



SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

President Dennis Thompson opened the **July 24, 2009** meeting of the Governing Council (GC) of the South Carolina Public Health Association. The meeting was held at 9:30 a.m, at Seawell's Banquet and Reception Center, Columbia, SC. An asterisk (*) indicates those present [*or represented by proxy*]. Members who have voice and vote are elected officers, section chairs, and Association representatives.

SCPHA Elected Officers (10)

Dennis Thompson*	President
Lillie Hall*	President-Elect
Katy Wynne*	Immediate Past President
Brenda Martin	Vice President
Tammy Thomasson*	Secretary
Yolanda Kennedy	Treasurer
Keisha Adams*	Member-at-Large (<i>Year 2 of 2</i>)
Deborah Early*	Member-at-Large (<i>Year 2 of 2</i>)
Leah Dorman*	Member-at Large (<i>Year 1 of 2</i>)
Mary-Kathryn Craft*	Member-at Large (<i>Year 1 of 2</i>)

Section Chairpersons (10)

Leslie Hipp	Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs
	Disease Control
Eric Rogers	Environmental Health
Colleen Donovan*	Health Administration
Megan Weis*	Health Education
	Health & Human Services
Lynnore Liggins*	Management Support
Mitzi Grappone*	Nutrition
Leanne Bailey *	Public Health Nursing
Robert Carlton*	Social Work

Association Representatives (2)

Priscilla White – APHA*
Richard Funderburk – SHA & Parliamentarian

Queen Communications, LLC (Assoc. Management)

Michael Stalnaker*

Standing and Convention Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs Present:

Carolane Bagnal, Co-Chair, Marshals & Pages; Vivian Baxter, Co-Chair, Legislative; Ellen Bouknight, Co-Chair, Marshals & Pages; Michael Chappell, Chair, Legislative; Susan Clark, Co-Chair, Program; Jan Cooke, Co-Chair, Convention Coordinators; Mary Fechtel, Chair, Sponsorships; Lorraine Glover, Chair, Registration; Paulette Hannon, Co-Chair, Early Bird; Gloria McCurry, Chair, Awards & Public Information; Carlon Mitchell, Co-Chair, Program; Jackie Moore, Chair, Marshals & Pages; Otis Outing, Co-Chair, Convention Coordinators; Joann Palmer, Co-Chair, Convention Coordinators

Other Attendees/Visitors/Guests:

Beverly Brandt, Health Administration; Thomas Harris, Vice Chair, Management Support; Jim Woods, Secretary, Environmental Health

Dennis Thompson, President called the July meeting to order and recognized Jan Cooke, Co-Chair Convention Coordinator, to establish a quorum.

Minutes: A motion to accept the June minutes with two name changes was made by Katy Wynne and seconded by Megan Weis. Motion passed.

GOVERNING COUNCIL OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Michael Stalnaker reported the following:

Income and Expense Report

For the report period January 1 – July 23, 2009 – Income of \$81,757.65 and Expenses of \$53,338.21 for an ending balance of \$28,419.44. This includes Kellogg Grant funds.

Balance Sheet

Total Assets - \$166,971.98

Current Liabilities - \$108,864.66

Equity - \$58,107.32

Annual Meeting

Report of Income and Expenses through July 23, 2009:

Income - \$59,445.50

Expenses - \$22,913.99

Net Income - \$38,531.51

Association Management Company Update/Executive Director's Report: Michael Stalnaker reported the following:

Membership:

- SCPHA's current membership count is 350.
- 47 renewal invoices to be sent out to individuals coming due within the next 90 days
- 27 renewals were confirmed with membership cards since June 25, 2009.
- 1 new member since June 25, 2009
- A list of individuals whose membership has expired for more than 120 days has been provided to the President and section chairs for follow up contact. There were 39 names on this list.
- A listing of sectional membership with totals for each section will be generated and sent to the membership committee chair.
- A current membership listing will be sent as an MS Excel file to each section chair.

