

Friday Letter



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June 16, 2000

Dear Deans:

This *Friday Letter* #1103 covers events of interest to ASPH members for the week ending June 16, 2000.

I just returned from the CEPH annual meeting in New Orleans last weekend and would like to give you a brief report. CEPH's charter requires that a yearly report be presented to its corporate founders, APHA and ASPH. Accordingly, Kathy Miner (Emory), currently serving as CEPH president, outlined the varied activities that the organization conducted over the past 12 months. A few highlights: in the past year: CEPH made 23 site visits (a record number of visits) with the help of 58 site visitors. CEPH also trained 43 new site visitors, half of which were associate deans. One of the action items from last year's associate deans' retreat was to request that CEPH conduct a special site visitor training session for the associate deans at the annual meeting. The training session was held in November as requested and as you can see by the number of associate deans who were site visitors this year, the training was quite successful! Pat Evans is also going to meet with the associate deans at this year's retreat to continue discussion on the accreditation process.

We have asked Pat to write a *Friday Letter* covering in detail these events, as well as reporting on future plans for the organization. Expect this *Friday Letter* before the annual deans' retreat.

DEANS' RETREAT UPDATE

Speaking of the deans' retreat, plans are just about finalized. We have it on good authority that the US ambassador to

Mexico plans to address the joint session (July 19) of the US and Mexican deans. In addition, David Brandling-Bennett, deputy director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), will address the conferees on ways PAHO can contribute to the goals of this historic meeting: "Exploring Collaborative Ventures Between Schools of Public Health in Mexico and the USA."

To refresh your memory, the joint session will precede the annual deans' retreat in Cuernavaca, Mexico. We will kick-off the conference with a reception on Tuesday evening (July 18) that is being held in honor of Harrison Spencer, ASPH president. It will be held at the Hacienda Cocoyoc, the venue for the deans' retreat (July 20-22).

The joint session between the USA and Mexican deans (plus directors of several academic public health programs in Mexico) will be held at the National Institute (aka school of public health) of public health in Cuernavaca on July 19. Agenda books, including details on logistics and transportation, will be mailed in the near future. For details, contact Catherine Guyer Dunkelberger, ASPH meeting planner, at ceg@asph.org, or 202-296-1099, ext. 136.

By the way, our phone system is back on line. Since we don't have a receptionist in the new office, please use the following extension list when contacting staffers:

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DISTANCE LEARNING AND INFORMATICS CONFERENCE

Plans for the annual ASPH/ATSDR/CDC/HRSA informatics and distance learning conference in New Orleans (August 7-10) are also well underway. The meeting will serve as a forum for exchanging information on informatics and distance learning. The program will feature presentations by Ed Baker, CDC; Claude Earl Fox, HRSA; Joseph Henderson, Dartmouth Medical College; and Carla Lane, The Education Coalition. The conference will open with a customized video message, and live audio question and answer session by Elliott Masie, a noted speaker on technology and learning.

Details of this conference, including the preliminary agenda, are available at http://asph.bixler.com/conf_section.cfm/92. Also, you may contact Rita Kelliher (rmk@asph.org) or Catherine Guyer Dunkelberger (ceg@asph.org) for questions. Rick Kurz, a member of the planning committee, and Ann Anderson, conference host, promise a very productive meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: A NURSING OPPORTUNITY

ATSDR is broadcasting a satellite program, *Environmental Health: A Nursing Opportunity* on August 10, 2000, from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. EDT. The focus of the program will be to demonstrate the pivotal role all nurses play in the health promotion process by incorporating environmental health principles into their areas of practice including:

- key questions to ask during a health assessment (environmental exposure history)
- cultural aspects of environmental health
- risk communication
- the role of the nurse in surveillance
- multidisciplinary approaches in environmental health

For more information about the nursing satellite program, please go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/phtn/envhealth/nursing.htm>

Participants that do not have internet access can have a registration form faxed by calling 1-888-232-3299 (or 1-877-232-1010 for the hearing impaired), requesting document #130034, and providing a return fax number when prompted. Fax the completed form to 1-850-784-3081. The registrar's phone number is 1-800-815-8152.

