

SOCIAL WORK PAG Minutes
December 13, 2005
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Attendees

SW PAG Leadership:	Teleconference:
CDR Thomas Costello, Chair	CDR Thomas Costello
CDR Gail Davis, Chair Elect	CDR Laura Aponte
CDR Wanda Finch, Secretary	CAPT Richard Whitmire
	CDR Andy Hunt
Present:	LT Melanie Pedersen
CDR Gail Davis	LCDR McGee
CAPT Rebecca Ashery	CDR Jay Seligman
	LCDR Janet Hawkins
	LCDR Jeasmine Aizvera
	LCDR Jacqueline Rodrigue
	LTJG Renee Pleasantson
	LT Tracey Jackson-Weaver
	LCDR Thomas Hochberg
	LT Lampasone
	CDR Barbara Olaniyan
	LT Chris Miller

Roll Call by officers attending the meeting.

Meeting called to order by CDR Costello at 1:00pm EST

Minutes second by CDR Gail Davis and approved CDR Jay Seligman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

US PHS COA Call for Papers

US PHS COA is May 1 o 4 in Denver Colorado. The deadline for papas is December 15. CDR Costello reminds the PAG that there will be a Social Work Forum. CDR Davis provides details on the Mental Health Deployment workshop that is being coordinated with CDR Bersani. CDR Deborah Dozier-Hall is developing CEU's for 4 hours.

USSW Conference

CDR Hawkins reports the EES will support the conference again this year. There is a problem with the hotel for the number of attendees expected so the dates may e changed to June or July. CDR Hawkins will share with the committee Baltimore as impossible conference site. She will also follow up on getting information from the persons who maybe retiring about setting EES up for our sponsorship in 2007.

2006 Promotion year Information

CDR Finch reviews the latest email message from CAPT Brown regarding 2006 PY information -- notes deadlines for submitting documents to eOPF and attachments included form CAPT Brown.

2005 Assimilation Update

CDR Finch reviewed latest message from the Assimilation Coordinator about making sure your readiness is current, etc.

2006 Social Work PAG Elections

CDR Davis announced that the results of the Election. The 2006 Chair-Elect is CDR Wanda Finch and for 2006 Secretary is LCDR Jeasmine Aizevera. Over 40 officers voted leaving a one percent vote difference between the Chair-Elect candidates and four vote margin for Secretary. The candidates will assume roles January 1, 2006. CDR Finch and LCDR Aizvera thanked officers for casting there votes and look forward to serving the PAG.

ONGOING DISCUSSION

Social Work Award Development Ad Hoc Committee

CAPT Ashery provided an overview of the awards process that is proposed by the Awards Development Committee. CDR Costello provided some history on the awards process. The PAG vote for the SWOTY used to be defined by the number of people, 8 to 10; non-PAG members were welcome to participate. In 2002 to 2003, the PAG definition of membership was expanded and subcommittees were developed to do the work but we never determined the process for a voting quorum. CDR Costello will draft rules on the SWOTY and the award issues developed by the committee for vote by the SW-PAG using the minutes form the previous meeting. The vote will by email only and comments will not be accepted during the vote.

Readiness Subcommittee

CDR Finch informed the PAG that the White Paper was drafted by the subcommittee and under review for edits. The paper highlights key issues raised in previous discussions. Since CDR Finch has been elected as 2006 Chair Elect, she will remove herself form the leadership role and allow another committee member to assume leadership of the Readiness subcommittee.

USUHS Social Work Graduate School

CAPT Brown approached CDR Costello about developing a graduate school for social work at USUHS that will include an MSW, DSW degrees. A USUHS Advisory Committee has been formed and the names were forwarded to CAPT Brown. This graduate school has a unique placement with USUHS and accessible to many students in the DC Metro area. Questions surfaced about the impetus of the idea and CDR Costello noted there is a need for social work in uniformed services. Apparently a Colonel put forth the idea and seems committed for the program to be apart of USUHS. CDR Olaniyan expressed interest in joining this committee.

Appointment Standards

CDR Costello provided an update of the recommendations put forth from the PAG about the revisions of the appointment standards. Thus far the Policy Review Board has not accepted the recommendations from the PAG. Officers expressed interest in determining what we can do to help future officers and if the PAG can write a white paper on reasons the recommendations were put forth initially. One other consideration included the development of a supplemental package about policy and standards. No timeline has been provided for implementation of the new standard.

RECENT DEPLOYMENTS

CAPT Whitmire shared his recent deployment experience. He was deployed to Baton Rouge LA in the French Quarter with OFRD. He was the Medical Team Leader which the title was unusual considering the medical connotation. He noted he was perceived as very versatile and surprised others of his capability. He also believed social workers there could interface with other disciplines without difficulty. CAPT Whitmire also noted he still receives emails about people adjustment to their return home after deployment.

The next Social Work PAG Meeting will be held in February 2006 with the date to be announced by our new leadership, CDR Davis as 2006 Chair; CDR Finch 2006 Chair-Elect; and LCDR Jasmine Aizvera as Secretary.

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