Financial:

- Recorded deposits and responded to check requests from external accounts and internal customers
- Generated monthly financial reports
- Other on-site annual meeting deposit and other bookkeeping activities have been completed, including the payment of all bills. A final Annual Meeting Financial Report has been provided to leadership.
- Signed contract for Leadership Retreat facility rental and catering agreement. Sent \$1,000 deposit in July.

General Support:

- Entered and updated 2009-2010 leadership information in database.
- QC staff entered and updated membership changes, renewals, etc. Generated and mailed invoices for dues, renewal acknowledgement letters and new member packets.
- Responded to questions and requests from general membership by e-mail and phone.

President's Report: President Dennis Thompson reported on the following items of business:

- Dennis thanked again everyone who has agreed to serve as a committee chair and/or serve the Association as an elected officer. He reported that he has had successful meetings with the senior management of DHEC, and that meetings with DHHS and the School of Public Health will be held in the near future. Dr Waddell is facilitating the meeting with DHHS, and Megan Weis will be assisting with the School of Public Health.
- President Thompson discussed the need for all members of the Association to work on membership this year. Membership has been falling in recent months, and needs for all of us to work on it.
- He reported that he had attended the two Legislator of the Year receptions for Senator Anderson and Representative Cobb-Hunter.
- For this year's agenda, he is moving Old Business and New Business "up" on the agenda, immediately following the Kellogg Grant.

- The last item was the discussion of the Contract for Southern Health. In discussions with the representative from SHA, the contract for the contribution to that organization was changed to a one-year agreement. The Gov Council requested this change in June. A motion was made by Leah Dorman, seconded by Katy Wynne to sign the contract. A request for discussion came from some of the new Gov Council members, and the details of the transaction were explained. This contribution is to be funded from the Kellogg Grant. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

President Elect's Report: Lillie Hall reported:

I am excited about this upcoming year. I would like to thank everyone who has already stepped up to let me know that they are interested in helping where they can. My focus this year is to explore APHA's agenda to see what lines we need to follow. I will be in touch very soon to inquire with some to get the ball rolling with the Futures Committee. Major projects will be working the Membership Committee to increase corporate / private memberships and working to build the student section that most members have wanted to see. This will feed into increased numbers for scholarships as well as membership. More to come!

Vice President's Report: No Report

Members-at-Large: Deborah Early, Keisha Adams, Leah Dorman, Mary-Kathryn Craft reported:

The Members-at-Large for 2009/2010 are Keisha Adams, Mary-Kathryn Craft, Debee Early, and Leah Dorman. We have "met" via e-mail and committee representatives are as follows:

Public Health Month - Debee and Leah

Scholarship - Keisha and Mary-Kathryn

Annual Meeting Program - Mary-Kathryn and Leah

Futures Committee (as ex-officio members) – Keisha and _____

Submit at least one award nomination for the Haynes Award and the Outstanding Service Award - Debee and Mary-Kathryn

We are looking forward to working together over the next year, as well as on our respective committees. If there are any needs or issues to be addressed, please let us know.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

American Public Health Association Representative: Priscilla White reported

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News from September 2009 American Journal of Public Health

AJPH News Release

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The articles below will be published online July 16, 2009, at 4 p.m. (ET) by the *American Journal of Public Health* under "First Look" at http://www.ajph.org/first_look.shtml, and they are currently scheduled to appear in the September 2009 print issue of the Journal. "First Look" articles have undergone peer review, copyediting and approval by authors but have not yet been printed to paper or posted online by issue. The *American Journal of Public Health* is published by the American Public Health Association, www.apha.org, and is available at www.ajph.org. To stay up to date on the latest in public health research, sign up for new Journal content e-mail alerts at <http://www.ajph.org/subscriptions/etoc.shtml?ck=nck>.

American Journal of Public Health Highlights:

- **Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan at high risk for mental health disorders**
- **Long-term health effects linked with relationship violence in women's adulthood**
- **Higher number of road fatalities and injuries occur after repeal of federal limit controls**

Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan at high risk for mental health disorders

Mental health diagnoses increased substantially after the start of the Iraq War among specific subgroups of returned veterans entering Veterans' Administration (VA) health care, reports a new study.

