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Upcoming Events...

- **SCPHA 2007 Annual Meeting**, May 22-25, 2007, Myrtle Beach, SC

*At the June 2006 Governing Council Meeting, it was recommended by The Futures Committee and approved by Governing Council to solicit and accept ads for **The Bulletin**. Advertising is open to SCPHA members, businesses and non-profit organizations.*

Message from the President

by *Mary Fechtel*

SCPHA Annual Meeting: Our Journey Through the World of Public Health



We have journeyed this year through the World of Public Health – from the Mid-Winter Conference for one and one-half days to the Public Health Month celebration at the Zoo. Each of these events had a pandemic influenza focus, which will remain a strong thread during our upcoming Annual Meeting. Along with the pandemic influenza track, the program will offer tracks in Chronic Disease, SIDS, and a General Track, which includes environmental issues. All

tracks will feature at least one keynote speaker and in some cases two.

Whether we view the featured topics of our Annual Meeting as being in our “own backyards, across the tracks, or across the South,” they are within the confines of our world. Recall the small world hypothesis, where any two persons in the world are connected by six degrees of separation. We are all responsible for one another. During April while we are celebrating Public Health Month, let’s make the world a better place to co-exist; let’s show the true Public Health spirit by helping someone who is not normally in our focus.

As our journey draws to a close with the culmination of our Annual Meeting, vote for those who you believe can truly carry the vision of the Association forward, attend the sessions that tend to speak to you with a message and make a new friend. On Friday, May 25, 2007, as we leave Springmaid behind one more time, depart with a sense of purpose that you have done just thing this past year and resolve to do at least one thing in the coming year to make this Old World a better place. Let’s all do more and do it better!

2007 SCPHA Annual Meeting

May 22-25, 2007 at Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, SC

"Where in the World is Public Health?"

by Jan Cooke, Convention Co-Coordinator

See the world from your own backyard! Don't miss an opportunity to go on an international journey at the annual meeting. As mentioned in the last edition of *The Bulletin*, the SCPHA annual meeting will be held **May 22-25, 2007 at Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center in Myrtle Beach, SC**. It promises to be an educational experience that you will not want to miss. Much will be seen and heard from nationally and internationally renowned speakers and presenters. Besides pre-conference training and plenary, multiple concurrent, and poster sessions, there will be an evening of entertainment and award presentations, a silent auction, and fun activities during free time.

Keynotes will be heard from the following speakers: **Georges Benjamin**, MD, FACP, Executive Director, American Public Health Association; **Nontumbi Naomi Tutu**, MA, Consultant, Writer and Lecturer; **Deborah Robinson**, SIDS Foundation of Washington, Washington University; **Tim Mousseau**, PhD, University of South Carolina (USC), Dept of Biological Sciences; **Erik Svendsen**, PhD, Epidemiologist, SCDHEC and Professor, USC Arnold School of Public Health; **Jimmy Tickel**, DVM, Director, Public Health Preparedness, NC Dept of Agriculture; and **Roddy Gray**, BS, President, *Ponderings and Wonderings*. These professionals will present information on topics, such as national chronic disease prevention, Graniteville SC disaster, life after Chernobyl, SIDS research and prevention, avian flu, and incorporating humor into your workday.

The pre-conference training "COOP-ing With Disasters: Continuity of Operations Planning for Public Health Agencies" will be Tuesday, May 22nd 9:30AM – 4:00PM. The all-day session will present national and state perspectives on continuity of operations planning for public health disasters, such as hurricanes and pandemic flu. Learn how agencies plan for these events, and identify their organizations' essential functions during such occurrences. The Program will offer four different concurrent tracks, including Public Health Preparedness, Safe Sleeping, Chronic Disease, and General Topics. Sessions topics include: ethics during a pandemic, SIDS and safe sleeping, Hispanic health care, childhood obesity, underage drinking, and clean air. In addition, most sections will have speakers offering a wide variety of information, including nursing practices, clean air, preparing for disasters, effects of alcohol on women's health, and meth labs in your community.

New member orientation will be held Wednesday morning offering members the opportunity to learn more about the Association. Section meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon and the Contributed Poster sessions will be displayed during various breaks in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday.

Starting with the Early Bird Reception, Exhibits and Silent Auction will be open for business. Be sure to get bids in early for items you can't live without. Meet the many vendors that help support the annual meeting and learn about their products and services. The President's Reception will be a part of this Tuesday afternoon event, with a very special "surprise" international presentation.

Again this year, we will recognize volunteers and professionals for their dedicated service to Public Health with an Awards Banquet Wednesday evening, followed by DJ Kyle Gore who promises to get everyone on the dance floor for some fun! You are encouraged to come in the dress of a foreign country or to honor your heritage.

The Turtles have been in training and they are ready to race! Again this year, we'll have the turtle race fundraiser beside the Palmetto's lazy river on Thursday afternoon. The ATOD Section will sponsor the Alternative Celebration at this event. It always promises to be a good time for everyone and lots of good prizes too!

You may qualify for Continuing Education Units and Continuing Medical Education Units. Check out the CEU table at Registration to learn more about obtaining these credits for your discipline.

Sections are still actively seeking support for their community projects. So bring coats, blankets, fans, children's books, toiletries, and old cell phones. Collection boxes will be located near Registration in the Exhibit Hall.

You don't want to miss this conference! It will be filled with information and experiences useful to any citizen and public health worker. It will also offer a great opportunity to network with others who are interested in improving Public Health today in South Carolina and the world! On behalf of President Fechtel and the Convention Coordinators, Chairs and Committees, we look forward to taking this journey with you through the "World of Public Health!"

Registration:

Fill out the Registration Form TODAY and mail it to SCPHA, PO Box 11061, Columbia SC, 29211. Early Bird registration rates **cut off May 4th**. It is suggested that you fax a copy of your registration request to Michael Stalnaker at 803-254-3773 and bring a copy with you to the meeting to ensure easy on-site registration. Contact Michael at 803-779-0343 with questions. A Registration Form is included with this issue of *The Bulletin*.

Payment:

Checks and money orders should be made payable to: SC Public Health Association. A check/money order or copy of PO/DEI must be attached to the Registration Form. Registration will be accepted on-site at a higher rate. If paying by personal or company check, a receipt will be placed in your registration packet.

Refund Policy:

Written notice of cancellation of advanced registration must be received no later than Tuesday, May 8th. Refund checks will be mailed after the conference. There will be no refunds for "no-shows." Substitutions will be accepted.

Hotel Reservations:

Call Springmaid Resort today and make your hotel reservations. In order to receive the conference rate, **reservations must be made no later than Friday, April 27th**. After that date, rates and rooms will depend on availability. Contact Springmaid at 1-800-770-6895 or 1-843-315-7100. Be sure to mention the Association by name in order to get

the correct rate. Lodging choices are available at these rates Friday, May 18th- Thursday, May 24th. More information about Springmaid is available at www.springmaidbeach.com

Live Oak Building (single/double): \$72++ /night*

1 Bedroom Suite: \$86++/night

2 Bedroom Suite: \$94++/night

4 Room Suite: \$\$154++/night

(* ++ = 16% taxes)

Meals are available on-site at Marlin's Restaurant: Breakfast \$6.39, Lunch \$7.79 and Dinner \$10.48 – all which include one trip through the buffet line and your beverage. (Prices are subject to change.)

NOTE: In order to have easy check in and out, please **indicate roommate names and have a credit card number available for each person when calling to make reservations.** The hotel will automatically charge on your card the rate of one night's stay as a deposit. This information will be used to set up individual folios for

each guest. A zero-balance folio will be required if seeking reimbursement from a state agency. Be sure to **obtain a confirmation number** from the hotel and bring it for on-site check in.

