

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
CAPT	Hogan	Lisa	BOP	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
CDR	Knight	Nicole	BOP	Oct 11 – Sep 14	Present
CDR	Armes	Shawn	BOP	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Excused
CDR	Ridenour	Marilyn	CDC	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
LCDR	Krishnan	Malini	CMS	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Present
LCDR	Egwim	Linda	DHS	Oct 11 – Sep 14	Present
CDR	Norberg	David	DHS	Oct 11 – Sep 14	Present
LCDR	Brooks	Mary	FDA	Oct 11 – Sep 14	Present
CDR	Li	Mei-Ying	FDA	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Absent
CDR	Chestnut	Wanda	HRSA	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Excused
CDR	Bartgis	Bryen	IHS	Oct 09 – Sep 12	Excused
CDR	Webb	Amy	IHS	Oct 08 – Sep 11	Absent
CDR	Cross	David	IHS	Oct 11 - Sep 14	Absent
LCDR	Mather	Judith	IHS	Oct 11 – Sep 14	Present
LCDR	Saligan	Leorey	NIH	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Absent
LCDR	Wehrlen	Leslie	NIH	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Present
CAPT	Orsega	Susan	NIH/NPAC Chair	Oct 11 – Sep 12	Present
LT	McBryde	Stacey	OPHS	Oct 11 - Sep 14	Present
CDR	Haynes-Battle	Josefine	SAMHSA	Oct 10 – Sep 13	Absent
CDR	Burns	Darin	USMS	Apr 10- Sep 13	Present
EX-OFFICIO					
RADM	Nessler	Kerry	HRSA/CNO	Nov 09– Sep 13	Present
CDR	Pryor	Thomas	HRSA / Past Chair	Oct 10 – Sep 11	Absent
CDR	Gordon	Veronica	Chair Elect	Oct 12 – Sep 13	Present
CDR	Hunter-Thomas	Serina	Executive Secretary	Oct 11 – Sep 12	Excused
CDR	Reyes	Madelyn	Executive Sec-Elect	Oct 12 – Sep 13	Present
LCDR	Hardin	Joshua	Operations Liaison	Mar 08 – Sep 11	Present
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	Nurse Cat. Couns. Prog.	/	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
CDR 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 Wehrle	Allison Leslie	Events	Absent
CDR LCDR	Burns Saligan	Darin Leorey	Readiness and Response	
LCDR LCDR	Bevans Brooks	Margaret Mary	Resource Reach	Present
CDR CDR	Haynes-Battle Bartgis	Josephine Bryen	Recruitment	

II. Acceptance of Minutes
Deferred

III. Chief Nurse Officer Report – RADM Kerry Nessler

- 1) I am pleased to be here today and able to attend the November NPAC meeting.
- 2) On Friday, October 28, 2011, the Federal Nursing Service Council (FNCS) met for a Strategic Off-Site Meeting. The Council is composed of the Chief Nurse Officers from the US Public Health Service, the US Air Force, US Army, US Navy, US Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Red Cross and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU). The meeting purpose was to discuss and identify common nursing issues and challenges that exist within each service as well as the nursing profession. Processes and outcomes to tackle these issues/challenges have been recognized and leads/champions from each service will be selected. More information to volunteer as a lead/champion will be disseminated in the near future.
- 3) The Open House for the Officer Basic Course (OBC) Class 47 was held on Thursday, 17 November 2011. There were 10 Nurse Officers who attended the Course. I had the wonderful opportunity to spend some time with them in addressing their questions and concerns.

- 4) This morning, I attended the Officer Basic Course Class 47 Graduation at Gaithersburg Holiday Inn and I had the honor of representing the Surgeon General as the guest speaker. In addition, I presented the graduates with the Commissioned Corps Training Ribbon. Congratulations to the 10 nurse officers who graduated from this class!
- 5) Please remember that the next Basic Readiness run is scheduled for December 31, 2011. This is the season to get your flu vaccine and send your verification of immunization to MAB. As you all may know, MAB has recently relocated. Their new mailing address can be found below:

Commissioned Corps Medical Affairs Branch, OCCSS/AOS/PSC

Mailing Address:

**8455 Colesville Road, Room 910
Silver Spring, MD 20857-0001**

Address for Fed-Ex/UPS/Courier Deliveries:

**8455 Colesville Road, Room 910
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

Main Phone: 301-427-3436 Fax: 301-427-3433

As you also know, the December 31 run is used for many operational purposes for Corps officers, including promotions.