Researchers determined the prevalence and correlates of mental health diagnoses among 289,328 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans entering VA health care from 2002 to 2008 using national VA data. Of those, 106,726 veterans received mental health diagnoses, including 62,929 who were diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder and 50,432 who were diagnosed with depression. Women were at higher risk for depression than were men; yet men had over twice the risk for drug use disorders.

The researchers suggest, "Targeted screening and early intervention with evidence-based treatments tailored to the problems of particular subgroups of veterans may be the best defense against chronic mental health and social and occupational problems." [From: "Trends and Risk Factors for Mental Health Diagnoses Among Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Using Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care, 2002-

2008." Contact: Karen Seal, MD, MPH, San Francisco VA Medical Center, Karen.Seal@va.gov].

Long-term health effects linked with relationship violence in women's adulthood

Experiences with relationship violence beyond the formative and developmental years of childhood and adolescence can have far-reaching effects on the health status of disadvantaged urban women, a new study shows.

The researchers use data from the Welfare, Children, and Families project (1999 and 2001), a probability sample of 2402 low-income women with children living in disadvantaged neighborhoods in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio, to examine the long-term health consequences of relationship violence in adulthood. The results of the study demonstrate that psychological aggression predicted increases in psychological distress, whereas minor physical assault and sexual coercion predicted increases in the frequency of intoxication.

The study's authors conclude, "Future research must consider the mechanisms through which relationship violence in adulthood might lead to changes in health status. If we are going to develop effective strategies for recognizing and treating women who have experienced relationship violence, we need to know as much as possible about how these experiences undermine health." [From: "The Long-Term Health Consequences of Relationship Violence in Adulthood: An Examination of Low-Income Women from Boston, Chicago, and San Antonio." Contact: Terrence D. Hill, University of Miami, tdh@miami.edu].

Higher number of road fatalities and injuries occur after repeal of federal limit controls

A new study points to evidence that the 1995 repeal of federal limit controls resulted in an increase of road fatalities and injuries.

Researchers examined the long-term effects of the 1995 repeal of federal speed limit controls on road fatalities and injuries in fatal crashes. They did so by assessing the changes in number of fatalities and injuries in fatal crashes between 1995 and 2005 on rural interstates, where all U.S. states have raised speed limits since the repeal, and on urban interstates and non-interstate roads. They found a 3.2 percent increase in road fatalities attributable to the raised speed limits on all road types in the United States. Rural interstates had the highest increases at 9.1%, whereas the increase on urban interstates was 4.0%. Furthermore, researchers estimated that 12,545 deaths and 36,583 injuries in fatal crashes were attributable to these increase in speed limits across the United States.

The study's researchers stated, "We suggest that the lower overall change in fatalities and injuries on the higher-speed roads mean not that higher travel speeds are safer but that the relative increase in travel speeds was less extreme on these roads." [From: "Long-Term Effects of Repealing the National Maximum Speed Limit in the United States." Contact: Lee Friedman, Social Policy Research Institute, Skokie, Ill., lfriedman@tspri.org].

Respectfully Submitted

Priscilla White, APHA ARGC

Southern Health Association Representative: Jan Cooke reported:

- Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Florida Public Health Association on August 4 – 7 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- Michelle Myer will receive the nursing award and Gilda Cobb-Hunter will receive the Legislator of the Year award.
- Jan Cooke will take over as incoming SHA president.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Convention Coordinators have been assigned the task of looking for sites / locations for the new contract for the Annual Meeting. Springmaid contract will be up this year.
- A slate of people to be on the Nominating Committee will be presented at the August Governing Council.