Cancellation/Penalties Policy:

The hotel policy is to credit your card back the amount of one-night's stay if the cancellation is made no later than 15 days prior to arrival. There is also a one-night penalty charge for checking out prior to the reservation departure date.

For individuals interesting in staying through the Memorial Day weekend, rooms will be available in the Palmetto Building beginning Friday, May 25th at the rate of \$115+16% taxes per night. There is a two-night minimum stay (Friday and Saturday).

Please see the information below marked "Program Agenda Description" for more details about the speakers and sessions. SC Public Health Association 2007 Annual Meeting "Where in the World is Public Health?" Springmaid Beach Hotel & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC.

2007 SCPHA Annual Meeting Program Agends

Tuesday-May 22, 2007

Pre-Conference Event:

COOPing With Disaster: Continuity of Operations Planning for PH Agencies

Speakers:

Charlotte Hyams, MPH, Director, Public Health Preparedness Policy, ASTHO; **Jeffrey Lake**, MS, Deputy Commissioner for Community Health Serv., VA DOH; **Kathy C. Vincent**, L.C.S.W, Staff Assist. to The State Health Officer, AL PH Dept.; **Ted Holland**, BA, Director, Health Services, PHP, SCDHEC; **Robert T. Ball**, MD, MPH, Infectious Disease Consult. & Epi. Regions 6 & 7, SCDHEC; **Thomas Russo**, MS Ed, Public Health Preparedness Dir., Region 6, SCDHEC; **Tanis Duffie**, MHA, Reg. Training Coord., PHP, Office of QM SCDHEC

Description:

The purpose of this training is to provide an overview of continuity of operations planning for SC Public Health Association members and partners. This training will focus on the importance of developing and using Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) at the national, state, and local level. A COOP provides for the continued performance of an organization's essential functions during a pandemic and/or disaster. In the morning session, both national and state experiences with continuity of operations planning will be provided. The director of public health preparedness policy for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) will present on her experience developing and implementing a COOP for this nationally respected public health organization. Health department representatives from Virginia and Alabama will offer the state perspective and present on the activation of each COOP during recent flooding and hurricane situations in their respective states. In the afternoon, in-state experts will orient participants to the COOP process as it may apply in South Carolina, using pandemic flu for scenario-based planning. They will cover the potential impact of pan flu on worker populations, what COOP is and why it is important, and how to use COOP tools to develop a planning template. A group exercise will be provided for participants to practice one or more elements of COOP.

Wednesday-May 23, 2007

Keynote Address:

Public Health Today- National and International Perspectives

Speakers:

Georges Benjamin, MD, FACP, ED of APHA; **Nontumbi Naomi Tutu**, MA, Consultant, Writer and Professional Lecturer

Description:

This presentation will focus on gender, racial and economic issues nationally and internationally as they relate to and impact public health. Public health issues impacted will include health disparities, access to health, national insurance coverage and other related areas. Question and answer session will follow presentation.

Contributed Posters

Speakers:

SC College and University Students

Description:

11 Posters submitted by students across South Carolina

Keynote Address:

Safe Sleeping and SIDS Prevention-An International Perspective

Speakers:

Deborah A. Robinson, SIDS Foundation of WA and University of Washington Research Project

Description:

This presentation will serve as an introduction to the topic of safe sleeping and Sudden Infant Death (SIDS) prevention. The similarities and differences between natural, accidental, inflicted and undetermined sudden infant deaths will be discussed in the context of providing information for prevention. Risk factors associated with SIDS and other sudden infant deaths during sleep will be presented;

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and cultural issues surrounding infant sleep in the United States, with an international perspective as compared to the United Kingdom, will be explored

Concurrent Sessions

Public Health Preparedness

Speaker:

Connie L. Best, PhD., Clinical Psychologist and Professor, MUSC

Description:

When Disasters Strike: How to Assist the Public Health Professional/ When pandemic flu or other large scale disasters strike, public health professionals have a double burden: functioning as a professional while worried about their own families. Some employees may experience significant personal losses. This presentation will help individuals help those employees and return them to effective functioning.

Safe Sleeping

Speakers:

Hanan Kallash, MS, First Candle/SIDS Alliance – National SIDS/ID Program Support Center

Description:

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Statistics: Social Impetus for Change Data/Epidemiology/ This session will define SIDS, sleep associated deaths, and describe the statistical picture of SIDS/sleep associated deaths in South Carolina, including age, race, and other demographics that affect behavioral factors linked with SIDS/sleep associated deaths – with emphasis on cultural differences among minority populations. Distinctions will be made to environmental and positional risk factors of SIDS/sleep associated deaths such as low birth weight, soft surfaces, smoking and overheating of a child. Subsequently, participants will be able to utilize available national and South Carolina specific data resources such as vital statistics, Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), to continue to learn and serve as a resource to their community.

Chronic Disease

Speakers:

Myriam E. Torres, PhD, Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina; *Tammy Beshers*, JD, Staff Attorney, SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

Description:

Latinos and Public Services in South Carolina/ This session will describe trends of Latino immigration in South Carolina and will deal with selected characteristics, including cultural issues and the public services that immigrants are entitled to in the state.

General

Speakers:

4 student applicants of contributed papers.

Description:

Contributed Papers/ Oral Presentations of the 4 contributed papers

Thursday-May 24, 2007

Concurrent Sessions

Public Health Preparedness

Speakers:

Roscia Hardee, RN, BSN, MPH, Acute Epi, SCDHEC

Description:

Get Ready for Pan Flu- What you need to know to prepare you and your family/ From infection control to stockpiling, this session will discuss what you need to do to get yourself and your family ready for a pandemic flu. Participants will learn infection control measures to minimize the spread of influenza, as well as describing the main components of an individual/family pandemic influenza preparedness checklist.

Safe Sleeping

Speakers:

Deborah Robinson, SIDS Foundation of Washington and University of Washington Research Project; *Hanan Kallash*, MS, First Candle/ SIDS Alliance – National SIDS/ID Program Support Center; *Kelly Graham*, Voices for South Carolina's Children

Description:

Approaches to Education and Prevention: Examples of Safe Sleeping Programs for Various Populations and Cultures/ This session will compare the effectiveness of SIDS/sleep associated death prevention programs in other states and communities, including minority populations such as African American and Hispanic. Aspects of successful intervention programs will be discussed and community programs identified. The standards and recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics for SIDS/sleep associated deaths will be presented and participants will learn to be culturally competent in addressing prevention strategies. Examples of effective programs that may be implemented in participant communities will be presented

Chronic Disease

Speakers:

P. D. Bullard, MD, Region 3, Lexington County, Division of Women and Children's Health, SCDHEC

Description:

Preconception Counseling: A Skeptical Pilgrim's Progress Report/ This session deals with a sometimes irreverent and irrelevant jaunt through the historiography of public health: excursions into the world of obstetrics.

General

Speakers:

Debee Early, MAOM, CSPP, Vice President of Community Services and Kevin Grindstaff, Alcohol Youth Reduction Counselor – Lexington/Richland Alcohol Drug and Addiction Council

Description:

Under Age Drinking: An Issue for Everybody/ People tend to turn their heads on underage drinking, buying into the myth that it is a "rite of passage." This presentation will explore why underage

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drinking is a public health issue and how it affects everyone. Topics covered include alcohol access issues, the impact on physical development, trends, and current/proposed legislation. As a result of this workshop, public health workers will be more prepared to work in their local communities to combat underage drinking and become part of the solution.

