

Nursing Professional Advisory Committee

U.S. Public Health Service

I. Introduction of Members in Attendance

N-PAC Voting Membership

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Agency	Term	Attendance
CDR	Gordon	Veronica	AT LARGE	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
CDR	Pollard	Anita	BOP	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Present
CAPT	Hogan	Lisa	BOP	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
LCDR	Armes	Shawn	BOP	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Excused
CDR	Ridenour	Marilyn	CDC	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
CDR	Krishnan	Malini	CMS	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
CDR	Hieber	Lysa	DHS	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Present
CDR	Cox	Bruce	DHS	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Absent
CDR	Sweeney	Colleen	FDA	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Absent
CDR	Li	Mei-Ying	FDA	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
LCDR	Chestnut	Wanda	HRSA	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Present
CDR	Bartgis	Bryen	IHS	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
CDR	Webb	Amy	IHS	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Excused
CIV	Koyama	Kirk	IHS	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Present
LCDR	Saligan	Leorey	NIH	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Present
LCDR	Wehrlen	Leslie	NIH	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Present
CDR	Pryor	Thomas	OS/PSC Chair Elect	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Present
CDR	Haynes-Battle	Josefine	SAMHSA	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Present
CDR	Burns	Darin	USMS	Apr 10- Sep 13	Excused
EX-OFFICIO					
RADM	Nessler	Kerry	HRSA/CNO	Nov 09– Sep 13	Present
CAPT	Trent-Adams	Sylvia	HRSA / Past Chair	Oct 10 – Sep 11	Present
CAPT	Orsega	Susan	Chair Elect	Oct 10 – Sep 11	Present
LCDR	Johnson	Anitra	Executive Secretary	Oct 10 – Sep 11	Present
CDR	Hunter-Thomas	Serina	Executive Sec-Elect	Oct 10 – Sep 11	Present
LCDR	Hardin	Joshua	Operations Liaison	Mar 08 – Sep 11	Absent
LIASIONS					
CDR	Larkin	Sue	Liaison, FedNA		N/A
LCDR	Magnotta	David	Nurse Category CAM		N/A
CAPT	Lambert	Mary	COA Nurse Rep		N/A
CAPT	Collins	Amy	Senior Nurse Mentoring		N/A
CDR	McGuire	Moira	Nurse History Co-Chair		N/A
CAPT	Elenberg	Kimberly	OFRD Rep		N/A
LCDR	Arceneaux	Janice	JOAG Rep		N/A

SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS				
Rank	Last Name	First Name	Subcommittee	Attendance
LCDR LCDR	Skelton Krishnan	Heather Malini	Awards	Present
CDR LT	Webb McBryde	Amy Beth Stacey	Communications	Present
CDR CDR	Li Ridenour	Mei-Ying Marilyn	Career Development	
LCDR LCDR	Adams-McLean Wehrlen	Allison Leslie	Events	Absent
CDR LCDR	Burns Saligan	Darin Leorey	Readiness and Response	
CDR CDR	Adams-King Sweeny	Janice Colleen	Resource Reach	Excused
CDR CDR	Haynes-Battle Bartgis	Josephine Bryen	Recruitment	

II. Acceptance of Minutes

Acceptance of February, March, April and May 2011 minutes – accepted by LCDR Wehrlen and CDR Hieber.

III. Chief Nurse Officer Report – RADM Kerry Nessler

- I am pleased to be here and able to participate in the June NPAC meeting.
- I want to offer my sincere congratulations to all the nurses who have been selected for a temporary and/or permanent promotion! Selection for this honor acknowledges your exceptional performance, outstanding leadership, and unwavering commitment to our mission to *protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our Nation*. It also points toward a significantly new level of responsibility from you to demonstrate officership, duty to your fellow officers and the people we serve
While I know that the news may be disappointing to officers who were not selected this cycle, please do not become discouraged. This process can present opportunities to illustrate your strengths and leadership value to the Corps. The officers in the Nursing Category and I are available to assist you.
- **The Obama Administration announced the release of the National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy on June 16, 2011, a comprehensive plan that will help increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life.**

National Prevention Strategy recognizes that good health comes not just from receiving quality medical care, but also from clean air and water, safe worksites and healthy foods.

The strategy was developed by the National Prevention Council, which is composed of 17 federal agencies who consulted with outside experts and stakeholders.

The National Prevention Strategy includes actions that public and private partners can take to help Americans stay healthy and fit and improve our nation's prosperity. The strategy outlines four strategic directions that, together, are fundamental to improving the nation's health. Those four strategic directions are:

- Building Healthy and Safe Community Environments.
- Expanding Quality Preventive Services in Both Clinical and Community Settings:
- Empowering People to Make Healthy Choices:
- Eliminating Health Disparities

The National Prevention Strategy was developed with guidance from the public and is supported by the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion and Integrative and Public Health. The National Prevention Council, the advisory group, and private and public partners will work together to help implement the strategy at the national, state, tribal and local levels and recognize the importance of actively engaging all sectors of society in improving the health and well-being in communities.

