

Aurora Borealis Branch

Commissioned Officers Association

United States Public Health Service

Agenda

Date: January 29th, 2019

Place: **ANMC Conference Room 2**

Time: 1200-1300

**Conference Line: 1 (877) 446-3914 / Passcode: 976832**

**Video Conference Link:** <https://anthcwcsonly.conferencinghub.com/AdamHarris>

I.       Call to Order CAPT Michael Box

A. Welcome to all meeting attendees

II. Approval of Minutes (December) CAPT Michael Box

III.     Treasurer’s Report CDR Mark Strauss



IV.     Reports of Standing Committees

A. Officer Development Forum CDR Jodi Sides

LCDR Pamela Finch

* Toastmasters Overview and Leadership Development Opportunities
  + Speakers:
  + Naomi Sweetman, Distinguished Toastmaster
  + Anne Harper, Top of the World Toastmaster President
  + Raul Rovira, Distinguished Toastmaster
  + Amy McFarlane, Advanced Communicator (Silver), Advanced Leader (Bronze)
* <https://www.toastmasters.org/>
* <https://www.toastmasters.org/magazine>



B. Publications CDR Anne Marie Bott

Published:

* Special Olympics article from September and November volunteer events by CDR Bott and CDR Eldridge published in COA *Frontline* December 2019 issue.
* Please let CDR Anne Marie Bott ([ambott@anthc.org](mailto:ambott@anthc.org)) know of any topics you would like to have written for the *Frontline* or if you would like support writing an article for publication.

C. Uniform Committee LCDR Jeffrey Benzmiller

CDR Juanita Luna-Greene

LT Paula Ayojiak

LT Kimberly Warren

D. Membership LCDR Jessica Thompson

LT Avery Pangalangan

E. Website CDR Daniel Mendez

LCDR Vallan Bush  
LCDR Amanda Frison

* Website is up to date

F. Readiness Advocacy Team (RATS) LCDR Kristin Allmaras

G. Promotion/ Retirement Ceremony CDR Bradford Blackstone

CDR Velia Turknett

H. Community Outreach LCDR Theresa Castellanos

* Brother Francis shelter is in need of used winter boots. Contact CDR Jon Smith to donate: [jfsmith@scf.cc](mailto:jfsmith@scf.cc)
* HOSA Future Health Professionals annual conference- March 19-20, 2020 at the Hilton Hotel downtown.
  + Various dates and times are available to volunteer. Click on the google doc link to sign-up: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NyVDMs_XqTHHaxBW6IwsvztFfcBszbFk/view?usp=sharing>
  + Contact LCDR Theresa Castellanos after you sign up so that she can follow up with LOA: [tcastellanos@scf.cc](mailto:tcastellanos@scf.cc)
  + Events:
  + \_\_\_ Biomedical Lab Science
  + \_\_\_ Nursing Assisting
  + \_\_\_Physical Therapy
  + \_\_\_ Pharmacy
  + \_\_\_ Sports Medicine
  + \_\_\_ Veterinary Science
  + \_\_\_CPR & 1st AID
  + \_\_\_ EMT
  + \_\_\_ Epidemiology
  + \_\_\_ Public Health
  + \_\_\_Health Education
  + \_\_\_Healthy Lifestyle
  + \_\_\_ Extemporaneous Health Poster
  + \_\_\_ Extemporaneous Writing
  + \_\_\_ Health Career Display
  + \_\_\_ Health Career Photography
  + \_\_\_ Job Seeking Skills
  + \_\_\_ Medical Innovation-Original or
  + \_\_\_Medical Innovation-Existing
  + \_\_\_Medical Spelling
  + \_\_\_ Health Education
  + \_\_\_ Prepared Speaking
  + \_\_\_ Creative Problem Solving
  + \_\_\_ Forensic Medicine
  + \_\_\_ HOSA Bowl (4 top teams have final competition on Thursday evening - spectator event)
* PACE- Upcoming Events:
  + Please contact LT Julie Witmer [jmwitmer@anthc.org](mailto:jmwitmer@anthc.org) to volunteer.
  + If officers volunteer for a total of 5 hours, they will receive a letter of recognition from PACE.
  + **Event: Mucus Membrane Lesson**
  + **Date: March 2, 2020**
  + Place: Aurora Elementary School, 5085 10th St., JBER, AK 99506
  + Time: 0900-1200
  + Volunteers will present PACE Mucus Membrane lesson to two 4th grade health classes