Concurrent Sessions

Public Health Preparedness

Speakers:

PD Bullard, MD, Chair, Bioethics Committee, SC Medical Association

Description:

To Retain the Public's Trust/ A brief reflection on ethical questions evoked by Public Health professionals' response to the threat of the coming pandemic.

Safe Sleeping

Speakers:

Deborah Robinson, SIDS Foundation of Washington and Univ. of Washington Research Project; *Hanan Kallash*, MS, First Candle/SIDS Alliance – National SIDS/ID Program Support Center; *Kelly Graham*, Voices for South Carolina's Children

Description:

What Can I Do? Tips and Advice on "Taking the Message Home" to the Participants' Work and Community/ This session will identify necessary community partners involved in individual, family and community education. Participants will be able to share strategies for forming partnerships, identify available resources, and secure funds as it relates to the risk reduction of SIDS/sleep associated deaths in South Carolina. In addition, the participants will be able to address cultural influences that may affect implementation of preventative interventions. This breakout will be designed to provide participants the skills needed to take the knowledge learned in previous sessions back to their communities and places of work.

Chronic Disease

Speakers:

Sharon H. Thompson, EdD, CHES, Professor of Health Promotion, Coastal Carolina Univ.

Description:

Generation XL – Obesity/ Overweight has been described as the most common nutrition problem among American children today. Excess weight has been during the early years can have long-term physical and psychological consequences. This session will provide an overview of weight problems among children and will offer strategies to help children achieve a healthy weight.

General

Speakers:

Amy Curran, Environmental Educator; *Marian Nanney*, Training Coordinator Air and Education Outreach Section, Bureau of Air Quality, SC DHEC

Description

B2 @ School: Breath Better Air/ This session provides an overview of air quality issues and their impact on public health in our state. B² at school is an initiative aimed at improving air quality on school grounds through anti-idling policies. The speakers will describe the process and provide an example of successful implementation at a Columbia area middle school.

Keynote Address:

Radiation, Mutation and Fitness: Lessons from the Wilds of Chernobyl

Speakers:

Tim Mousseau, PhD., Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, USC

Description:

This presentation will discuss the distributions of radioactive contaminants, the biological impacts on wild animals and the implications of human populations suffering exposure to low-dose radiation following the Chernobyl disaster of 1986.

Keynote Address:

Graniteville: The South Carolina Experience

Speakers:

Erik Svendsen, PhD, Environmental Epidemiologist, SC DHEC

Description: On January 6, 2005, there was a large chlorine gas spill in the middle of Graniteville, SC. This presentation will discuss the role of public health in helping restore the health of that community and how the lessons learned from that long-term health recovery work might apply to other communities.

Section Meetings

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs:

Alcohol and Women: The Media's New Target

Speakers:

Kristy Ackerman, MPH, CHESLRADAC, The Behavioral Health Center of the Midlands

Description:

This session will explore the media's depiction of how women should look, how to achieve the "ideal" body image and the never-ending quest for perfection. We will examine advertisers' role in marketing alcohol, tobacco, exercise equipment and nutritional supplements to assist women in achieving these wants and desires. In addition, the impact of substance use on women's roles in romantic relationships, friendships, bullying and "constructed reality," as portrayed in the media, will be analyzed.

Disease Control

Immunization Update

Speakers:

Jesse Green, MSN, RN, SC DHEC

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Description:

Stay abreast of new vaccines and the rapidly expanding knowledge of immunization. What would be your role in influenza pandemic?

Environmental Health:

Methamphetamine: A Recipe for Disaster

Speaker:

Shannon Argetsinger, BA, MS, US DEA

Description:

This presentation will provide the learner with a broad based body of information that will outline the impact of methamphetamine use distribution and manufacturing. The session will provide information regarding the impact of this drug on the user, environment and children as well as the community.

Health Administration

Air Quality and Public Health

Speaker:

Amy Curran, Environmental Educator and *Marian Nanney*, Training Coordinator Air and Education Outreach Section, Bureau of Air Quality, SC DHEC

Description:

This presentation will provide participants with information regarding the connection between poor indoor air quality on student health and academic performance. The benefits of implementing the Environmental Protection Agency's Tools for Schools program in schools and school districts will be discussed. Participants will also be given steps that school nurses and others can take to improve air quality.

Health Education

New Morning Foundation: Tell Them! Campaign

Speaker:

Sarah Gareau, M.Ed., DrPH(c), CHES New Morning Foundation

Description:

This session will describe "Tell Them," South Carolina's grassroots e-advocacy network committed to improving the health of young people through better public policies that encourage reproductive health education and access. Current state reproductive health legislation and news will be discussed, as well as advocacy steps that can improve reproductive health in SC.

Management Support:

Where in the World is Public Health: It's Across the Board!

Speaker:

Gloria McCurry, SC DHEC

Description:

This session will assist front line staff with understanding clients' need and how to deal with emerging public health issues and the need to prioritize schedules to meet those changing needs.

Nutrition:

Community and Schools Efforts to Address Childhood Obesity in Anderson County

Speaker:

Valerie Meador, MS, RD, Doelink

Description:

This session will discuss the growing problem of childhood obesity in South Carolina. Participants will also receive information regarding two childhood obesity prevention efforts as well as nutrition and obesity related survey results for Anderson County and South Carolina.

Public Health Nursing:

Changes in Current Nursing Practices

Speaker:

Maggie Johnson, BSN, RN, MS, SC Board of Nursing

Description:

Have you kept up to date on all of the recent changes to the Nurse Practice Act? Do you have questions or concerns about the best way to document your continuing competency to practice nursing when you will next renew your license? Do you have questions about how the Multistate Nursing Compact may affect your practice as a nurse or as a nursing supervisor? This session will address these topics and answer your questions about any proposed changes to the SC Nurse Practice Act that may be "in the legislative pipeline" at the time of the Annual Conference.

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Keynote Addresses:

It's Not If, It's When: What's Left After All the Hype?

Speaker:

Jimmy Tickel, DVM, Central Region Veterinary Specialist, Emergency Programs Division, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer

Description:

Global warming, escalating concerns over natural disasters, and even the ever-looming threat of Pandemic flu! There is certainly a lot of media attention currently being given to the potential of catastrophic events. Let's spend a moment and gather perspective before we return to our workplaces after a great conference!

Gnats and Elephants

Speaker:

Roddy Gray, BS, President Ponderings and Wanderings

Description:

Have you ever felt that even though it's Friday you are already thinking about issues that you'll be dealing with on Monday? If the answer is yes then this is the session that you will not want to miss. You'll not only find out the difference between "gnats and elephants" but will leave with tips on how to recognize and deal with them in your professional and personal life.

South Carolina Public Health Association

2007 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

May 22 - 25, 2007

Participant Information (Print or Type name as you wish it to appear on the badge) Everyone attending this meeting must register. An identification badge is required for admission to all events.

Name: _____ **SCPHA Member #:** _____

Agency/Organization: _____ **Program Area:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Telephone:** (____) ____ - ____

Email Address: _____ **Fax #:** (____) ____ - ____

Name(s) of Guest(s) if any: _____

Please check for special needs or requests to be met in order to fully participate in the meeting (i.e., diet preferences, physical access, religious beliefs, etc.) List Specifics (wheelchair, seafood allergy) _____

REGISTRATION FEES	Early Reg (Before 5/4)	Late/On-Site (After 5/4)	Number Attending	Total Amount Paid
Full Meeting (Wed-Fri): <i>(includes: 1 BK, 2 L & Awards Banquet)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Registration	\$150.00	\$175.00	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Retiree or Student (does not include TERI Participants)	\$100.00	\$125.00	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration	\$190.00	\$225.00	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	\$100.00	\$125.00	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Conference (Tues) Only:	N C	N C		
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration:				
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wednesday</i> (Lunch & Awards Gala included)	\$125.00	\$150.00	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Thursday</i> (Lunch included)	\$ 90.00	\$125.00	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Friday</i> (Breakfast included)	\$ 75.00	\$100.00	_____	\$ _____
Total				\$ _____

Payment Information: A check or copy of PO/DEV must be attached to this registration form & received by **May 4, 2007**. No refunds for no-shows, deadline to request refund: May 8. Refund checks will be mailed after the annual meeting.