6) Information and Use:

- The House and Senate conferees have agreed to Bill on a minibus H.R. 2112, which includes the full year appropriation for Agriculture, Commerce and Transportation Bills and have added an extension of the Continuing Resolution for everyone else through 12/16. HR 2112 passed the House today and is expected to pass in the Senate today as well. The President is expected to sign the Bill.
- Today marks the American Cancer Society's 36th annual *Great American Smokeout*, a day set aside to encourage smokers to make a plan to quit smoking for good and to remind non-smokers not to start. Currently, approximately 46 million adults smoke cigarettes, killing an estimated 443,000 people each year. In addition, in the U.S alone, approximately 4,000 kids under the age of 18 smoke their first cigarette, and nearly 1,000 youth become daily cigarette smokers.

For those of you planning to make the commitment to quit know that you are not alone. Two-thirds of smokers wish they could quit and more than half have tried within the past year. Here at the Department of Health & Human Services, we have a comprehensive tobacco free policy in place, and all Federal Employees Health Benefits plans now offer [comprehensive coverage](#) to help you quit.

I know many of you are working hard daily to end the tobacco epidemic, and for that I want to thank you. I also want to take this opportunity to remind you all how important it is to quit and even better not to begin smoking in the first place. Join me in urging friends and loved ones to never begin smoking or to commit to quit today.

We've seen too many friends, families and communities suffer tremendously from tobacco-related death, disease and disability. We have a clear path to ending the tobacco epidemic and it is a battle we can – and must - win. The prosperity and health of our country depends on it.

[Watch the President's Video.](#)

Sincerely,
Kathleen Sebelius

NPAC – to the Voting Members, the Subcommittee Chairs, the members at large, the liaisons, and ex-officio members, I thank you for your exceptional service and steadfastness to the Nurse Category, Profession of Nursing, Commissioned Corps, and the health and safety of our Nation every day!

I wish you and your family and friends a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

IV. Operations Liaison Report - LCDR Joshua Hardin

CW is \$9,910.18

NPAC is \$6,768.47

No change from last month.

V. N-PAC Chair Report – CAPT Orsega

- This week marks celebration of National Nurse Practitioner Week! November 13 - 19, 2011, this week is a great time to celebrate the wonderful work of nurse practitioners across the nation. Nurse practitioners provide more than 148,000 solutions to the healthcare shortage facing the U.S. today. NPs deliver high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered healthcare to millions of Americans. There are over 148,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) practicing in U.S. From a previous survey of nurse practitioners done earlier this year, there are 500 Advanced practice nurses who work within the HHS facilities over the country. I applaud their efforts and please join me in acknowledging these leaders in health care and work they do delivering care, prevention, and education strategies.

- Nurse Recognition Day (NRD) and COF Category day.