Kellogg (ACBI) Grant: Katy Wynne reported on the following grant activities:

- **Yearly Grantee Reports for APHA** – President Dennis Thompson and Grant Manager Katy Wynne completed the Affiliate Capacity Status Form and Survey: Parts I and II, as well as the Grantee Self Evaluation Form that are due to APHA each July as a grant requirement.
- **Website** – Our Web designer, Brandi Dixon, has finished the entire site except for uploading a few PDFs of SCPHA documents. Katy and Brandi will meet on July 28 to make final additions. Governing Council members will be sent a link to review the site prior to the August board meeting, at which time the site and a suggested launch date will be presented for approval.
- **Membership Development (*Relates to Grant Objective 2:9, add new membership benefit, and Strategic Plan Strategy 2, increase membership engagement and expansion*)** – Action steps discussed for which grant funding can be used:
 - Link with Futures Committee (Lillie Hall), Membership Committee (Debee Early and Garrett Gardner), Student Section/Forum (Megan Weis) and New Member Orientation (Yolanda Kennedy) on launching a Student Section or Forum, corporate membership development, new member benefits development and membership campaign.
 - Utilize new Web site to market Association and launch membership campaign to raise awareness of membership benefits and focus on member recruitment and engagement.
 - Launch LISTSERV® e-mail list service for SCPHA members, which would also be a member benefit.
 - Consider having a paid membership coordinator for membership development activities under the grant.
- **SCPHA Exhibit** –
 - Damaged case needs replacing – will use grant funds for this purpose.
 - Exhibit will continue to be stored at the DHEC WIC offices located in the Mills/Jarrett Building on Calhoun Street.
- **SCPHA Banner Replacement** – Priscilla White has volunteered to get some quotes on cost to replace or just have reprinted the SCPHA banner. Kellogg grant funds will be used for this purpose.

SECTION REPORTS

Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs: No Report.

Disease Control: No Report.

Environmental Health: No Report.

Health Administration: No Report.

Health Education: Megan Weis reported:

Section meetings will take place the following dates and locations, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Members may join the meeting through a conference call option. The dial-in number is: 1-800-704-9804. The passcode is 964679.

August 12, 2009 – 1800 St. Julian Place, 4th floor conference room

October 14, 2009 – To be determined
 December 9, 2009 – St. Julian Place, 4th floor conference room
 February 10, 2010 – St. Julian Place, 4th floor conference room
 April 14, 2010 - St. Julian Place, 4th floor conference room

The June meeting will take place at the SCPHA Annual Meeting.

Section elections will begin Monday, July 27, 2009. Section members will be emailed a link to an online survey and will have a week to vote. We have a very strong slate of candidates. The section Chair and Chair-elect are already in place. Megan Weis and Keisha Adams serve in those positions, respectively.

Members Lavell Thornton and Sarah Gareau have agreed to represent the section on the Legislative Committee. Following the election of officers, representatives to other committees will be chosen.

Health & Human Services: No report.

Management Support: Lynnore Liggins reported:

The Management Support Section will hold our first meeting of the 2009-2010 year on **Friday, August 28th** from **2:00pm-4:00pm in Conference Room N200** of the **Mills-Jarrett Building**. Section manuals will be updated and reviewed, goals and objectives discussed, committee assignments made, and decisions regarding annual projects. President Dennis Thompson has been invited to discuss his vision and goals for the Association.

The Section will begin their first project – collecting school supplies. If other members want to contribute, please send your contribution(s) to Leah Dorman, Lynnore Liggins, or bring to Governing Council on September 25th. In the past we collected enough supplies to send to two elementary schools, which is our goal again this year.

The 2009-2010 Management Support Section Officers are:

Chair:	Lynnore Liggins
Chair-elect:	Theresa Rienzie
Vice Chair:	Thomas Harris
Secretary:	Tammy Thomasson
Members-at-Large:	Phillipine Outing Mary Hill-Glover

What are the procedures for archiving historical section information? Waiting for retention schedule from Past Presidents Advisory Committee.

Generic section manual will be made available for distribution to other sections or placement on the website.

Nutrition: Mitzi Grappone reported:

We have elected all the officers for the section and are still working on assigning members to serve on standing committees. Requests conference calls when possible for committee meetings because of travel restrictions.