<p>Payment Information:</p> <p><i>Please make Checks Payable to: <u>SC Public Health Association</u>.</i> Return completed form and your check (or copy of PO/DEV) to:</p> <p>SCPHA Attn: Meeting Registration P.O. Box 11061 Columbia, SC 29211</p> <p><i>Questions? Please call SCPHA at (803) 779-0343.</i> If paying by personal or company check, your receipt will be in your registration packet.</p>	<p>For SCPHA Office Use Only</p> <p>Form No. _____ Date Form Rec'd _____</p> <p>Amt Rec'd _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> PO <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order</p> <p>PO # _____ Check/Money Order No. _____</p>
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Important Annual Meeting Announcements

Presenting Reports at the Association Annual Business Meeting

To all Governing Council Officers and Section and Committee Chairs:

Reminder: ALL reports to be given during the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at Springmaid Beach MUST be in electronic format and submitted to me by Friday, May 4th. NO handwritten reports or late submissions will be accepted.

Thank you.
Jill S. Varn
SCPHA Secretary

Properties Committee

Properties Committee Seeks Help.

If you are interested in joining the Properties Committee please contact Tammy Thomasson by e-mail at thomaste@dhec.sc.gov or by phone at (803) 533-7273. Thank you.

Marshals & Pages

Marshals & Pages Needed at Annual Meeting:

If you have an interest in helping others, this is the committee to join. Your help is needed at the SCPHA Annual Meeting held in May of each year. As a marshal, you will assist others in all aspects of the conference while enjoying the atmosphere and meeting new people. Great job for networking! So, come and be a part of this worthwhile endeavor. Join today! Please contact Jackie Moore, chairperson, at moorej@dhcc.sc.gov

Contributed Papers

by Sarah Gareau

At this year's annual meeting, there will be fifteen very talented students presenting research and programmatic activity from a variety

of public health disciplines. These students' abstracts went through peer review and were carefully chosen from 31 submissions. In the mix of graduate students are three physicians, a nurse, an EMT, five health educators, two exercise scientists, a health administrator, and a social worker. Their work discusses many important public health issues, such as international health, asthma, perinatal care and birth outcomes, physical activity, faith-based initiatives, breast cancer, dementia, fruit and vegetable consumption, family planning, HIV, and antibiotic effectiveness.

For students it can be a challenge to fund and find time to travel to meetings. We strongly encourage all SCPHA members attending this year's conference to take the time to visit with the students during one of two poster sessions and to attend the contributed papers presentations on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. State conferences provide a good environment for students to practice and answer questions before presenting their work at national conferences, and it can be discouraging when no one participates.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction Committee for the SCPHA is gearing up for our annual fund drive and we need **your** help to make it a success. **Here is how you can help!** Along with the traditional items, such as, gift baskets, certificates and artwork, we would like for you to seek out some weekend stays at Beach or Mountain Resort areas. These getaways have proven to be a hit at past auctions and this year should be no exception.

We want to make this our most successful year of all. In order for us to reach that goal we need everyone to bring something to the Annual Meeting for the Silent Auction and be prepared to bid on the items of your choice. For additional information contact Mary Hill Glover, Chair at (803) 898-3621, Joan Carter at (803) 545-4224, Linda Jacobs at (803) 465-6008, or Phillipine Outing at (803) 898-0786.

Thank you for your participation and continued support.

Nominations for 2007-2008 SCPHA Officers



We are proud to announce this year's 2007-2008 Governing Council candidates and congratulate them on their willingness to serve as officers in the SC Public Health Association. There is a slate of well-qualified nominees and we urge you to do your part and vote.

The candidates for this year are:

President-Elect:

Lynnore Liggins and Katy Wynne

Vice President:

Susan Clark and Michelle Myer

Secretary:

Gloria McCurry and Megan Weis

Member-at Large (*two will be selected*):

Keisha Adams, Lillie Hall, Tammy Thomasson and Michael Turner

On April 16, 2007, ballots will be mailed to each current SCPHA member. The ballots must be placed in the accompanying envelope, the envelope signed, and the return envelope received by **May 4, 2007**. Your participation in this important process is extremely important.

Biographical information on each candidate is provided below.

Thank you.
The Nominating Committee



SCPHA 2007-2008 Officer Candidate Biographies

Candidates for the Office of President-Elect

Lynnore Liggins, MA



Lynnore Liggins is a Program Administrator with SCDHEC, Office of Public Health Preparedness. She has a BS from the University of South Carolina, 1991, and an MA from Southern Wesleyan, 1993. She has completed the UNC Management Academy for Public Health (2001-2002), the Associate Public Manager program (2002), and Direct Purchase Order Certification (2006).

SCPHA Activities: Governing Council Secretary (2004-2005), Member-at-Large (2002-2004), Management Support Section Member.

Committees: Constitution & ByLaws co-Chair (2006-2007), Nominations Chair (2002-2003), Registration Chair/co-Chair (1999-2002, 2006).

Member of the following committees: Registration (1996-present), Public Health Month (2003-2006), Winter Conference (2004-present).

Professional Memberships: South Carolina State Employee Association (Board Member 2006-2007) Southeastern Regional Injury Control Network (Secretary 2003-2004)

Recognition/Awards: State Employee for over 25 years, SCPHA Outstanding Service Award (2002), SCPHA Presidential Award (2001, 2002, 2003)

SCPHA Views: One of the goals of the South Carolina Public Health Association is "to protect and promote personal, community and environmental health." Association members are in a position to provide strong leadership in health policy development and in raising public awareness as it relates to the health, environment, and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina.

In recent years, the Association has identified priority health issues and its members have advocated for change by supporting local, state, and national initiatives and legislation. Each year we recognize those in the community who continue to work tirelessly to promote the mission and goals of this association.

It constantly amazes me that there are so many folks in public health today who started with a summer job while in high school working as a life guard at the local swimming pool or working at a camp that provides an opportunity for sick children, or those with disabilities, to have fun in a safe and healthy environment. As our respective agencies plan for the next public health crisis, we must continue to meet the challenge of providing professional development and mentoring of the next generation of public health professionals.

Katy L. Wynne, Ed.D., MSW



Katy Wynne is the Tobacco Cessation Policy Consultant for the State Tobacco Control Program at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Community Health and Chronic Disease Prevention. She holds a doctorate in Health Education Administration and a Master of Social Work, both degrees received from the University of South Carolina, and an undergraduate degree in Psychology from

Columbia College. She has a multi-disciplinary background in mental health services, child protective services, public education and social work, as well as in public health and chronic disease prevention.

SCPHA Activities: SCPHA member 19 years. Currently Chair, Public Information Committee. Member-at-Large/Member of Governing Council (2000-2004). Member-Public Health Month Planning Committee (2000-2004). Chair - Pat-on-the-Back Awards (2000-2002). Co-Chair-Pat-on-the-Back Awards (2002-2004). Past Presenter at SCPHA Annual Meeting.