Sincerely,

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Note to friends of ASPH: Please visit our web site at www.asph.org if you have questions regarding the accredited graduate schools of public health, the ASPH member programs in public health, additional information on the Association of Schools of Public Health, or for previous issues of the *Friday Letter*.

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To submit job descriptions for distribution with the *Friday Letter*, the submission must be:

- clear and proofread
- sent in an electronic format
- for positions requiring an MPH or doctoral level public health degree
- sent including a closing date for the position (if no closing date is included, the position will not be posted)
- submitted to Erin Hammers esh@asph.org in electronic format by Wednesday noon before the Friday you would like it posted (submit at least 20 working days before the closing date of the position)

ASPH reserves the right to decline posting a position for any reason.

Job Announcements

Please see www.asph.org/jobs.htm for current job announcements.

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Environmental Health Conference
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Washington, DC
Contact: Allison Foster [ajf@asph.org]

Associate Deans' Retreat
July 7-10, 2000
Hotel: Hotel Santé Fe
Santé Fe, New Mexico
Contact: Catherine Guyer [ceg@asph.org]

Deans' Retreat
Hotel: Cocoyoc
July 18-22, 2000
Cuautla, Mexico
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Boston, MA
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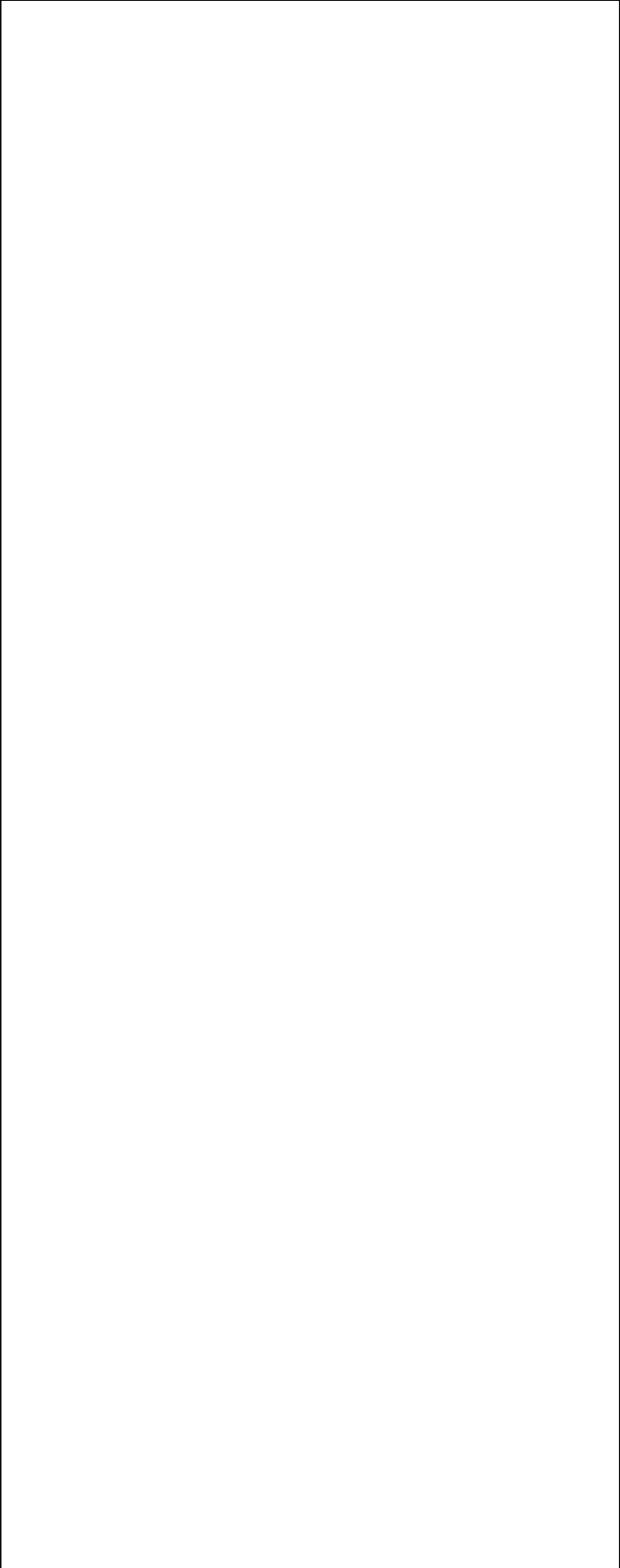
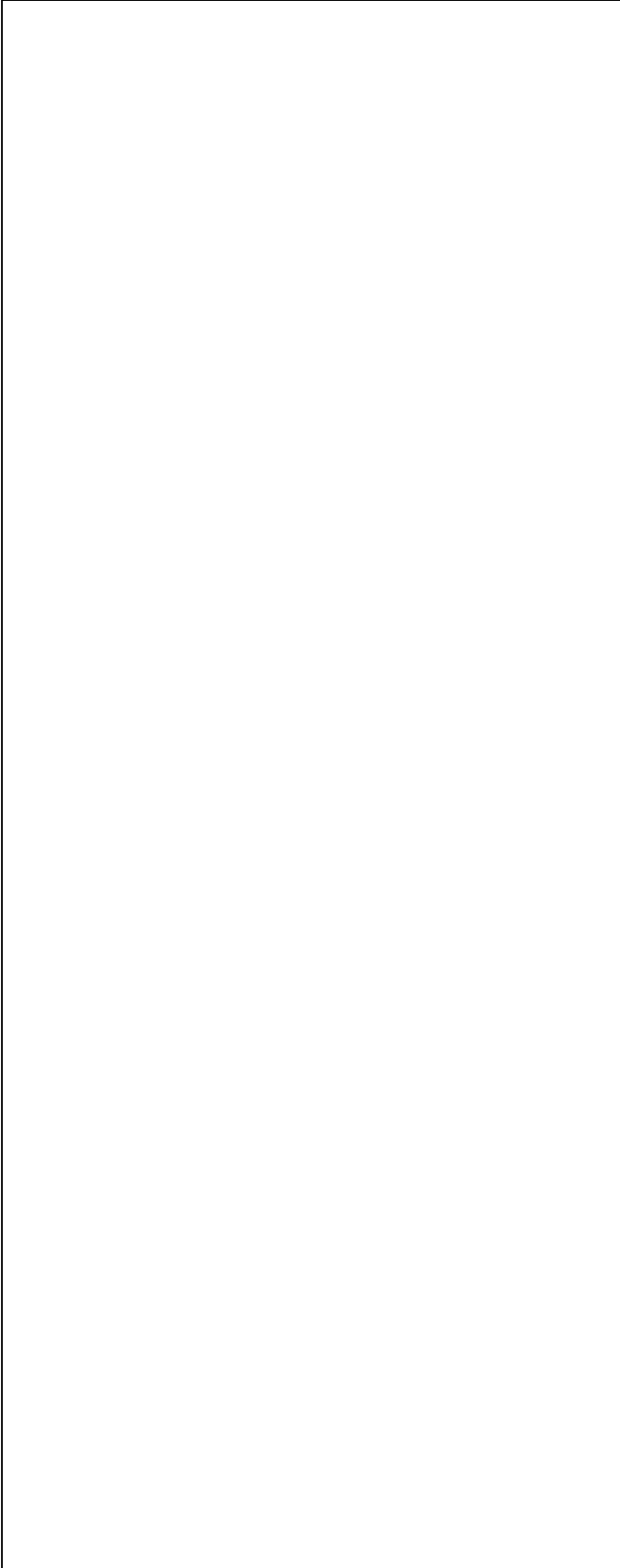
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Director of Research Evaluation
Kansas Health Institute
<http://www.asph.org/jkans400.htm>

Vice-President for Research
Kansas Health Institute
<http://www.asph.org/jkan1400.htm>

Policy Analyst
Kansas Health Institute
<http://www.asph.org/jkan2400.htm>

Environmental Health Manager
Department of Health and Environment
Rock Hill, SC
<http://www.state.sc.us/jobs/positions/P000042061.html>

Senior Director, Health & Environment Programs
National Environmental Education and Training
Foundation
<http://www.asph.org/jneet300.htm>

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