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- Mark your calendar for May 4th as the date confirmed by the NPAC Events subcommittee for NRD which will be held at the National Institute of Health (NIH) Campus. All are welcome to attend. More information regarding the agenda will be forthcoming via announcements on the listserv.
- The Nurse Category Day planning committee for the COF Scientific Training and Symposium are working diligently to put together an agenda for next year. More information on this event will also be made available on through the listserv in the following months.
- My continued strategy for the NPAC is one of “Renewal, Recharge and reinvigorate” . I encourage all to come to the meeting. It is an opportunity to meet everyone and network. Please spread the word about the NPAC meetings and bring a friend or nurse colleague and join us (face-to-face) or coordinate with others in your agency and reserve a room so everyone can be on one phone. I want us all to think about the N-PAC meetings as an open dialogue so feel free to contact myself , or other N-PAC voting representative members to address or raise any topics you would like to see presented at future N-PAC meetings. We will have all our meetings at the Parklawn Building. EPCO Conference room, 12th Floor, Room 12A-55 unless we are on roadshows to other agencies. The agenda and announcements will always include the meeting place and directions.
- As part of my strategy as N-PAC chair to recharge and reach out to the nurses, I have been inviting nurse leaders (commissioned corps and civilians) who can address the nurses during the N-PAC general meetings on topics relevant to the category and advancing the health of the nation. This month’s meeting kicked off the event. I view this as excellent opportunity for the nurses to learn more about PHS nurse leaders and their work.
- RADM Nessler and I over the next few months will be conducting a “a Road show” with plans to conduct NPAC meetings at various agencies in the local DC area. More information to come in the upcoming months; but there are plans to have the meeting at FDA building at at December meeting.
- In South Africa, there is a common saying “Ke lebogile” that means ‘thank you’ . In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to thank each every one of you for your contributions to the nurse category and N-PAC, and wish each of you and your families, a Happy Thanksgiving.

VI. Current N-PAC Projects:

- a. **N-PAC MANE Awards Presentation** – CDR Krishnan: “Honoring Our Own, Then and Now



Nurses – Honoring
our own Then and No

b. **N-PAC Career Development – Mentoring Opportunities** – CDR Ridenour

The Mentoring Workgroup is looking for volunteers for OBC on 12/8/2011. Please contact LCDR Shawn Armes (sarmes@bop.gov), CDR Claire Karlson (claire.karlson@fda.hhs.gov), and CDR Sherry Secrist (sherry.secrist@fda.hhs.gov) if you are interested.

The Mentoring Workgroup is looking for one Regional Mentor Coordinator for Region 4. Please contact CDR Claire Karlson and CDR Sherry Secrist if interested. The qualifications for the Regional Mentor Coordinator are the following: 1. Supervisory approval. 2. Last 3 COERs. 3. In PHS for a minimum of 3-5 years. 4. Cover letter stating why you want to be a Regional Mentor Coordinator. Responsibilities of the Regional Mentor Coordinator: coordinating mentors (5-10) in their region; monthly meetings with Mentoring Workgroup; and quarterly reports.

c. **N-PAC Website Update** – CDR Webb and LCDR McBryde

The Communications Sub-Committee is aware that the current N-PAC website is operating slower than normal lately. This is due to a systems issue – our current site's system, Joomla 1.5, is no longer supported. We have investigated both free and purchased options to correct the issue, and the team is currently deliberating both options. Regardless, an update is required as the old site is no longer supported.

We also recommend that we, the Communications Sub-Committee, develop a formal business plan to budget for website upgrades over the coming years to keep pace with new developments and demands on the site, as well as recommendations to change hosting servers.

Additionally, we asked if anyone had a high-resolution copy of the N-PAC logo.

d. **Medical Affairs Branch – Influenza Vaccine** – CDR Burns for the Readiness and Response Subcommittee

The Readiness and Response Subcommittee of the Nursing – PAC has received a number of inquiries from officers related to issues with their readiness status in Direct Access. We have been in communication with OFRD about this issue and they are fully aware of and working on the problem. We urge you to complete and send in all required documents as

enumerated in the attached “Combined Readiness Resource” which will also be located on our web page:

<http://phs-nurse.org/readiness-a-response.html>

Additional contact information can be found on the attached “NPAC Officers Notice.” An updated “MAB fax coversheet” is also provided for your convenience. Pay special attention to sending in your yearly flu vaccination as this is frequently overlooked.

The next calculation for readiness status is scheduled for December 30, 2011.

We can hit 100% Basic Readiness and start the New Year off right.

Please contact myself or LCDR Saligan if you have any questions or concerns.



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Combined Readiness
Resources and FAQs

VII. National Prevention Strategy and Nursing Presentation – Mary Beth Bigley, DrPH, MSN, ANP



NPS overview with
talking points nursing

VIII. Next Meeting – Friday, December 16, 2011