More information on the National Prevention Strategy and the National Prevention Council can be found at www.HealthCare.gov/center/councils/nphpphc

- As you may already know, on Thursday, 28 April 2011, I convened a Task Force to begin formulating a Federal PHS Nursing Strategic Plan. Currently there are 40 Nurses (Commissioned Corps, Civil Service, and Tribal) from various agencies participating on this Task Force. The Federal PHS Nursing Strategic Plan is being developed to guide us in our plans and activities to better the health status of Americans over the next 5 years. We plan to have the final Draft Strategic Plan (**Vision, Mission and Values**) completed and sent out to you for review and comment by early July 2011. I will also share the draft plan at our COA Nurse Category Day on June 21.
- As you know, the 2011USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium will take place in New Orleans, LA, June 20-23, 2011. This year's theme is "Public Health Leadership: The Key to a Healthier Nation." HHS has approved the official waiver request for allowing more than 50 participants from HHS to attend the conference. No more than 300 officers from HHS will be allowed to attend. Agencies have been notified of their specific allocations and funding limits.

There will be three leadership seminar opportunities during the Symposium:

- a. PHS Career Planning: Chief Professional Officers' Perspective, Monday, 20 June, 7am – 9am,
 - b. Nurse Category Day, Tuesday, 21 June, all day,
 - c. Medical Category Leadership Seminar for all Female Officers, Thursday, 23 June, afternoon
- I want to inform you of the 26th National Conference of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners that is scheduled to take place in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 22-26. For the first time ever the USPHS will be an official participant in the Uniformed Corps Chief Updates session 26th National Conference of the American Academy of Nurse

Practitioners (AANP) along with our sister services of US Army, Navy, and Air Force! This session is scheduled from 10:45 AM - 1:30 PM on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. During this session, a slide presentation will be made by each Uniformed Services Chief Nurse or his/her designee detailing its Nurse Corps' current structure (including NPs), initiatives, and outcomes that influence NP role and practice. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the conference, however, CAPT Susan Orsega and CAPT Jane Powers, will be attending on my behalf and representing the USPHS with a slide presentation of our Nurse Corps and accomplishments!

A specific branch meeting is scheduled for each service for that evening from 5:30 – 6:30 PM to discuss service-specific issues. This will be the first branch meeting ever for the USPHS and opportunity to have a dialogue with fellow PHS nurse practitioners to discuss issues, initiatives or opportunities pertinent to our service and to begin efforts to secure our consistent and visible presence at this international forum. We would like your support for and participation in this valuable opportunity!

NPAC –Thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to the Nurse Category every day!!

Sincerely,

RADM Kerry Paige Nessler
Chief Nurse Officer, USPHS

IV. Operations Liaison Report - LCDR Joshua Hardin

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NPAC is \$6,394.47

V. N-PAC Chair Report – CDR Thomas Pryor

Welcome to the June NPAC General meeting. First of all I want to extend a congratulations to those of you who were recently promoted this past month. Furthermore for those of you who may not have been selected this year I encourage you to continue to do the “good things” you have done for your agency and the Corps. As you continue to grow professionally I encourage you all to use the NPAC resources to assist you in answering questions you may have about your future success.

General Updates:

In anticipation of the upcoming COF Symposium, I want to encourage those of you who will be attending to take the time and participate at the social and the NPAC booth which will be offering a variety of nursing educational activities to include merchandise. You will hear more from CDR Chestnut, COF Category Day lead later but want to applaud her team's efforts of putting together a dynamic agenda.

As we prepare for the next quarter readiness report scheduled for July 1st, I want to reiterate my appreciation for this committee's effort to assist officers with meeting and maintain readiness. As you have heard from RADM Nessler, it is her vision and my goal that the NPAC achieve 100% readiness in the future and in the near term be identified

within the top three categories. Please be mindful in the next few weeks to go into your Direct Access accounts and make sure immunizations, licensure, and BLS (to name a few) are updated appropriately so you are caught off guard by a notification from OFRD stating you are not basic ready.

In previous calls I mentioned the Forward Thinking training that was being planned for a pre-conference session at the COF Symposium. Due to various constraints this training is being deferred until later in the year (August/September). At this time the tentative plan is to hold this training for current NPAC leadership and based on an evaluation of this training will then identify next steps to include other members in the future. I will be sharing more information regarding this potential activity in the future. In the interim RADM Kendig will be providing information on this exciting opportunity at the COF Category Day for those of you who will be attending. I will be updating you next month as to the status of this activity based on NPAC leadership feedback.