* + **Event: STEM night Mucus Membrane Lesson**
  + **Date: March 19, 2020**
  + Place: Bowman Elementary School, 11700 Gregory Road, Anchorage, AK
  + Time: 1730-2030
  + Volunteers will present PACE Mucus Membrane Lesson at elementary school STEM night
  + Contacts: LT Julie Witmer, e-mail: jmwitmer@anthc.org or LCDR Chris Fish, e-mail: cfish@anthc.org
  + **Consider volunteering for both the Mucus Membrane and Hand Washing events on 4/21/20 from 0830-1200**
  + **Event: Mucus Membrane lesson**
  + **Date: April 21, 2020**
  + Place: College Gate Elementary School, 3101 Sunflower St., Anchorage
  + Time: 0830-1030
  + Volunteers will present PACE Mucus Membrane lesson to 4th grade health class
  + **Event: Hand washing lesson**
  + **Date: April 21, 2020**
  + Place: College Gate Elementary School, 3101 Sunflower St., Anchorage
  + Time: 1030-1200
  + Volunteers will present PACE hand washing lesson to 1st grade health class
  + **Event: Mucus Membrane lesson**
  + **Date: April 23, 2020**
  + Place: College Gate Elementary School, 3101 Sunflower St., Anchorage
  + Time: 0830-1030
  + Volunteers will present PACE mucus membrane lesson to 4th grade health class

I. PHS Athletics CDR Brittany Keener

CDR Anne Marie Bott

CDR Aimee Young

* Past Events:

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| **Date** | **Where** | **Event Description** | **Event Leaders** | **Event Leader Email** | **Website** | **Participants** |
| 1/11/20 | Anchorage, AK | Frosty Bottom Bike Race | CDR Aimee Young | [alyoung@anthc.org](mailto:alyoung@anthc.org) | [https://www.chainreactionalaska.com/frosty-bottom](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.chainreactionalaska.com/frosty-bottom__;!fRiAAtYvbBs!g9MheVO5Rr_6DQRcHttUeJLuNtQftZ6tcqkXVN6yE3q1w-i5KPyXWD_-mMz5Eg$) |  |

* Upcoming events:

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| **Date** | **Where** | **Event Description** | **Event Leaders** | **Event Leader Email** | **Website** |  |
| 4/11/20 | Anchorage, AK | Superhero Showdown 5K | CDR Anne Marie Bott  CAPT Judy Thompson | [ambott@anthc.org](mailto:ambott@anthc.org)  [JBThompson@anthc.org](mailto:JBThompson@anthc.org) | <https://skinnyraven.com/event/superhero-showdown/>  \*\*Early bird registration through February 26th.\*\*  **A team has been created called “Public Health Service Alaska Athletics Team” to join when registering.** |  |

V. Old Business CAPT Michael Box

* Reminder: February Social Event will be held at JBER Ski Lodge at Hillberg on Sunday, February 16th @ 1200 – 1500. Lodge is on upper level; storage available. Tubing and skiing activities available. Potluck is planned; details to be sent out later. Please see email sent out by CAPT Box
* Senior and Junior Officer of the Branch Awards will be officially presented at the February Aurora Borealis Branch COA meeting.
  + 2019 Aurora Borealis Junior Officer of the Branch – LCDR Rovigel “Jill” Gelviro
  + 2019 Aurora Borealis Senior Officer of the Branch – CDR Jodi Sides
* CAPT Hubbard submitted our branch application for the COA Large Branch of the Year Award by the December deadline.

VI. New Business CAPT Michael Box

National COA local branch meeting highlights:

1. Continued efforts are being made to engage with the Surgeon General’s office regarding many issues including:

• Marching in parades/patriotic event participation

• COA proposed MOA

• COF has MOA with COA signed July of 2019 but still under lawyer consideration

2. Branch Maps (CDR Patel-Larson)

• CDR Alpa Patel-Larson is working on a branch map, with zip code look-up

• 2 parts:

- Power point slide/overview of active branches, highlights where your area is located and what

overlaps

- Interactive COA map on website