized with the PHS Unit Citation for all their diligent work in training and educating fellow BOP health providers in the appropriate evaluation and treatment of musculoskeletal impairments.

LCDR Alex Brenner (FMC Lexington) received a Letter of Commendation from Warden Dewalt in July for the work he completed on a wheelchair accountability program.

CDR Fred Lief, (FMC Lexington) recently received his Crisis Response Ribbon for his work during the hurricane Ike deployment.

BOP West

Nothing to report at this time

IHS AZ

Nothing to report at this time

IHS Multi-Site

CDR Mary Beth Dorgan attained Certified Wound Specialist recertification from the American Academy of Wound Management

Jennifer Thompson was awarded the Cherokee Indian Hospital "Employee of the Year" in June.

LCDR Matthew Armentano received the Crisis Response Service Award for prior deployments with CCRF.

LCDR Felipe Zamarron also received the Crisis Response Service Award for prior deployments with CCRF.

IHS AK LCDR Joe Kennedy completed the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions Basic EMG Coursework in June 2009. He is now able to offer EMG/NCV services under the mentorship of CAPT Doug Munoz of Alaska Native Medical Center.

IHS NW

Nothing to report at this time

IHS NM

LCDR Scott Mitchell, DPT, who recently received his OCS Board Certification. He was also selected to RDF#5 and was elected as the President Elect of the Rio Grande Branch of the COA.

Megan Hird was certified in Vestibular Rehab, 5/2009

LCDR Lori Lee received Achievement Medal, 7/2009

CMHS

Nothing to report at this time

NIH

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Multi-Agency

CDR Mercedes Benitez McCrary was named Director of OFRD-SAT #1

LCDR Brian Elza was elected President of the Baltimore COA in June 2009 and completed the JODC in April 2009

CDR David Byrne co-authored an article on research evaluation for audiology literature (published in October 2008). The article was picked as one of the best articles of the year in two categories (hearing aids and hearing science) by the Hearing Journal (see http://www.audiologyonline.com/articles/article_detail.asp?article_id=2242).

B. News from the Field

BOP East

CAPT Jessie Lief (FMC Lexington), through the Bluegrass Chapter of the COA, organized a children's lemonade stand in a local Lexington park to

support Salvation Army's Lemon Aid Days and sold over \$100.00 in lemonade for the Salvation Army/Homeless Children of the Bluegrass. With matching funds, the Bluegrass COA contributed over \$200 for Homeless Children of the Bluegrass.

The FMC-Lexington PT Department has reestablished ties with the University of Kentucky Physical Therapy Program and will be accepting a student starting in March 2010 for an 8-week clinical affiliation.

LCDR Gwen Hall, from FCC Butner, is scheduled to attend the OFRD field training in August as a Tier 3 participant.

BOP West

Nothing to report at this time

IHS AZ

CDR(s) Terry Boles (Phoenix Indian Medical Center) attended OFRD-team field training in Virginia

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation (TCRHCC) has approved adding a Director of Rehabilitation. TCRHCC will be adding a satellite clinic in Flagstaff AZ scheduled to open in December 2009.

Sells Indian Hospital in Sells, AZ has a Senior PT vacancy. Announcement closes 8/16/09. Please email CDR Andrea Woolridge (andrea.woolridge@ihs.gov) if you have any questions.

CDR Michael LaPlante (Winslow Indian Health Care Center) spoke concerning the Corps and clinical electrophysiology at the University of New Mexico.

CDR Jeffery Lawrence recently attended CMEs on Functional Running Injuries', Evidence based Stretching and Athletic Performance. And Evaluation and Intervention for Musculoskeletal Injuries: A Biomechanical Approach.

LCDR Ron Kelderhouse and CDR Jeffery Lawrence will be attending Navajo Area Sponsored Training on Vestibular Rehab by Dr. Richard Clendaniel August 7-8.

The Pinon PT Department is now fully running on Electronic Health Record (E.H.R.)

