

Meeting Date: 11/13/2007

Time: 15:00 Eastern **Location:** Conference Call

Meeting called by:	LCDR Rhonda Plake
Facilitator:	LCDR Rhonda Plake
Note Taker:	CDR Sandra Ferguson, LCDR Ayana Blagrove
Attendees:	CDR Finnson, CDR Ferguson, LCDR Blagrove, LCDR Plake, CDR Roberson, CDR Sicard, LT Glines, LT Shurina, LTJG Myers, LCDR Girgenti, CDR Cathy Heiden

Agenda Topics

A. Old Business:

Topic: Assimilation

Discussion:	There is still concern about what Master programs will be accepted in order to become assimilated. CDR Sicard noted that Admiral Milner is concerned about this issue as well.	
Conclusions:	LCDR Plake is collecting information on the types of Master programs that will be accepted for assimilation.	
Person Responsible:	LCDR Plake	

C. New Business

Topic: COA Conference – DH Presentation Category Day

Discussion:	The plan is to have individuals who served on the Comfort mission give a presentation.	
Conclusions:	CDR Sicard is on the Category Day planning committee. She has already inquired about who would be interested in presenting.	
Person Responsible:	CDR Sicard	Deadline:

Topic: COA – DH Break out Session/HSO Booth

Discussion:	COA will be held in Tucson the week of June 8 th , 2008. The DH break out session will take place on June 10 th from 1-4 pm. Possible topics include: Emergency Preparedness. A suggestion was made to have a speaker from Homeland Security talk about their current position and how they went about obtaining the position. Another suggestion was made to have a presenter talk about Pandemic Influenza. Hygienists may also be interested in attending the DDS break out session. The topics include Infection Control and Bisphosphonates	
Conclusions:	LT Glines and LCDR Plake will coordinate DH break out session. LCDR Plake will Mann the HSO Booth	
Person Responsible:	LCDR Plake, LT Glines	Deadline:

Topic: Mentoring/Goals/Objectives for 2008

Discussion:	<p>CDR Ferguson requested input from the group regarding goals and objectives for 2008. The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase subcommittee activity • Increase efforts to “reach out” to new recruits • Maintain our presence on the PAC <p>The discussion on the topic of “reaching out” to new recruits included the following:</p> <p>LT Shurina noted that all new recruits will begin their two week CO training, which will include one week of OFRD and one week of BOTC. The HSO discipline liaisons not only help new dental hygiene recruits, they also help other discipline recruits from the HSO Category as well. Karen explained that it’s difficult to separate and provide a list of only RDH applicants before they are called to duty. It was mentioned that LT Ball of OCCO, a new member of the PAG beginning January 1, 2008, may be able to help with obtaining a list of new DH recruits. It would be beneficial if the PAG could obtain a list of the new recruits at least quarterly.</p> <p>CDR Heiden felt that there is some confusion on the mentoring process. CDR Sicard informed the group on how the current process works. At this time, DH mentees are not necessarily paired up with a DH mentors. CDR Sicard recommended contacting Cecelia Gabriel to express our interest to change the process so that DH mentees are only paired up with DH mentors.</p>	
Conclusion:	<p>The DH-PAG will research options to develop a welcome information package to include information on assimilation, mentoring, DH-PAG list – serve and HSO website. The DH-PAG will also research the option of only having DH mentors for the new DH recruits. A letter on behalf of the PAG will be sent to Cecelia Gabriel to inquire about how to go about changing the selection of mentor for new DH recruits.</p>	
Person Responsible:	CDR Ferguson will develop letter to be sent to Cecelia Gabriel.	Deadline:

Topic: DH leaving the Corps

Discussion:	<p>There was some discussion about the lack of resources to help those who plan to exit the Corps. This was a problem that was expressed by a DH who recently left the Corp.</p>	
Conclusion:	<p>The DH-PAG will research options to put together information that will be helpful to those individuals leaving the Corps.</p>	
Person Responsible:		Deadline:

Topic: Conference Calls

Discussion:	What day and time will the conference calls be scheduled in 2008 and will CDR Sicard be able to continue setting up the conference calls.	
Conclusion:	Conference calls will continue to be held on Tuesday at 3:00 pm EST. CDR Sicard will continue setting up future calls.	
Person Responsible		

Other Business: Travel BOP

Discussion:	LT Glines wanted to obtain information about how CE travel funds are dispensed for DH serving in the BOP.	
Conclusion:	BOP CE funds for DH are provided according to each individual institution. Some institutions may not provide any funds for DH to obtain CE.	
Person Responsible		Deadline:

Meeting adjourned at 1630 EST. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February, 12, 2008 at 1500 EST.