

SOCIAL WORK PAG Minutes
August 9, 2005
1:00pm to 2:05pm

Attendees

SW PAG Leadership:	Teleconference:
CDR Thomas Costello, Chair	CDR Thomas Costello
CDR Gail Davis, Chair Elect	CAPT Pete Delany
CDR Wanda Finch, Secretary	CAPT Ilze Ruditis
	CAPT Richard Whitmire
Present:	CDR Marinna Banks-Shields
CAPT Wendell Wainwright	CDR Guy Mahoney
CDR Dan Kavanaugh	CDR Jay Seligman
CDR Gail Davis	LCDR Darlene Harris
CDR Wanda Finch	LCDR Betty Hastings
LCDR Janet Hawkins	CDR Andy Hunt
	LCDR Deloris Caldwell
	LCDR Renee Pleasanton
	LCDR Donna Rusch
	LCDR Ivy Simmons
	LT Colleen Anaqick
	LT Laura Aponte

Roll Call by officers attending the meeting.
Meeting called to order by CDR Costello at 1:05pm EST
Minutes approved with one spelling correction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2007 USSW Conference

CDR Costello announced that the Veterans Administration will sponsor the 2006 conference due to Army's responsibilities in Iraq. Our SW-PAG Chair has sent a support letter endorsing the VA sponsorship for the 2006 meeting. In 2007, the US Public Health Service is the sponsor. CDR Hawkins is on the committee for 2006 and CDR Davis recommends that the chair for 2007 shadow her and learn the process. Also CAPT Wainwright and CDR Kavanaugh and CDR Young also have experience in coordinating the meeting. CAPT Delany explained the history of the USSW conference and recommended a senior officer take the lead with support of several junior officers on the committee. Other specifics to consider is a financial contribution; determine if we have access to meeting planners and services of the VA used in previous years such as website, collecting registration fees, etc.; discuss with CAPT Schulman how he got DTT to sponsor us one year. CDR Davis recommends we email senior officers about what is involved in planning the conference and collecting funds; and develop a pre-Planning committee to explore other questions. CAPT Wainwright added that we follow up with

CAPT Schulman prior to retirement about previous sponsorship he attained and respect VA's increased role in this process over the years.

USSW Conference Subcommittee includes CDR Dan Kavanaugh (lead); CAPT Wainwright; CDR Young; LCDR Janet Hawkins.

Announcements

CDR Finch recognized officers recently promoted (Insert rank and names) –

To CAPT Kathleen Manygoats

To CDR Gail Davis, Wanda Finch, Diane Hanner, David Morrissette, and Jean Plaschke

To LCDR Jeffrey Coady, Linda Ford, Stacey Gooding, Elizabeth Hastings, John Maynard, Timothy Pappalardo, Carol Simmons, and Emily Williams.

CDR Costello recognized the recipient of the 2005 Social Worker of the Year, CDR Dan Kavanaugh. The discussion ended with review of the nominee for the Assistant Secretary of Health, Dr. John O. Agwunobi was announced and a reminder that the new HSO Coin is now for sale by CDR Finch.

ONGOING DISCUSSION

Appointment Standards

CDR Costello thanked the PAG for input on appointment standards. The PAG had consensus that we need licensure. Various viewpoints emerged from the PAG and the final draft appears to summarize them well. The final draft that was forwarded to the CPO was circulated to the PAG. Later this afternoon CDR Costello has a teleconference on the subject. He also noted, in the future we need to look at changing the dynamics of the field and relation to the Corps.

Social Work Award Development

CDR Costello opened discussion with follow up on subcommittees work to expand the award system and recommend a name of SWOTY and examine the process by which we give awards. Officers expressed concern about having one name for an award and questioned whether others should be considered. CDR Kavanaugh volunteered to provide the committee with the search he did on the award process. He and LCDR Andy Hunt volunteered to join the subcommittee. Specific steps for subcommittee follow up by the October 11, 2005 meeting include:

- 1) Discuss expansion of awards;
- 2) Develop format of criteria for each award;
- 3) Propose final list of awards that can be granted to social workers; and
- 4) Explain the criteria, process and timeframe for nominations/presentation to officers for each.

Awards Subcommittee members include CAPT Ashery (lead); CAPT Delany; CDR Dan Kavanaugh; LCDR Janet Hawkins; CDR Andy Hunt; LCDR Darlene Harris and CDR Wanda Finch.

Recent Deployments

CDR Dave Morrissette is on exercise for DMAT, Raven Wedge in Maryland.

New Topics

Readiness

CDR Costello discussed request by HSO Readiness Subcommittee to assist other in attaining basic readiness status. He encouraged officer who need help to let us know. Also CDR Morrissette will present on the results of the readiness survey at the October meeting.

Can Occupational Therapist deploy as Mental Health Providers?

In conjunction with readiness, there has been discussion on the availability of OTs to deploy as MHT. One concerns is that OFRD may be using bodies to fill a need and over look fact whether an officer can do the role. Many OT are practicing out of their scope. One question raised in the discussion is how can an OT deploy as a MHP and a clinical social worker, that is broad certified but in an administrative position cannot. The Chair of the Psychology PAG has asked us to join them in discussing this matter with the e OT-PAG leader about having mental health provider roles at three levels. CDR Costello believes it should be direct and that an advisory group to OFRD through the CPO.

Several comments were added on how the mater impacts recruitment and our need to recruit clinical social workers into the Corps and LICSWs who are capable of deploying with ARC should be able to deploy with PHS as well. In the recent MHP Training it was noted that one aspect would be to voluntarily provide debriefing/counseling to officers that deploy. Follow up with CAPT Brown resulted in request to with Psychology PAG on this issue; Delany suggested the psychiatrist also be included. CDR Costello cautioned us not to support plans that all SW debrief but additional training on CISM to debrief. Another issue of concern is whether the licensure of OT allows capacity to perform services of a MHP. Recommendations for follow up include setting a teleconference with PSY-PAG and OT-PAG; LCDR Hastings will report on EMS office in His at next meeting and CAPT Ruditis suggestion that we look at CIMS literature, update on what is recommended and maybe develop our own model.

Readiness Subcommittee includes CDR Finch (lead); CAPT Ilze Ruditis; CDR Guy Mahoney; LCDR Darlene Harris; LCDR Betty Hastings; LCDR Janet Hawkins; LT Deloris Caldwell; and CDR Thomas Costello (after Chair term ends).

The next Social Work PAG Meeting would be Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm, in the Parklawn Building, Room 3A-35. The call in number is 1-877-795-5087; passcode is 804187.

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by:
CDR Wanda Finch
Secretary, SW-PAG 2005