

2022 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium  
Category Day  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022

**Scientist Agenda**

8:00 AM - **Scientist Category Opening**

8:10 AM *CAPT Sukhminder K. Sandhu and CDR Deborah Dee*

8:10 AM - **Abstracts**

9:00 AM *LCDR Patrick Sears, LT Brian Reiner, LCDR Victoria Jeisy-Scott, LT Stephanie Pitts, LCDR Patrick Sears on behalf of LCDR Kate Morris*

Data for Action (Moderators: CDR Lana Rossiter, LT Xia Michelle Lin)

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

1. Understand how to use scientific evidence to maintain and change behavior.
2. Understand how scientist officers contributed to supporting PHS deployment data management and results from 2020 State of the Scientist Survey.
3. Understand how to new data sources for public health surveillance and action.

9:00 AM - **Keynote**

9:45 AM *Allen Clark, Jessica Rigler*

From Tracing to Tactics; Arizona's Response to COVID (Moderator: CDR Zewditu Demissie)

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

1. Discuss how COVID entered and was managed in Arizona
2. Describe the importance of relationships at all levels of government
3. Identify lessons learned from various programs implemented in Arizona

9:45 AM - **Abstracts**

10:35 AM *LCDR Danielle Barradas, CDR Zewditu Demissie, LCDR Alesha Harris, CAPT Robin Toblin, LCDR Debra Chen*

Mobility/Travel (Moderators: CDRs Tracy Powell, Michelle Tsai)

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

1. Increase awareness of benefits available for PHS officers.
2. Understand ways to increase readiness and resilience for PHS virtual, in-place, or field deployments.
3. Learn different ways scientist officers can demonstrate mobility.

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10:35 AM - **Mental Health considerations for PHS officers**

11:00 AM *CDR Deborah Dee*

Mental Health (Moderator: LT Robert Gahl)

With our deployment tempo for the past two years, it has become more important than ever for us to continue to discuss the mental health considerations for our officers.

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

1. Identify a need for the discussion of mental health considerations for officers
2. Identify mental health resources for officers
3. Provide information to peers who require services

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

1:00 PM

1:00 PM - **Scientist Luncheon**

2:30 PM

2:30 PM - **Abstracts**

3:00 PM *LT Tanesha Tutt, LCDR Jonetta Mpofu, LCDR Pilgrim Spikes, LT Marisa Hast*

COVID-19 (Moderators: LCDR Shayne Gallaway, LT Adelaida Rosario)

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

1. Identify where to find more information about from CDC COVID-19 vaccine mis/disinformation and ways to address it.
2. Learn about a novel investigation and lessons learned from a SARS-CoV-2 transmission study in a school.
3. Understand strategies used during the COVID-19 pandemic to meet public health needs through rapid implementation of a youth risk behavior survey and of services to continue HIV prevention care.

3:00 PM - **Panel**

3:45 PM *CAPT Robin Toblin, CDR Jason Wilken, LCDR Gwendolyn Hudson, LCDR Iman Martin*

Unique leadership and service opportunities (Moderator: CDR Qiao Bobo)

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

1. Describe the wide range of unique opportunities afforded to scientists through the USPHS.

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2. Share 4 examples that will inform and inspire officers to look beyond their discipline for opportunities to enhance leadership skills, professional network, and enjoyment of the PHS Scientist experience.
3. Identify POCs and where to go for more information regarding these opportunities

3:45 PM - **Connections**

4:45 PM

This session will be a combined mentoring and networking activity.

(Moderators: CAPT Loren Rodgers; Breakout Group Leaders: LCDRs Debra Chen, Shayne Gallaway, NaTasha Hollis, Folasade Kembi)

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

1. Have increased their exposure to mentoring activities through SciPAC.
2. Have increased their networking with fellow scientist officers.
3. Have improved their esprit de corps.

4:45 PM - **Awards and State of the Category**

5:25 PM *CAPT Sukhminder K. Sandhu*

2022 Scientist Category awards presentation and Chief Professional Officer's State of the Category Address. (Moderator: CDR Deborah Dee)

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

1. Identify the 2022 Scientist Category award winners.
2. Understand the state of the Scientist Category (as determined by the Chief Professional Officer).
3. Have improved esprit de corps.

5:25 PM - **Closing Remarks**

5:30 PM *CAPT Sukhminder K. Sandhu, CDR Deborah Dee*