

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Psychology Professional Advisory Group (PSYPAG)
Department of Health and Human Services

Minutes of Meeting
27 February 2007
Meeting Conducted Via Teleconference

Members Present:

LT Angela Williams, HHS
LT Kenneth Sekulic, BOP
LCDR Vincent Barnes, IHS
LCDR Jeff Coady, HRSA
LCDR Jerry O'Toole, BOP
LCDR Mike Tilus, IHS
CDR Chris Bersani, DHS
CDR Jack Martinez, IHS
CDR Dave McIntyre (Secretary), IHS
CDR Michael Murry, BOP
CDR Amy Park, CDC
CDR Scott Salvatore (Chair), DIHS
CAPT Steve Formanski, DHS
CAPT Bryan Jones, DHS
CAPT Francois Lalonde, NIH
CAPT Kevin McGuinness, HRSA
CAPT Neal Walker, HHS

Call to Order: CDR Salvatore called the meeting to order at 1300 EST.

Call to Accept Previous Minutes: CDR Salvatore called for revisions or additions to the previous minutes. None were submitted. Previous minutes approved.

New Business:

1. Introductions:
CDR Scott Salvatore, PSYPAG President and CDR Dave McIntyre, PSYPAG Secretary. CDR Salvatore thanked LCDR Tilus and CDR McRae for the excellent work they did as the PSYPAG 2006 Officers.

2. CDR Scott Salvatore reviewed results of the Commissioned Corps Psychologist' Survey. Thirty five surveys were sent out and there were thirteen responses. The years of experience of those who responded ranged from 10 months to 17 years of service in the Corps. The types of experience noted included direct care, administrative duties, and those who participate in both direct care and administrative roles. The topics of most concern included CME credits at COA, mentoring process of junior officers, mentoring

of those interested in pursuing ABPP Diplomat status, information sharing, psychopharmacology topics, and billets for psychologists.

3. Invited Speakers - CDR Martineau and LCDR Magnatta led a discussion of HSO/Scientist category appointment standards. They fielded question from the members and provided a very informative session.
4. CDR Salvatore announced process for 2008 elections and the 2007 Psychologist of the year nominations. Send 2008 Chair and Secretary nominations to CDR McIntyre (david.mcintyre@ihs.gov) and I (scott.salvatore@dhs.gov) by COB March 16, 2007. Send 2007 Psychologist of the Year nominations by COB March 16, 2007. You may nominate yourself. Please include a very brief bio and the activities over the past year which would distinguish one as psychologist of the year. The award will be presented at the 2007 Annual COA conference.
5. CDR Scott Salvatore discussed the HSO website and opportunity for our groups to develop a PSYPAG website which would be linked to the HSO website. Officers Formanski, Murray, and Lalonde offered to assist in the development of this site.
6. CDR Dave McIntyre asked for input as to the status of the PSYPAG sub-committees. Which of the sub-committees were active and which ones were not? Requested the group provide feedback as to how we wanted to manage the groups listed below.

Old Business:

A. Subcommittee Reports

- a. USPHS Readiness – no report
- b. Recruitment and Retention – no report
- c. Disaster Mental Health – no report
- d. Psychologist Prescriptive Authority – LCDR Tilus related the work he is doing in developing a power point presentation on the role of prescribing psychologists.
- e. Scientist Category Liaison – nothing to report
- f. HSO Category Liaison - CDR Chris Bersani discussed current topics related to the billet transformation process that is currently be evaluated. He related the PAC is working on position titles and standard duties. The PAC will put billets together with the category being responsible for identifying the education, training, and experience standards.
- g. Training and Education Coordinator – no report

h. Billet Data Base Coordinator – no report

Our next teleconference will be May 15, 2007 @ 1300 EST. RADM Berkley will discuss lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. Please contact CDR Dave McIntyre if you would like to get on the agenda for the next meeting. PSYPAG members are doing some excellent work out there and we would like to share this information with the rest of the group.

Call in number 866-705-4165; Pass code 1220522.

Respectfully submitted,

CDR Dave McIntyre, Secretary
CDR Scott Salvatore, Chair