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Subject: PPAC Newsletter and Reminder for 1/28/2010 PPAC Meeting

<<PPAC Meeting Minutes 11-18-09 DRAFT.pdf>> <<PPAC_Attendance_11-18-09_DRAFT1_4_.pdf>>
Good Afternoon Colleagues,

1. PPAC Meeting on Thursday 1/28/10 at 1300 EST: Please see the attached PPAC Meeting Minutes and Attendance rosters. Please provide any revisions to Barbara Stinson at barbara.stinson@fda.hhs.gov. Thank you.

Call in number: 800-857-7567, **Participant Code:** 6043396; for those of you who can't use toll-free numbers, please use 1-210-301-1133.

2. Volunteers for OBC Graduation needed: As you are aware, as part of the Transformation initiative, the BOTC course has been replaced. Currently, all officers entering the USPHS, are required to take the Officer Basic Course (OBC) at the time of service entry, or soon thereafter. All PPACs have been requested to provide category representation at the OBC graduation. We have been fortunate that CAPT Helminiak has been able to represent our category for several of these in the past, and will continue to do so. However, as scheduling conflicts may arise, the PPAC is aiming to develop a list of medical officers who are willing to attend the OBC graduation to represent our category in the event a need arises. Please contact CDR Daisy Eng if you would like to be added to our volunteer list: DEng1@hrsa.gov. Thank you.

3. Long-Term Training Update: Please see the attached memos regarding long-term training procedures and deadlines dates for the academic year 2010-2011.

Please note that DCCS/OCCO will not accept old out of date forms for purposes of long-term training requests (form 1122-1; INTRA/EXTRA) and supporting documents. If the responsible office receives these forms, they will be returned and officers will be required to redo these forms using the updated forms. Officers are to use only the forms that are currently on the CCMIS website.

In addition, please submit all form PHS-1662s directly to Helen Darracott, via the contact information provided below, involving training (transfer into and out of training) or any form 1662s changing the status of an officer in long-term training. She will forward these forms to DCCA for processing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Helen Darracott as per below:

<<memo.trn1.wp.rtf>> <<trng1.doc.rtf>> <<1662s.1.rtf>>
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4. Ordering Information for Physician Category Coin: Please see the link below to order the category coin if you are interested. There is an option to pay by online by credit card as well.

<http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AaJPDJnFi13aZGN6OHQ1d2JfMTUzZmo0NXFkOA&hl=en>

5. Call for Nominations: The Junior Officer Advisory Group (JOAG) is requesting nominations for three awards to be presented at the annual USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium to be held in San Diego, CA, from May 24-27, 2010. The Junior Officer of the Year Award recognizes an active duty junior officer at the temporary grade of O-4 or below in the USPHS Commissioned Corps who has made a significant contribution to the overall mission of the U.S. Public Health Service. Self-nominations welcome. The JOAG Excellence Award recognizes a non-voting junior officer at

The temporary grade of O-4 or below in the USPHS Commissioned Corps, who is an active participant of JOAG, for demonstrating outstanding,

dedicated effort, leadership ability, and commitment to JOAG through active committee or workgroup participation. Self-nominations welcome.

The VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award recognizes an active duty or retired senior officer at the temporary grade of O-5 or above in

the USPHS Commissioned Corps who exemplifies outstanding leadership by example, mentorship and empowerment of junior officers, unwavering

support of the Commissioned Corps and its mission, and overall inspiration and motivation to the PHS community. Nominations only

accepted from junior officers. If you know any outstanding officers deserving the recognition of these awards, please see the attached award documents. If the documents are not attached, please contact one of the JOAG Awards Committee Co-Chairs, LCDR Merel Kozlosky at kozloskym@cc.nih.gov or LCDR Morrisa Rice at mrice@hrsa.gov, or one of the JOAG Award Leads listed below for the nomination forms, awards guidelines, and companion documents.

<<JOAG Awards Documents 2009 - 2010 FINAL.doc>>

Nominations are due to the appropriate JOAG Award Lead listed below no later than COB on February 15, 2010.

Send nominations for the Junior Officer of the Year Award to:

LCDR Ayoub Suliman

Email: ayoub.suliman@fda.hhs.gov <<mailto:ayoub.suliman@fda.hhs.gov>> ;

Phone: 301-796-0630

Send nominations for the JOAG Excellence Award to:

LCDR Tracy Branch

Email: tracy.branch@hhs.gov <<mailto:tracy.branch@hhs.gov>> ; Phone:

816-426-3295

Send nominations for the VADM Richard H. Carmona Inspiration Award to:

LCDR Melissa Burns

Email: melissa.burns@fda.hhs.gov <<mailto:melissa.burns@fda.hhs.gov>> ;

Phone: 301-796-5616

6. Communications: As we have completed our transition to our new PPAC website (see below), please notify Juliana Grant for any errors that you may note so we can promptly correct them: webmaster@usphs-ppac.net Thank you.

A. PPAC Listserve: PPAC newsletters such as this one will go out periodically, providing important information on topics relevant to all PHS medical officers (e.g. active duty, retired, and IRC). Past PPAC newsletters are archived on the web, at listserv.nih.gov. To sign up, send an email to Listserv@list.nih.gov with the following text: *subscribe Commcorps_medoffcers firstname lastname*.

B. PPAC Website: The PPAC website is a rich source of information for PHS officers. In addition to information about the Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC), it provides links to key information deemed useful for PHS officers and is often a quick and easy way to find the most relevant information about recent news, policies, promotion, uniforms, etc. Available at: <http://usphs-ppac.net/>

C. PPAC Portal: The PPAC Portal is a password-protected area of an NIH server for use by PHS medical officers. The Portal is used to share draft policy proposals for comment, job openings for medical officers, PPAC Committee minutes, discussion threads, and other material whose intended audience is limited to PHS medical officers. Copy and paste the following link for instructions on how to obtain access: [http://usphs-ppac.net/PPAC Portal Instructions 09-17-08.pdf](http://usphs-ppac.net/PPAC_Portal_Instructions_09-17-08.pdf)

7. 2010 Schedule of PPAC Calls and Forums: PPAC meetings and Open Forums will continue to occur bimonthly on a staggered basis on the dates listed below. They will begin at 1300 EST on Thursday afternoons. A call-in number and an agenda will be sent out prior to each meeting. ALL PHS MEDICAL OFFICERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CALLS AND THE FORUMS!!! The calls are formal meetings (required for voting members) intended to share and discuss issues the PPAC is working on. The Forums are intended to be opportunities to explore issues of interest to medical officers in greater depth and less formality. Please let me know if you have topics or speaker suggestions for the Forums since we'd like to make sure that we cover relevant and engaging issues.

PPAC Meetings: **Jan. 28**, Mar. 18, May 20, July 29, Sept. 23, Nov. 18

PPAC Forums: Feb. 25, Apr. 29, Jun. 24, Aug. 26, Oct. 28, Dec. 16

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