Chinle Rehab Services Dept and the Pinon PT Dept continue to work together for a split SLP position between the two facilities which would allow SLP

services to be offered at the Pinon Health Center and increase those offered at Chinle.

CDR Jeffery Lawrence is working on Department Remodeling expansion plans with Pinon Facilities Engineer and CCHCF C.E.O. for possible future department expansion.

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CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel served as a project officer on a soon to be released evidence review on Treatment of Common Hip Fractures <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcindex.htm#musculoskeletal> conducted in response to interest expressed in the topic by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel is serving as the AHRQ program official on the recently released funding opportunity announcement AHRQ Developing Prospective Practice-based Comparative Effectiveness Research Clinical Registries: Orthopedic Devices, Drugs, and Procedures <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-10-008.html> which will fund a clinical registry and related research on hip and knee joint replacements.

C. Welcome/Farewell To:

BOP East

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BOP West

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IHS AZ

Jenny Kast (Winslow Indian Health Care Center) was commissioned on July 1st. as a LT – welcome aboard!!

Whiteriver Service Unit (WRSU) welcomes 2 new staff members. Tami Bonebrake, DPT, has joined the WRSU PT Team from ShowLow, AZ. LT Scott McGrew, PT, has also joined the WRSU PT Team from Tiawan. Scott is an Army-Baylor Alumni and has been teaching overseas prior to returning to the US.

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IHS AK

Ms. Lauren Alborn, PT, DPT joined the Norton Sound Health Corporation Physical Therapy team July 1, 2009

IHS NW

Nothing to report at this time

IHS NM

CAPT Dominick Aretino, (Gallup Indian Medical Center) retired May 2009.

LCDR Ramon Ector (Gallup Indian Medical Center) transferred to Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut.

Northern Navajo Medical Center welcomes Ms. Amber Beardsly (PT) and LT Anna Pereira (PT) Both will start in Sept 2009.

Zuni PHS Indian Hospital welcomes Carrie Gashytewa, OT

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D. Presentations:**BOP East**

Nothing to report at this time

BOP West

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IHS AZ

LCDR Ron Kelderhouse (Pinon Health Center) will be presenting in September 09 a CME to the Pinon Medical Staff on "The 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans."

IHS Multi-Site

CDR Mary Beth Dorgan presented a 32 hour Wound Care Management course to 1st year PT students at Western Carolina University.

LCDR Julie Van Leuven presented "Knee Pain and Injury Management: Inquiry into Best Practice, Cost Containment and Standardization of Treatment" to the Cherokee Indian Hospital medical staff in July.

LCDR Matt Armentano presented "Introduction to Manual Therapy of the Spine" at the Oklahoma Area IHS Othopedic Interest Group meeting in April. The meeting was hosted by LT Jennifer Bebo at Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Idabell, OK.

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CAPT Karen Lohmann Siegel served as a project officer on a Technology Assessment (systematic review of evidence) on Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Devices <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/ta/negpresswtd/> that was presented at a public meeting at CMS on July 9 http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo/08_HCPCSPublicMeetings.asp#TopOfPage. She also presented an overview of the ARHQ Evidence based Practice Center Program at the meeting.

E. Publications:**BOP East**

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Palmer CV, Solodar HS, Hurley WR, Byrne D, and Williams KO (2009). "Self-Perception of Hearing Ability as a Strong Predictor of Hearing Aid Purchase," *Journal of the American Academy of Audiology*, Volume 20, No.6, pp.341-347.

F. Deployments:

none to report at this time

G. Current Research:**BOP East**

LCDR Alex Brenner, CDR Fred Lief, and CAPT Jessie Lief (all of FMC Lexington) are currently in the data collection phase of an inmate mobility research project. They have been approved to utilize pedometers on certain

inmates in various locations to measure their daily mobility throughout the facility.

BOP West

Nothing to report at this time

IHS AZ

CDR Michael LaPlante, Winslow Indian Health Care Center (WIHCC), is currently seeking Navajo Nation IRB approval to conduct research on preventive medicine services offered at the WIHCC.

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H. Future Agenda Items for TPAC to Consider

None to report at this time