New Information:

NPAC Leadership opportunities

As of this call an announcement will be provided on the NPAC list-serve for various voting membership opportunities for the 2012 operational year. The agencies for which nomination are being accepted are: Indian Health Service, Office of the Secretary, Immigration Health, Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. If you have been a general member and have thought about increasing your responsibilities within the NPAC I would strongly encourage you to apply for one of these positions. For those of you who may have limited time or are new to the NPAC, I would encourage you to get more involved by becoming a general member within one of our working subcommittees. More information to include committee points of contact for general membership can be located on our- website. As always you are welcome to contact myself or the exec-sec for more information regarding the Voting Member announcements as the nomination are planned to close by July 12th.

As the NPAC continues to grow and improve its business process, I recognize an ongoing need to identify ways this organization can fully meet the needs of its members, especially those serving as clinicians. During this last month I had the opportunity to meet with various officers, who were attending the Officer Midlevel Course (OMC) offered by the Division of Training as a substitute for OBC in June, 2011. If you have some ideas/comments/concerns as a field officer and/or civil service and tribal hire as to how the NPAC can better meet your unique nursing needs, please contact me at your convenience. It has been one of my goals and that of my colleagues to facilitate the NPAC to grow in ways that better meet the needs of those who are serving our Corps mission in service to vulnerable and underserved populations. Feel free to contact me as to your recommendations/comments: Thomas.pryor@hhs.gov

It is my intention to limit my report this month to give additional time to the committees on your agenda and also time for LCDR David Magnotta, OCCO Liaison to provide an update as well. I wish you all a safe month and hope to see some of you in New Orleans. –CDR Thomas Pryor, NPAC Chair

VI. QUARTERLY VERBAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Awards – LCDR Heather Skelton/LCDR Malini Krishnan

The MANE and Publications awards winners were announced at NRD in May. FY 12 awards cycles for these 2 groups of awards will start again this fall.

We are looking forward to Nurse Category Day where we will announce the Nurse Responder of the Year Award, the Carruth Wagner Awards and Mabel May Wagner Award and Lucille Woodville Award.

The Special Recognition Awards will open in July (an email will be sent)—these awards are for N-PAC members and subcommittee members in recognition of outstanding N-PAC related work during FY 11. Subcommittee co chairs are tasked with nominating their subcommittee members. These awards include special assignment awards, letters of appreciation, certificates of appreciation, individual honor awards, group honor awards and chief nurse officer awards. To ensure follow up, all awards nominations should be sent first to the N-PAC Awards Subcommittee Special Recognition Team Leaders (LT Deborah Forcht at dforcht@scf.cc and CAPT Linda Scott at LMScott@niaid.nih.gov). The Special Recognition Team Leaders will send the nominations up the chain of command and track the status of them. All awards submitted through the Special Recognition Team Leaders will be required to have tracking sheets, to be completed by the nominators, which will aid the Special Recognition Team Leaders in tracking the awards.

b. Events – LCDR Leslie Wehrlen/LCDR Allison Adams-McLean

FY 2010-2011 Events Sub Committee Goals

1. To provide easy access via web links to current events occurring in our nation.
2. Organize Annual U.S. Public Health Service Nursing Recognition Day.
3. Support the COF Scientific and Training Symposium.
4. Create and maintain NPAC merchandise to foster USPHS Nursing pride.

Events Committees and Projects – Completed Projects

NPAC Website

Website updated with list of 2011 dates of nursing conferences.

Nursing Recognition Day

- Event was held at the Lister Hill Auditorium on NIH campus 6 MAY 2011.
 - Theme – *Public Health Nurses – Making a Difference in Health Outcomes.*
- Total of 190 pre-registered for the event and 148 were in attendance.
- Was a huge success and attendees seemed to really enjoy the program.

- We are reaching capacity limitations for continued use of Lister Hill.
- 5 CEUs were offered for complete attendance
- Conference Speakers:
 - Dr. Christine Pintz-Keynote Address
 - Mrs. Borghild Bevans, Mrs. Brenda Afzal, Dr. Susan Ludington-panel speakers
CDR Thrutchley was scheduled to speak as panelist but fell ill just prior
 - Dr. Gina Brown-Afternoon Address
- In process of reviewing raw data from evaluations, preliminary review shows mostly positive reviews and response to event.
- Speakers and pianist were provided a thank you letter, nurse coin and lunch.
- Agency booth tables were set up with information on the agency, job postings and were well received.
- Recruitment & Readiness SC provided an example of a deployment go back and advice for preparing for deployment.
- 17 posters were accepted this year, and 15 were present. Rented 4-4'x8' poster board for display. Posters were displayed on both sides of the auditorium.
- Light refreshments were offered during registration, poster session and break. Healthy food options were selected as in previous year.
- Pianist volunteer played during registration/morning time until event started, was well received.
- Honor Guard and Chorale Ensemble opened the event.
- VIPs—all were offered parking and there was one request for a flag officer escort.
- Will review data from evaluations to brainstorm ideas for next year's theme and ideas. Meeting to be requested with NPAC leadership during the summer to plan.
- 21st Annual Nursing Recognition Day is currently scheduled for the 1st Friday of 2012—May 4, 2012. However, National Nurses Week annually is May 6-12.
 - Natcher conference center is currently reserved for May 4, 2012.
 - No fee for cancellation of reservation if done at least 6 months in advance of date.

