

DHPAG Conference Call
March 16, 2005 9:00 PST

Present: LCDR Sicard, LCDR Roberson, LCDR Holder, LT Plake, LTJG Glassock, LTJG Myers, & LTJG Brucklier

Absent: CDR Finnon, CDR Hollister, LCDR Lucas, & LCDR Black

Web Page:

LT Plake discussed the dental hygiene web page. It is nearly complete and a mock up will soon be available to review. She is still requesting pictures. Be sure to receive written consent if possible when a patient will be in the photograph. Thanks LT Plake for all your hard work.

Recruitment:

The dental hygiene recruitment brochure was discussed. The brochure was posted on the Listserv several weeks ago for review. Concerns about the brochure included:

- * Should have HSO PAC- chair approval before being distributed.
- * Contains too much information and may be overwhelming to read.
- * Use of acronyms without their meanings given clearly.
- * Appeared heavily IHS. Need to add other agencies as available places to work.
- * Mention that some agencies may offer loan repayment, but it is not a guarantee.
- * Information on Junior & Senior CO-STEP could be replaced with referral to web address for further information.
- * Overall format could be improved.

** Funding was recently lost for this brochure.

Dental Hygiene Applications

LT Holder has been tracking several applications with specific interest in IHS. While the applications have been received by OCCO, Dr. Lozan has not been informed of their availability. If you work with applicants, be sure to stress that they should also contact the agency they are interested in working for.

Assimilation

It was agreed that the new Master's requirement for assimilation seems inconsistent with other categories' requirements. It was recommended that the PAG-chairs draft and submit letters to the PAC-chair requesting review of the policy.

Deployments:

LTJG Brucklier has been working with the Navy Dental Clinic at 29 Palms trying to arrange deployments for PHS hygienists. Unfortunately, it appears the Navy is moving towards using private dentists for the mission needs and deployments do not seem likely. However, LTJG Brucklier will continue looking for other options.

Other issues Discussed:

Mentoring:

Guidelines are currently being revised.

Associate Recruiters Program:

What direction is the program going?
- Dental program was dissolved?

Letter for OPF

A letter will be requested from the PAC-chair stating that committee members were selected to represent the DH-PAG. Letters can then be placed in our OPFs.

CO Leave System

Currently being updated.

HSO Awards

HS-PAC seeking nominations for the following awards:
Stanley J. Kissel Jr. Award
Joseph Garcia Jr. Award

* Nominations are due by April 15th

Next Conference Call Scheduled for: June 22nd 9:00 PST