Credentials: Certified FreshStart® Quit Smoking Clinic Facilitator; Certified SC Teacher (1974-1996); Certified SC Social Worker (1980-1996)

Professional Memberships: SCPHA, SC Tobacco Collaborative, North American Quitline Consortium, Tobacco Cessation Leadership Network

Recognition/Awards: Appreciation Certificate - SC Tobacco Collaborative; President's Award - Alliance for a Smoke-Free SC

SCPHA Views: I have always felt that it is an honor to be a member of the SC Public Health Association because of its rich history and legacy that extends back to its inception in 1921. SCPHA holds "seniority" status as an organization that has had a tremendous impact on the health and welfare of South Carolinians. Although the issues have changed from those that public health faced in the early 1900's, the challenges remain the same—to assure the preservation and protection of our environment, to promote the health and well-being of all of our citizens without regard to our differences, to prepare our state for unfortunate, but inevitable, disasters, and to most of all assure that all South Carolinians have the opportunity to thrive, prosper and make a difference in this world. There are many ways that SCPHA can take leadership in meeting these challenges and I would be honored have a part in making this happen. Serving as an officer would give me the opportunity to work alongside other Governing Council members and Association members to reach our desired goals. In a leadership capacity, I would work to make our Association a more visible, vital and stronger organization that represents the many faces and facets of South Carolina Public Health. We know that we can accomplish more together than we ever could alone and serving as a leader in SCPHA is the best way to get involved in helping make our state a better place to live.

Candidates for the Office of Vice-President

Susan Clark, RN, MN



Susan Clark is employed by SCDHEC part-time as a Breast Cancer Network Program Nurse Consultant. She has both a BSN and MN from the University of South Carolina.

SCPHA Activities: Chair of Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Vice Chair, Chair Elect, and Chair of Nursing Section; Program Committee; Entertainment Committee.

Credentials: RN

Professional Memberships: ANA, SCNA, SCPHA, STT Honorary Nursing Society/Alpha Xi Chapter

Recognition/Awards: SCPHA 2001 Public Health Nursing Award; SC Nurses Association Excellence in Community Health Nursing Practice in 2004

SCPHA Views: Public Health has moved from the background to the forefront since 9/11 with the threat of bioterrorist attacks looming over our nation. Once again public health is meeting this challenge while continuing to protect the health of the citizens. We continue to strive towards the goals of wellness and well-being for each person by eliminating environmental hazards and preventing infectious and chronic diseases. We also support and encourage community efforts to find local solutions to local problems. SCPHA must continue to be involved in the support of public/community health initiatives through member information, education and actions needed to make a difference.

Michelle L. Myer, MSN, RN, CPNP

Michelle Myer is an Epidemiology and Bioterrorism Nurse Consultant for SCDHEC's Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology. She has a BSN from Texas Woman's University, Dallas Campus, and an MSN and PNP from the University of Texas at Arlington.

SCPHA Activities: I have had the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair, Chair Elect and currently serve as Chair of the SCPHA Nursing Section. I have been an active participant in our section even when not serving in an elected role. As the Nursing Section's representative, I served on the Public Health Month Committee for two years. I have been an active, enthusiastic participant in meetings of the SCPHA Governing Council.

Credentials: MSN, RN, CPNP, Bachelor's and Master's of Science in Nursing, NAPNAP Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Professional Memberships: I have been a member of SCPHA Nursing Section since the month I arrived in South Carolina in 2003. I was previously active in the NCPHA Nursing Section (1992 to 2003); and was a member of Texas Public Health Association 1985 to 1991.

Recognition/Awards: I am widely recognized as the person who thought there were "real turtles" in the Turtle Races, and once asked in a meeting: "Does PETA know about this?" I have been told I am "The Coolest Aunt Ever," and I once won a chili cook-off. Other

than these, I have received no awards, although I have been successful in nominating others, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in NC.

SCPHA Views: It is surprisingly hard to briefly summarize my views on the field wherein I find my vocation. Beginning with my first exposure during Nursing School, I knew I wanted to be part of Public Health. I wanted to work to address the health of people as individuals, in families and in communities. Public Health mirrored the best of what I saw in Nursing, focusing holistically on persons where they were, right then, and working with them to find ways for them to maintain or improve their health. Public Health offered interventions such as education, immunization, environmental improvement, and early diagnosis and monitoring as means to avoid the more drastic interventions for pathology, chronic disease, environmental hazards, etc. I know that in Public Health, I could actually make a difference in lives. I have been blessed to work with so many others who have demonstrated the same confidence in our calling to serve individuals and populations.

Public Health, as an interdisciplinary field, is well suited to address the health and wellness of the populations we serve. In my own experience, I have seen that our work is done best when we recognize our need for the skills and talents and hard work of people in many different fields. I have been fortunate to work on truly multidisciplinary teams, including the NC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the Epi Teams here in South Carolina. I've seen the value of collaboration, communication and commitment – all of which arise from genuine respect for the contributions of others. I've learned that we store corn in silos; we do not serve the public well when we work in silos.

SCPHA, as a multi-disciplinary organization, is in a position to advocate for fewer silos. SCPHA can be a vehicle to increase collaboration between disciplines, agencies and interest groups. This happens best when we, through our Sections, are honest about those issues that limit our ability to collaborate and we are able to strategize ways to improve our individual and agency relationships. In this vein, any and all officers elected to SCPHA should work to know how various sections can work together directly, and to advocate for enhancement of our interdisciplinary efforts.

If I am honored with your votes and elected to this position, I will strive to do just this, working across disciplines in those roles assigned to the position (Public Health Month) and those advisory roles assigned by the President and Governing Council. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.



Candidates for the Office of Secretary

Gloria A. McCurry



Gloria McCurry is an Administrative Coordinator for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. She has a Business degree from North Buncombe High School and an Associate in Accounting from Cecil's Business College.

SCPHA Activities: Gloria is currently chair of the Management Support Section, and also served in this role in 2003-2004.

She is also Awards Committee chair, a position she has held since 2005. She is a member of the Silent Auction Committee.

Other Activities: Gloria is a member of the South Carolina State Employees Association, and was awarded the Health Services Monthly Award for Excellence in March 2007.

Megan Weis, MPH, CHES



Megan Weis is Program Coordinator of the South Carolina Violent Death Reporting System for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, within the Division of Injury and Violence. She has a Master of Public Health from USC, and a BS from Furman University. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist.

SCPHA Activities: Member of SCPHA, Health Education Section since 2001; SCPHA Member-at-Large (Term: 2005-2007); Program Committee (May 2007 Annual Meeting), Co-Chair; Futures Committee, 2005-2007; Scholarship Committee, 2005-2006; Registration Committee, 2005-2006; Nominations Committee, 2005-2006.

Other Activities: Megan is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the Society for Public Health Education, and the South Carolina Association for the Advancement of Health Education. She has received many recognitions and awards, including induction into Phi Beta Kappa; the Elizabeth L. Blackwell Academic Achievement Award from Furman University (awarded to the graduating senior varsity athlete with the highest GPA); the Jerry R. Thomas Health and Exercise Science Outstanding Award, from Furman University; the January 2005 Monthly Award for Excellence in Health Services from SCDHEC; and in April 2005, the National High Scorer on the Certified Health Education Specialist Exam.

Candidates for Office of Members-at-Large (select two)

Keisha Adams



Keisha Adams is a Program Coordinator with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. She has two BS degrees from Winthrop University, one in Business Administration and one in Health Services Management.

SCPHA Activities: Keisha has been a member of SCPHA for three years. She serves on the Registration and Entertainment Committees, and is a

member of the Health Education Section.