2009 – 2010 SCPHA Section Council Officers and Standing Committee Assignments

Officers	Member	Term
Chair	Mitzi Grappone	1 year
Chair-Elect	Sadhana Tolani	1 year
Vice Chair	Karla Beckwith	1 year
Secretary	Beverly Brockington	1 year
Member-at-Large	Wanda Tutt	1 year
Member-at-Large	Kim Kreidler	1 year
Standing Committees	Member	Alternate
Continuing Education	Mitzi Grappone	
Legislative		
Membership	Sadhana Tolani	

Program: Annual Meeting	Kelli Murray	
Winter Conference		
Public Health Month	Betty Washington	
Public Information	Mitzi Grappone	

Public Health Nursing: Leanne Bailey reported:

The public health nursing section will hold an August meeting to plan for the upcoming year. Representatives from the nursing section will be identified to participate on the SCPHA standing committees. The nursing section is very proud of Michelle Myer, RN who has been selected as the recipient of the Southern Health Association Nursing Award for 2009. Michelle will receive this award on August 6th during the 2009 Florida Public Health/Southern Health Association Joint Annual Educational Meeting in West Palm Beach, FL. Congratulations Michelle! I am looking forward working with the nursing section leadership team and members during the upcoming year.

Social Work: No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: No Report.

Constitution and Bylaws: Katy Wynne reported:

As Chair of this Committee, Katy will be appointing two members to serve, and President Dennis Thompson has appointed Jim Woods, Otis Outing, Heather Jones and Jan Cooke to serve as members. The work of this year's committee will be to draft written language for key policies and procedures that are significant to SCPHA governance, but are not included in the existing Procedures Manual. These policies will be presented before the Governing Council for approval to be incorporated into the renamed SCPHA Policies and Procedures Manual.

Continuing Education: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Fiscal Review: No Report.

Futures: No Report.

Legislative: Michael Chappell reported:

- Special thank you to Vivian Baxter for support as co-chair and to the members of the Legislative Committee.
- July 15 – Ralph Anderson LOY Luncheon in Greenville. Thanks to Lillie Hall for all her help with this event. Senator Anderson has invited President Dennis Thompson and other members of the Governing Council to meet with him regarding public health issues once the legislators are back in session. A thank you note from Senator Anderson was read to Governing Council.
- July 21 – Gilda Cobb-Hunter LOY Luncheon in Santee. Thanks to Yolanda Sumpter, Tammy Thomasson and Barbara Grice for all the help with this event.
- Both events were well attended by the community. The local newspapers and television stations provided coverage of both events.

Membership: No Report.

Nominations: No Report.

Past Presidents' Advisory: Katy Wynne reported:

Katy has received an updated file from Michael Stalnaker with contact information for SCPHA Past Presidents in order to plan for the work of this committee. Three primary duties of this committee are to assist with monitoring the Strategic Plan, act as historians for the Association, and develop a Retention Schedule for maintenance and archiving of Association documents.

Program: Susan Clark reported:

First meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:30 in the Heritage Building, 1st floor conference room in Columbia. Please send me the name, e-mail addresses, and phone number of your section representative. Leah and Mary-Kathryn also need to send me your contact information My e-mail address is sclark4381@bellsouth.net.

Public Health Month: No Report.

Public Information: Gloria McCurry reported:
Newsletter should be out by end of July.

Resolutions: No Report.

Scholarships: No Report.

Sponsorships: No Report.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Coordinators: Jan Cooke reported

Contributed Papers: No Report.

Early Bird/President's Reception: No Report.

Entertainment: No Report.

Exhibits: No Report.

Marshals and Pages: No Report.

Properties: No Report.

Registration: No Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Winter Conference: No Report.

Silent Auction: No Report.

Invitations: No report.

Golf Tournament:

- Will be held on September 22, 2009 at Northwoods.
- Committee will meet by conference call on July 28, 2009 at 10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 28, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the 1st floor conference room, Heritage Building, Columbia, SC.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy E. Thomasson, Secretary