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Subject: PPAC Newsletter and Reminder for PPAC Meeting: March 18, 2010 at 1300 EST

Good Afternoon Colleagues,

Our next PPAC Meeting will be held this Thursday at 1300 EST. Please see the specific meeting information below as well as other items of potential interest. Thank you.

1. PPAC on Thursday 3/18/10 at 1300 EST:

Agenda: 1) Roll Call (PPAC Voting Members ONLY; everyone else, please email Barbara Stinson with your attendance at Barbara.stinson@fda.hhs.gov)
2) Approval of Minutes: please see attached draft meeting minutes. If you have any edits, please notify Barbara Stinson by email as per Agenda Item 1 above.
3) CPO Update
3) PAC Chair
4) Subcom. Updates
5) Open the Meeting additional items for discussion by medical officers
6) Adjourn

Call in number: 866-816-2251, **Participant Code:** 9700730; for those of you who can't use toll-free numbers, please use 1-517-477-5361.

2. Retirement Seminar in Rockville, MD : For officers in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, the registration information for the PSC-sponsored USPHS Commissioned Corps retirement seminar scheduled for 24-25 MAR 2010 in Rockville, MD is now on the CCMIS website: <http://dcp.psc.gov/> .

3. Call for Nominations Physician Awards for 2010: Please see attached Call for Nominations for PPAC Physician Awards. The deadline for nominations is April 16, 2010. This year, five awards will be presented:

- Clinical Physician of the Year
- Physician Researcher of the Year
- Applied Public Health Physician of the Year
- Junior Officer Physician of the Year
- Inactive Reserve Corps (IRC) Physician of the Year

Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for these awards. These will be presented at our annual COF meeting in May.

4. USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium (Annual COF Conference):

The annual COF conference will be held in San Diego, CA from May 24-27, 2010. The San Diego COA has developed a match program to help officers that have not been appropriately funded to afford lodging costs from the symposium. Please see message below regarding this program. Thank you.

"If you are concerned about the cost of lodging during this financially difficult time, don't worry! There are opportunities to attend and save. Not only is the cost of registration discounted for junior officers, but the Roommate Matching Program will help you to find a room at a reduced cost. The Roommate Matching Program can help you find other officers that are looking to share the cost of a hotel room or that are fully funded to attend by their OPDIV and that would be willing to allow you to stay with them for free. NOTE: If your OPDIV is paying for your hotel room, you may not charge another officer to share your room.

The 2010 Planning Committee of the San Diego COA Branch has provided an Evite where you can post your interest in a roommate. For agencies that do not allow access to Evite, please forward this message to a personal e-mail account so that you may view it from your personal computer.

San Diego Local Branch Web Site: <http://members.cox.net/coa2010/index.htm>

Roommate Sharing Link:

<http://www.evite.com/app/publicUrl/XPQBMLJZBOLUACXMQGRD/Roommatematching>

Steps:

1) Create an Evite account using an appropriate email address. Enter your email and phone number in the “write something about yourself” area so people can contact you about being a roommate. This area is found under the “Basic Info” link of the “Profile” section off the “My Account” link. (SoCal COA Branch’s phone and email are shown as an example). Click on the SoCal COA to view the phone number and email.

2) Also in the Profile section, ensure your privacy settings “Allow other Guests to View my Evite profile” so your contact information is shared with others that RSVP.

3) When you click on the Evite link below, you will be prompted for your name and an email. Use the same email for the Evite account you created.

4) When you RSVP, please post your gender and arrival/departure dates to be considered for a match. Use the following responses.

YES- Need a Roommate for Cost Sharing or No Cost.

MAYBE – I have a room on orders willing to share.

NO- Got My Roommate.

5) Once you have identified a roommate, change your RSVP to NO so people won’t see you as someone who still needs a roommate.

We hope to see you in Sunny San Diego in May!

San Diego 2010, Local Branch Planning Committee”

5. 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_medoffcrs 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

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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