Other Activities: Keisha is on the Midlands Safe Kids Board of Directors.

Lillie Hall, MHS, MPH, CHES, PhD Candidate (ABD)



Lillie Hall is Associate Director of Health Education for SC DHEC Region 2. Lillie has a Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Minor in Sociology from Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, GA), Master of Health Science and Master of Public Health from Armstrong Atlantic State University (Savannah, GA) and is currently finishing up a PhD in Public Health from Walden University (Baltimore, MD)

SCPHA Activities: Lillie is a member of the Health Education Section, served on the 2005 and 2006 Public Health Month Planning Committee, and is past Health Education Section Member At Large.

Other Activities: Lillie serves as a NACCHO MCH/Birth Defects Workgroup Member, and is a Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE) Voting Member for SC. She has received many recognitions and awards, including the 2003 Jasper County Health Professional of the Year, 2003 Low Country Public Health District Health Educator of the Year, March of Dimes Team Captain of the Year for 2002-2003, 2005 Women Leaders of the Upstate Graduate and 2006 Management Academy of Public Health Graduate.

Tammy Edwards Thomasson



Tammy Thomasson is an Administrative Assistant with SCDHEC. She has worked for SCDHEC for fourteen years, and is currently pursuing an Associate Degree in Office Systems Technology.

SCPHA Activities: Tammy has been a member of SCPHA for 7 years. She is a member of the Management Support section; a member of Properties Committee for 5 years; Co-Chair for

Marshals and Pages in 2004; Co-Chair for Properties Committee in 2006 and 2007; Marshals and Pages Chair in 2005 and 2006; and Winter Conference Committee member in 2006.

Other Activities: Tammy is a member of the Edisto Health Coalition. She was awarded the Region 5 Employee of the Month in March 2000, May 2001 and May 2006; a 1996 Nominee for Excellence in Immunization Statewide Award and a Special Service Award during the 2005 SCDHEC Health Educator's annual meeting.

Michael J. Turner



Mike Turner is an Administrative Coordinator II with SCDHEC Region 3. He is a USC graduate with a BS in Business Administration, with a major in accounting.

SCPHA Activities: Mike is a seven year member of SCPHA, and serves in the Health Administration Section and on the Program Committee.

Proposed Changes to Constitution and ByLaws

Must be provided to SCPHA Membership 30 days prior to Annual Business Meeting

SCPHA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Changes for May 2007 Business Meeting

The following amendments have been approved by Governing Council and will be presented to the membership for approval by vote at the 2007 Business Meeting in May:

1. Reword Article III. Membership of the Constitution to include "Retiree" to read as follows:
"There shall be six classes of members designated as regular, retiree, lifetime, student, honorary and organizational."
2. Add as **(b) Retiree Member** to Article I.1. of the Bylaws to read as follows:
"Retiree Member: A member who is no longer employed and/or engaged in a full-time position in a health field, or other related public health field. The retiree member shall have all the privileges of regular membership and the dues reduced to 50% of the prevailing rate."
3. Reword Article III.1.b. Officers and Council Members Qualifications of the Bylaws to include "Retiree" to read as follows:
"Council members shall have been a regular, retiree, student, or lifetime member of the Association for the immediate past three years prior to taking office."

4. Reword the duties of the Treasurer, Article III.2.e. of the Bylaws to read as follows:

Current wording:

"The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Association, shall keep all appropriate financial records, shall disburse all funds in accordance with approved Association policy and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office."

Proposed:

"The Treasurer shall oversee the funds of the Association, shall ensure that all of the appropriate financial records are kept, shall ensure that funds are disbursed in accordance with approved Association policy and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office."

5. Reword Article VI.1.b. Section Organization of the Bylaws to read as follows:

Current wording:

"A section shall be dissolved if the membership is less than thirty (30) members for a period of two years or failure to elect officers for a period of two years."

Proposed:

- "(b) A Section will require review by the Executive Committee if:
- (1) the membership is less than thirty (30) members for a period of two years and fails to elect officers for a period of two years; or
 - (2) the membership is thirty (30) or more members and fails to elect officers for a period of two years.

Upon review of the Executive Committee, the Section may continue to function with annual reviews or be dissolved."

Advertise on SCPHA's Website and in The Bulletin

Advertising is open to SCPHA members, businesses, individuals and non-profit organizations. The schedule for newsletter ad sizes and rates is as follows:

Newsletter Ad Sizes and Rates

(10.0% discount for 4 issues)

Size	1x	4x
Full page (7.5" x 10")	\$200	\$640
Half page (7.5" x 5")	\$125	\$450
One-Quarter page (3.5" x 5")	\$75	\$270
Business Card (3.5" x 2.5")	\$25	\$90

Advertising Deadlines

Issue	Ad Reservation and Art Deadline
Winter	December 1
Spring	February 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	October 1

Web Site Banner Ad

On the Association home page with a link to your site \$300

Acceptable File Formats and Advertising Policies

Formats: JPG, TIFF, PSD (Photoshop), Freehand EPS, Illustrator EPS or Pagemaker 7.0 (Windows). Please include all fonts, placed graphics, pictures, etc. Graphic files should be 300 dpi or higher in resolution (600 dpi or higher for bitmaps) for print advertising.

Policies: All ads submitted for Newsletter and Web subject to approval of publisher and will be reviewed by SCPHA and/or its management company. If there is any question about acceptability, ads will be reviewed by either the Futures Committee and/or the Executive Committee prior to acceptance/publication. Advertiser agrees to indemnify SCPHA against claims resulting from unauthorized use of any advertising.

Circulation: Statewide distribution

Questions? Contact SCPHA Office, 803-779-0343, scpha@queencommunicationsllc.com

Public Health

The World of Public Health is in Your Own Backyard

by Joan Carter, SCPHA Vice President

Let's take a walk together through the World of Public Health. Public Health affects us from the air we breathe, to our environment, to our health and well being, to the natural and man-made surroundings and through the outreach of people to make life better for themselves and others. We each play a vital role in the future of public health—whether large or small—we all have our role and responsibility. Through our walk this year, we will journey through the probability, awareness, and preparedness of a pandemic flu outbreak.

Awareness – Did you know the pandemic flu of 1918 killed more people worldwide than the number of lives lost during all of World War I? In South Carolina alone, 30,000+ died.

Preparedness – Through awareness comes preparedness. We take what has been learned from the past and use it to prepare for the future. Today, you can be in another country and back within 24 hours or less. With travel to and fro so accessible and an essential part of many lives and livelihood, it's not **IF** a pandemic flu outbreak will happen again, it's **WHEN** it happens again. When such an occurrence happens, it will affect every facet of our lives, showing no more partiality to the rich than the poor.

Here is where our responsibility comes in, not only individually or as a family, but as a community, state, and government. Even the smallest things we take for granted will be a major issue. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has produced materials on how each of us needs to be prepared as individuals, caregivers, educators, etc., as well as information that addresses community, state, and government preparedness. These checklists are available through the CDC website (www.cdc.gov) to help you be prepared for the **WHEN**.

The South Carolina Public Health Association also bears its share of the responsibility to the citizens of SC in the awareness and preparation for the next pandemic event. This is and will continue to be accomplished by the hard-working Association members and through our partnerships, to not only educate us but to make others more aware. Aware and prepared and, yes, even a little scared. One simple little four letter word— **WHEN** — a simple word yet it holds so much meaning and responsibility for our future.

Remember Public Health is in your own backyard. Do you know what you'll do **WHEN**?

