

2022 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium

Category Day

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Physician Agenda

8:00 AM - **PPAC CPO Leadership Address**

8:30 AM *CAPT Joshua Shier, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Overdose Prevention, Physician Chief Professional Officer*

The goal of this session is to provide an overview of the current state of the physician category from the Physician Chief Professional Officer, CAPT Joshua G Schier. CAPT Shier was appointed the 9th Chief Professional Officer of the Medical Category of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps). As the Chief Professional Officer (CPO), he will provide updates on the medical category while also describing key accomplishments over the past year as officers supported deployments in support of COVID-19, wild fires, unaccompanied children and many other national emergencies.

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Describe key components of the current state of physicians in the Commissioned Corps.
2. Outline important accomplishments of the Category over the course of the last year.
3. Articulate future opportunities and directions for the physician category.

8:30 AM - **A Leaders Mindset: What We All Need to Know**

9:30 AM *CAPT (ret) Jason Woo; CAPT Josh Shier; CDR Erica Radden*

A leadership mindset is the mindset that embraces, vision, courage and action. It is the perfect blending of an idea or state of mind and the action and character that leads to success. The most powerful tool in the leader's toolbox is the mind. This plenary will be shared by an expert in the field of leadership with over 30 years of experience as a physician-leader and retired USPHS officer. He will provide insights on key components of the leaders mindset. Attendees, will then have the opportunity to ask a panel of senior medical officers how to take these learned skills and translate them into future career progression as a medical officer.

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Articulate at least 3 important aspects of a leaders mindset that will facilitate career progression.
2. Identify at least 3 primary leadership barriers that hinder career advancement for medical officers.
3. Explain how to utilize proven leadership tools and resources to enhance medical officer influence and improve job performance.

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9:30 AM - **RoundTable Session I: Presentations from the Field**
10:00 AM *CAPT Paul Jung; CDR Melissa Briggs Hagen; CDR Kristie Clarke; CDR Duong Nguyen; LCDR Hannah Kirking; LCDR Ruth Link-Gelles; LT Colin Smith; Sharon Saydah*

This session will feature scientific presentation featuring the important work of USPHS physicians. Experts across the field will discuss major public health issues, key challenges, cutting-edge scientific evidence, potential solutions, and recent developments in the field of public health.

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Assess the health of populations at risk for poor health outcomes and identify key solutions.
2. Formulate public health priorities designed to solve local and national health problems.
3. Explain how inequities can be addressed in the care of different populations.

10:30 AM - **RoundTable Session 2: Presentations from the Field**
11:00 AM *CDR Kristie Clarke; CDR Kevin Gaines; LCDR Laura Quilter; LCDR Alison Ridpath*

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At the end of this session participants will be able to:

4. Assess the health of populations at risk for poor health outcomes and identify key solutions.
 5. Formulate public health priorities designed to solve local and national health problems.
- Explain how inequities can be addressed in the care of different populations.

11:00 AM - **Break in Exhibit Hall**
1:00 PM

1:00 PM - **Physician Luncheon and Presentation: Agile Leadership**
2:30 PM *RADM (ret) Sarah Linde, Executive and Leadership Coach, Sarah R. Linde Coaching*

In a VUCA world, where Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity reign, we need leaders who respond rather than react, clarify rather than confuse, create rather than criticize, and collaborate rather than compete. These are Agile Leaders. With the increasing need of USPHS Medical Officers to lead diverse teams and fill critical leadership positions within the Commissioned Corps, PHS Physicians must have agility as an essential part of their leadership.

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At the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. List the characteristics, benefits, and principles of Agile Leadership
2. Describe how Agile Leadership can mitigate the challenges of VUCA environments
3. Identify tools and strategies to become an Agile Leader

2:30 PM - **Leadership in Practice - Leading Through Challenging Times**

3:15 PM *RADM TeCora Ballom; CAPT Brian Lewis*

Leading in difficult times requires courage, emotional intelligence and integrity. It requires a leader who is humble and prepared, and steady in conflict. A leader who is resolute in pursuing the principles, even in the face of opposition. In this session we will hear from a panel of physician senior leaders who will provide insights into how we all can lean forward into our leadership traits to thrive during difficult times.

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Explain why purpose, mission and values are important to guiding decision-making during difficulty
2. Explain the need for prioritizing mental and physical health in order to be present and be effective as a leader.
3. Describe how to entrust experts if and when needed.

3:15 PM - **Deployment Skills for Medical Officers**

5:15 PM *CAPT Robert Marietta, Psychiatrist, DOD; CDR Sara Jager, Physician, IHS; LCDR Elizabeth Van Dyne, Physician, USDA; LCDR Christine SooHoo, Physician, IHS; LCDR Isaac Young, Physician, IHS; LCDR Ugonna Ijeoma, Physician, CDC; LCDR Judith Eisenberg, Physician, CDC, Kathy Jackson*
Moderator: CAPT Keren Hilger

Purpose: Provide evidence-based clinical theories to USPHS Officers on current best practices, increasing knowledge base and enhancing skills in officers who may deploy. Familiarize officers who may deploy on essentials of clinical care.

Session Description: The Deployment Skills session of Physician Category Day will be held over 2 hours, offering medical officers the opportunity to rotate through 5 skill stations including:

- Special Populations - Pediatrics
- Wound care
- Force Protection
- PPE
- Mental Health assessments and management

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Physicians of varying specialties will expand their scope of medical training through learning skills specifically relevant on deployment.

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Demonstrate clinical skills utilized during active duty mobilized deployment.
2. Describe elements of workforce protection while on deployment.
3. Describe the elements of personal protection during clinical care.

5:15 PM **Closing Remarks**

5:30 PM