COA category day/social/booth

- The USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium will be held in New Orleans, LA, 20-23 JUN 2011. Theme: **2011 USPHS Scientific & Training Symposium "Public Health Leadership: The Key to a Healthier Nation.**
- **Registration is still open, hotel room block is closed but hotel may still offer per diem rate**
- Currently there are 133 Nurse Category Day pre-registrants as of 6/10/2011
- Nurse Category Day Theme – Creating a Healthy Nation – The Role of the Nurse;
- 17 Nursing CEUs are available for attending this event and is supported by the IHS CSC
- Agenda has been posted on the website and have been distributed via listserv
- Nurse social will be held at Mulate's on 21 JUN 2011 at 1845. Venue will offer a live band, menu/food will be open ordering no cover charge and up to 5 checks per table. Location is within 1 mile walking distance from conference hotel. Will need volunteers to go over early and "save" tables. Dental category will also be having their social there too. For more information about Mulate's please visit their website: www.mulates.com
- Announcements have been going out via social media and listserv
- Call for volunteers have been going out via listserv

- Uniform of the day announcement has been sent out via the listserv
- For more information or volunteer opportunities please contact the COF planning leads via email: CDR Michelle Brown-Stephenson at mestephenson@bop.gov or CDR Wanda Chestnut at wchestnut@hrsa.gov.

Esprit de Corps

- CDR Bernato and team have researched additional merchandise options for the NPAC and submitted a summary to NPAC leadership for review.
 - Options include beach ball, ribbon magnets, t-shirts
- Currently there are 100 magnets \$3.00/each; Nurse coins \$10/each and Special Forces magnets
 - Have sent magnets to contact in LA
 - Need contact for t-shirts and coins
- Request was made for NPAC leadership to vote on deferring additional expansion of Esprit de Corps this year until standardized policies to govern merchandise handling and financial accounting are established. Vote sent out to NPAC voting members 6/9/2011.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. FedNa Liason – CDR Sue Larkin/CDR Veronica Gordon

Deferred

- b. COA/COF Cat Day Report—CDR Wanda Chestnut/LT Kami Cooper

- The planning for Category Day has gone extremely well
- 133 nurses have registered
- An unprecedented number of people have RSVP's for the nurse social, including the DSG, and the CPO's from Dental, Pharmacy, and Engineering
- 6.75 CEU's will be awarded for Category Day and 17 for the entire conference
- The uniform of the day is summer whites and dress khaki's
- The video about Mrs. Bevans the World War II nurse that was shown at NRD will also be shown during the lunch hour on Category Day
- Allen Spilker Executive Director of the Carruth Wagner Foundation, will be present to provide remarks and distribute the awards to the recipients
- The presentations will be available of the N-PAC and COF websites within a few weeks of the conference.

- c. AT LARGE Representative – CDR Veronica Gordon

DOD/TMA –

CDR Michael Lackey has transitioned from TMA.

CDR Berry Williams is now the Point of Contact for all PHS Liaison Duties.

Email: berry.williams@tma.osd.mil

CDR Berry was recognized by TMA Deputy Director, RADM Christine Hunter as the PHS Officer “Best Uniform” during our April 29th Uniform Inspection.

Approximate number of nurses currently assigned to DoD – (40)

Coast Guard –

Number of Nurses Assigned (3)

Two Advanced Practice Nurses

One Registered Nurse (Inter-disciplinary Position)

No issues or events to report

The proposal to no longer use PHS NPs for clinical services remains in question. The NPs that are currently working there shall remain at this point...no decisions has been made. However, the USCG has initiated a robust PA program to originate/train their own Physician Assistants to fulfill their clinical requirements.

NOAA –

Total of (8) Nurses assigned to NOAA

4 Advanced Practice Nurses

4 Registered Nurses

Recent Event: The Pacific Marine Operations moved from Seattle, Washington to Newport, Oregon (10 June 2011)

d. COA Nurse Representative – CAPT Mary Lambert

No report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IX. ROUND ROBIN- TABLE/PHONE