Underage Drinking in South Carolina

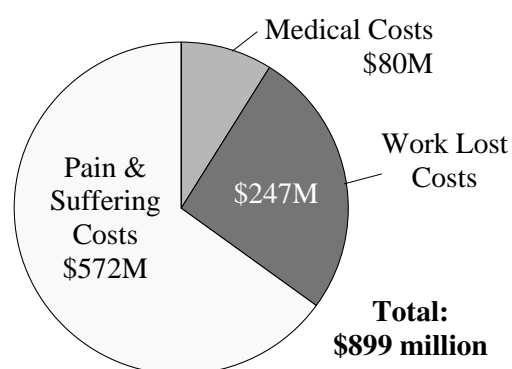
The Facts

Tragic health, social, and economic problems result from the use of alcohol by youth. Underage drinking is a causal factor in a host of serious problems, including homicide, suicide, traumatic injury, drowning, burns, violent and property crime, high risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and need for treatment for alcohol abuse and dependence.

Problems and Costs Associated with Underage Drinking in South Carolina

Underage drinking cost the citizens of South Carolina \$899 million in 2005. These costs include medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth.¹ This translates to a cost of \$2,203 per year for each youth in the State. South Carolina ranks 24th highest among the 50 states for the cost per youth of underage drinking. Excluding pain and suffering from these costs, the direct costs of underage drinking incurred through medical care and loss of work cost South Carolina \$327 million each year.

**Costs of Underage Drinking
South Carolina 2005**



Costs of Underage Drinking by Problem, South Carolina 2005

Problem	Total Costs (in millions)
Youth Violence	\$462.2
Youth Traffic Crashes	\$238.3
High-Risk Sex, Ages 14-20	\$75.0
Youth Property Crime	\$52.4
Youth Injury	\$24.2
Poisonings and Psychoses	\$5.1
FAS Among Mothers Age 15-20	\$14.2
Youth Alcohol Treatment	\$27.3
Total	\$898.8

Youth violence and traffic crashes attributable to alcohol use by underage youth in South Carolina represent the largest costs for the State. However, a host of other problems contribute substantially to the overall cost. Among teen mothers, fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) alone costs South Carolina \$14.2 million.

Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence

and are two and a half times more likely to become abusers of alcohol than those who begin drinking at age 21.² In 2004, 916 youth 12- 20 years old were admitted for alcohol treatment in South Carolina, accounting for 7% of all treatment admissions for alcohol abuse in the State.³

Section News

ATOD

by Debee Early, Chair

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Section wants to remind everyone that underage drinking is a public health issue. It is Your Business, as a member of the community, to get involved in the prevention of underage drinking. In the last newsletter we talked about a night in the life of an Alcohol Enforcement Team. This issue we thought you would be interested in the cost of underage drinking in South Carolina by providing a fact sheet developed by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE).

The link is <http://www.udetc.org/factsheets/SouthCarolina.pdf>

Health Administration Section

by Beverly Patterson, Chair

The Health Administration Section previously met on January 26, 2007. Plans were made for our Public Health Month Activity. The project, now finalized, is to volunteer at The Cooperative Ministry on a Friday afternoon in April. The Ministry is located at 3821 West Beltline Boulevard in Columbia. Our tasks will be to pack, roll and hang clothing. Thank you to Jan Cooke for her efforts in coordinating this project with The Cooperative Ministry.

Plans have been finalized for our Health Administration Section Meeting to take place from 2:45-4:00 pm on Thursday, May 24 at the SCPHA Annual Meeting. The speakers will be Marian Nanney and Amy Curran with SC DHEC Bureau of Air Quality. Their objectives for the Section meeting are:

1. Discuss the effects of poor indoor air quality on student health and academic performance.
2. Discuss the benefits of implementing the Environmental Protection Agency's Tools for Schools program in schools and school districts.
3. Identify steps that school nurses and others can take to improve indoor air quality.

We invite all Section members and other interested persons to attend this informative presentation that uniquely fits in with the theme of "Where in the World is Public Health?"

The next Health Administration Section meeting will be at 8:30 am on April 27, 2007 at the McNeely (2nd floor) Conference Room, Heritage Building, 1777 St. Julian Place in Columbia. We will be electing officers for the upcoming year.

Health Education Section

by Barbara Bodie, Chair

Future Meetings:

The Health Education Section's next meeting will be at the Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 2:45 pm. The Section's speaker will be Sarah Gareau from the New Morning Foundation. Sarah will speak about the Tell Them!

Campaign and improving reproductive health policy in South Carolina. Election results for 2007/2008 officers will be also be announced.

Membership:

The Section would like to welcome seven new members: Holly Wise (Charleston), Lorie James (Columbia), Elizabeth Kolb-Boland (Lexington), Lavonda Johnson (Sumter), Barbara Grube (N. Charleston), Janet Tapp (Columbia), Rebecca Carter (Columbia), and Maxine Smith (N. Charleston)! Section membership is currently at 53. The Section held a Membership Promotion Meeting Luncheon on April 4, 2007. Current Section members were encouraged to bring a potential or new member to the meeting. Three potential members and one new member were present at the meeting.

Officer Nominations for 2007/2008:

Nominations for the following offices will be accepted through April 20, 2007. To make a nomination or for more information about officer responsibilities please email barbara.bodie@gmail.com No form is required to make a nomination and self-nominations are accepted.

Vice Chair (1 year term)

Secretary (1 year term)

Member at Large (2 year term)

Look for a ballot in the mail the beginning of May and please take a few minutes to vote! Officers will be announced at the Section meeting held during the Annual Conference.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Please support South Carolina Families and Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina (PCASC) during the month of April! PCASC is a statewide, community-based non-profit organization dedicated to preventing all forms of child abuse and neglect before it occurs by providing leadership for programs and services that offer education and training, public awareness and advocacy.

Child Abuse Facts

- South Carolina ranks 47th in the overall well being of children in the 2006 Kids Count.
- Between 3 and 4 South Carolina children are abused every hour, every day.
- In 2004, there were 33 abuse and neglect fatalities in South Carolina.

Professional Resource Guides are available from PCASC by calling 803.733.5430. Resource Guides include parent engagement activities, activities for school and organizations, actions for faith-based communities, and tips for health care providers among other topics. For more information visit www.pcasc.org

Social Work Section:

by Redonia Thomas, Chair

Social Work came alive on Friday, December 8, 2007 when 23 people joined our section of SCPHA and 29 participated in our Winter Workshops. The social work section committee of SCPHA met and planed an awesome training for the membership and would be members. Two free workshops that address major public health issues were offered for the membership in the organization.

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Techniques

*by Constance Shepard, LMSW,
employed by the Mental Health Association. "*

In the United States over 31,000 deaths annually are attributed to suicide. The human and financial costs of suicide are significant in South Carolina. Every day in South Carolina there is at least one reported death by suicide, and unknown numbers of suicides that are attributed to other causes." Prevention is the best technique; social workers prepare themselves with the skills and knowledge to prevent suicide. Ms. Shepard did an exceptional job teaching us the technique of QPR for suicide prevention.

Working with Children and Their Grief

by Stephanie Matkins, LISW-CP, employed with Post Trauma Resources.

Today's children face grief and loss from many arenas; death, suicide, divorce, drugs, disaster, and violence just to mention a few. They have limited internal coping skills, which leaves them with lots of mixed feelings. As skilled social workers, we must be able to hear, see and recognize signs of grief in children as they struggle in this society. We must provide them support and help them develop positive coping skills. Ms Matkins helped us to understand what grief looks like in children and gave us some ways to address this issue.

