



HS PAC Chair Chat



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Get ready for a new look!



Spring is the season of new beginnings, even within the Public Health Service. I encourage every HS officer to visit our newly redesigned [HSO webpage](#). This is the product of months of R&D by several HS officers led by CDR Kellie Clelland. They reviewed all other category web pages, culled the best features, and created this

new sharper and crisper version. This is the first major improvement to any category website and is the product of PHS officers for PHS officers. This site will continue to develop and incorporate more features as we receive feedback from you. If you see any of these Officers, give them a big thanks for all their hard work and **volunteer** efforts to bring this *tangible* product to you.

HS PAC Web Design Team

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Meet your new PAC members

The Office of the Surgeon General has approved seven new members to join the HS-PAC. Your PAC is now at full strength (19 members)!

1. [CDR Laura Aponte](#) (HRSA - field)
2. [CDR George Durgin](#) (HHS - local)
3. [CDR Janet Hawkins](#) (HRSA - local)
4. [LCDR Sianat Kamal](#) (HRSA - local)
5. [LCDR Audrey Lum](#) (HRSA - field)
6. [LCDR Timothy Pappalardo](#) (BOP - field)
7. [LCDR Felicia Williams](#) (FDA - local)

Does the PAC represent our diverse category? You decide.

- 9 local- and 10 field-based officers
- 9 senior and 10 junior officers
- 7 Federal agencies (BOP, CDC, EPA, FDA, HRSA, IHS, OS)
- 8 clinicians, 8 health administrators and health educators (HEA), and 3 basic and applied science (BAS) professionals

HSO FACTS: Congratulations is in order to **63** HSOs who will be receiving the Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB)! If you didn't make this round of awardees, don't worry, OFRD is automatically checking your eligibility on a quarterly basis. Although there are **26** names included in this newsletter, there are even more officers doing work on **4** Functional Advisory Committees (FACs), **8** WIPTs and Work Planning and Design Groups (WPDGs), and **9** special activities. Over **100** officers responded with more than **250** emails for the Billet Transformation action items last month.

The number of HSOs involved in the PHS transformation process continues to grow, and we **THANK YOU** for your contributions!!!

CPO Message

In March, I handed over responsibilities for the Region 5 Regional Health Administrator (RHA) position to CAPT Jim Galloway. This has allowed me to focus more on my current duties as the Region 1 RHA and CPO. As you know, the transformation process continues to move forward at a rapid pace. We are matching the demands with an experienced, dedicated, and diverse group of officers to ensure your concerns, needs and interests are represented and addressed. I continue to be impressed by the talents and skills represented in our Category and I'm excited about the progress we're making in the transformation process. The next few months will be particularly busy, so we have our work cut out for us. I encourage you to participate and contribute to the process as much as you can.

[RADM Michael Milner](#)

PHS Uniform WIPT

A new Workgroup Interdisciplinary Planning Team (WIPT) has been created to review our current uniform policies over the next month. The details are still a bit sketchy but this WIPT will look into:

- simplifying uniform compliance issues,
- linking the PHS uniforms to the Navy uniform code.

Uniform WIPT represents:

- 31 PHS Officers
 - Ranks from LTJG to CAPT
 - 12 Federal Agencies
 - 11 PHS Categories
 - 8 Health Service Officers*
- *Most among all categories!

Your HSO Representatives

CAPT James Portt	CDR Lou Ann Rector
LCDR Van Morfit	LCDR Don Schmidt
LT Deborah Doody	LT Michael Garner
LTJG Nathan Anderson	LTJG Joseph Shurina