The committee's desire is to see our section become more active offering social work training and being more involved in the community bringing attention, knowledge and skills to public health issues. What a great avenue in SCPHA to give a voice to our concerns. We invite you to be a part. Please send ideas and suggestions to thomasrm@dhec.sc.gov

Feature Article

Implementation of HPV Vaccine in South Carolina

South Carolina has one of the highest incidence and mortality rates due to cervical cancer in the United States, ranking third in incidence and eighth in deaths due to cervical cancer.

Since FDA licensure of the quadrivalent HPV vaccine Gardasil® in June, 2006, SC DHEC sought to bring together key stakeholders in a multi-discipline HPV strategy meeting held in Columbia in August, 2006. This meeting served to identify and implement interventions for raising awareness of the need for HPV vaccine and how to deliver to all patients for whom the vaccine is licensed.

Policy

South Carolina's General Assembly is currently considering legislation to make HPV vaccine mandatory for school enrollment. The bill (H 3136), authored by Representative Joan Brady and entitled "Cervical Cancer Prevention Act", will provide that, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year (August, 2009), SC DHEC will require female students enrolling in the seventh grade who are at least 11 years of age to have received HPV vaccination. Prior to August, 2009, parents of all 6th grade girls will be notified in writing of the immunization requirement. Vaccination exemptions will be permitted consistent with SC immunization law. This proposed law requires appropriation of state and federal funding to DHEC to cover the cost of providing this vaccine to eligible female students. The benefits of such legislation are the following: 1) historically, school immunization requirements are associated with reduction in vaccine-preventable diseases; 2) racial disparities in obtaining the vaccine will be decreased; and 3) a mandatory vaccine may positively influence private and public funding for the vaccine.

Also pending is a proposed \$2 million appropriation for vaccinating uninsured girls.

Access

HPV vaccine was made available in the public sector (Vaccine Assurance For All Children) on January 30, 2007. Upon approval of the HPV Vaccine Standing Order (sent to committee for approval on

March 7, 2007), DHEC clinics will begin providing the immunization series. The series of three immunizations will cost \$360. While several private health insurance plans in SC, including State Health Plan and BlueChoice, will provide coverage for HPV vaccine, many economically disadvantaged adolescents do not have such coverage. Vaccine Assurance For All Children (VAFAC) is limited to persons from birth to 18 years of age who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, Native American, Alaskan Native, or are underinsured and receive their vaccinations in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC). While SC often has additional federal and state funding to purchase vaccines for underinsured children/adolescents whose medical homes are not FQHCs or RHCs, there are no additional funds for HPV vaccine at this time. Therefore, for most underinsured adolescents who have an insurance plan that does not cover the vaccine, alternatives for HPV vaccination are limited. One possibility is referral of these children to FQHCs and RHCs to receive HPV vaccine. The other possibility is having the patient bear the cost of the immunization series. Despite these barriers, the VAFAC program provides HPV vaccine funding for a significant number of adolescents. Any healthcare provider, including those involved in pediatrics, gynecology, family medicine or internal medicine, who desires to administer HPV vaccine to VAFAC eligible adolescents, may enroll in the SC program by contacting the SC DHEC Immunization Division at 1-800-277-4687.

Awareness of HPV vaccine access has been heightened through DHEC physician authored articles published in newsletters such as *Epi Notes* and those circulated by the South Carolina Medical Association and the South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

For more information, please contact Susan A. Smith, MN, RN, Nurse Consultant, Immunization Division, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, 1751 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201, Phone: (803) 898-0869 * Fax: (803) 898-0318 Email: smithsl@dhec.sc.gov

In the News

Legislator of the Year Award BBQ and Douglas E. Bryant Roast

by Donna Culbreath

“Hilarious” is the best way to describe the evening of January 31st. Approximately 80 people gathered at Seawell’s in Columbia to enjoy good food, good music, and good entertainment at this first of a kind fundraising event. They were not disappointed! Former DHEC Commissioner Doug Bryant quickly found out how easy it was for the “roasters” to unearth old file photos and footage from the past—some thought to be long forgotten—but all in good taste! Those taking their shots at Mr. Bryant were: DHEC Commissioner Earl Hunter, Leon Frishman, Jimmy Walker, Thom Berry, and Lathran Woodard.

The Association was honored to have the following attend as past recipients of the Legislator of the Year Award: Senator Bobby Harrell, Senator Brad Hutto, Representative Joe Neal, and former Representative Jim Mattos. We were delighted as well to have freshman Representative Robert Williams join us for the evening.

In addition to the Association’s sponsorship, the BBQ/Roast was partially sponsored by Select Health of South Carolina and Mary Black Medical Center. Funds raised from this event will enable the Association to appropriately recognize future recipients of the Legislator of the Year Award.



Former DHEC Commissioner Doug Bryant and SCPHA President Mary Fechtel enjoy speaking with Senator Bobby Harrell.



DHEC Commissioner Earl Hunter and Senator Bobby Harrell strike a pose for the camera.



Leon Frishman of DHEC (at the podium) delivers his “roasting” comments about Doug Bryant.

Annual Winter Conference a Great Success!

“Preparing Your World for Pandemic Flu”

by Jan Cooke, Winter Conference Planning Committee Member

The annual winter conference set a new precedence this year by holding a two-day training session, which was a great success! The attendance set new records with over 100 people each day. The conference was held January 30-31, 2007 at the South Carolina Hospital Association, William L. Yates Conference Center in Columbia.

The theme was “Preparing Your World for Pandemic Flu.” Speakers addressed topics pertinent to dealing with this crisis from a personal and professional perspective. Attendees received a good overview of what pan flu is, what occurs during an outbreak, and ways to lessen the impact on family and community.

Speakers over the two-day training included:

Gil Potter, MD, MPH, Public Health Region III Office, Donna Rowe, BS, Office of Quality Management, and Sandy Spann, MS, RD, Health Services Office of Nutrition, SCDHEC; Pete Mazzaroni, CCP, and Jennifer Campagna, Roche Carolina, Inc; Kimberly Fine, RN, BSN, CNOR, CLNC, Chireen Hyle, RN, BNS, and Teddy Griffith, EMT-PI, Pee Dee Area Health Education Consortium; and Skip Mikell, Sr., and Carol Bailey, MSW, Suburban Funeral Home, Inc. The Winter Conference Committee is greatly appreciative of these presenters for offering their time to deliver such useful, timely information.

Topics included defining a pandemic flu; how to prepare for an event; a business perspective to cover operations during an outbreak; how to set up simple triage for a rapid response to treatment; planning for mass fatalities-grief, culture, laws; how to pass on critical knowledge and processes in crisis; and stockpiling nutritional foods, and special needs diets during an epidemic. The group even viewed the film *Pandemic of 1981*.

Feedback from the evaluations was overwhelmingly positive! Participants seemed to appreciate the personal perspective and thought-provoking ideas to deal with family and personal issues. Some really good ideas were shared for future training and several of these same topics and similar information will be shared at the Annual Meeting in May.

The Winter Conference Committee Co-chairs, Lou-Ann Carter and Donna Culbreath, again would like to thank the committee members for their hard work. The Committee included Judy Alexander, Vivian Baxter, Doug Bryant, Jan Cooke, Tanis Duffie, LuAnne Ellison, Mary Fechtel, Richard Funderburk, Heather Jones, Debbie Lee, Dortha Lewis, Lynnore Liggins, Brenda McLellan, Otis Outing, Michael Stalnaker, David Thomas, Jasper Varn and Jill Varn.

The Committee also extends its gratitude to the sponsors of the event for helping to make the training such a success, including the artist GRIFF, Mary Black Medical Center, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, SC Hospital Association, SC Nurses Association and Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

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