

Dear Deans:

This Friday Letter #1158 covers recent events of interest to ASPH members. Your comments and suggestions are solicited (<mailto:mkg@asph.org>).

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADVISORS OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Yes, there is such an association which may be a valuable resource for ASPH and member schools and programs to tap into and enhance their collective recruitment/marketing programs. The National Association of Advisors of the Health Professions (NAAHP) is an organization of over 700 faculty/staff advisors currently housed in most major colleges and universities across the nation. It serves as a clearinghouse for national recruitment programs aimed at students wishing to pursue a career in the traditional health professions: alleopathic and osteopathic medicine, public health, nursing, dentistry, allied health, podiatry, optometry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, health administration among others.

At a meeting last week in Las Vegas, ASPH staff made a presentation regarding the rich and rewarding opportunities in public health available to undergraduate students. We urge you, and your student recruitment staff, to visit the NAAHP home page (www.naahp.org) and learn more about NAAHP. A large majority of universities with ASPH schools and programs are members of NAAHP. For your university NAAHP member contact, I suggest emailing NAAHP <mailto:staff@naahp.org>. NAAHP liaison to ASPH is Gale Lang from Penn. She attended our annual meeting last November in Boston and plans to attend this year's ASPH annual meeting in Atlanta.

ASPH and NAAHP staffers are currently working on ways and means for both associations to better serve their members. ASPH staff will be contributing pieces on public health careers to NAAHP's journal, "The Advisor." This is a quarterly publication of articles, reprints and studies pertaining to advising, education, professional advancement, networking, and recruitment case studies in the health professions, as well as career information. The association also has an on-line newsletter (NAAHP-Net) that carries regular updates and late-breaking news from the field. Again, NAAHP is a resource that can and may shore-up your school's recruitment programs. Check it out (www.naahp.org).

As a side note, "The Advisor" recently ran a piece on the ASPH project, chaired by Noreen Clark, regarding MPH competencies. Plans are underway to sponsor a public health careers panel at the

NAAHP annual meeting next year. To contribute articles to "The Advisor," contact the Journal's editor, Carol Baffie-Dugan (<<mailto:carol.baffi-dugan@tufts.edu>>).

ASPH WELCOMES TWO NEW STAFFERS

ASPH recently hired two new staffers to assist with our Distance Learning and Informatics Conference and the ASPH/CDC cooperative agreement. Jennifer St. Clare Russell, who goes by Jen, will be the project manager for distance learning. Jen's extension is 139 and her email address is <<mailto:jsr@asph.org>>. Stephaine Goad, our most recent hire, will be the new grants coordinator over grants and contracts for the CDC cooperative agreement. Stephaine's extension is 147 and her email address is <<mailto:stg@asph.org>>. Please join us in welcoming Jen and Stephanie to the ASPH staff.

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NCI ENHANCES ATLAS WEBSITE

NCI has just released the Cancer Mortality Maps & Graphs website at <http://www.nci.nih.gov/atlasplus/>. This is an enhanced version of the Atlas of Cancer Mortality in the United States, 1950-94. You'll find interactive maps, graph figures, tables and text describing geographic patterns and time trends of cancer death rates for this time period on over 40 cancers.

The site provides mapping, graphing and data retrieval capabilities at the national, state, state economic area (SEA) and county level.

Be sure to bookmark the site. Comments, suggestions or questions can be submitted by email to NCI directly from the site by clicking the "Contact Us" link.

TWO ASPH/HRSA FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED THIS SUMMER

Two ASPH/HRSA fellowship opportunities are available this summer; one at the Bureau for Health Professions (BHPR), and the other at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), both located in Rockville, MD. The BHPR fellow, which is in the Center for Public Health, will support the center in strengthening the public health and preventive medicine workforce and improve approaches to collaborative activities involving both public health and preventive medicine. They will also assist faculty and students in improving public health services in underserved communities. The position will begin this summer and is for a six-month period. For more information, visit http://www.asph.org/get_document.cfm/42/108/6021. Applications are due by July 9, 2001.

The MCHB fellowship will support the bureau in providing national leadership, direction and administrative oversight related to planning, development, management, and monitoring of the maternal and child health training grant program. Fellows receive an annual stipend and an additional allowance for other expenses. The position will begin this summer and is for one year. For more information, visit http://www.asph.org/get_document.cfm/42/108/6022. Closing date for applications is July 22, 2001.

To stay abreast on ASPH/HRSA fellowship opportunities, visit our website at http://www.asph.org/get_section.cfm/42/108.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS WORKSHOP

The top leaders in public health workforce development gathered in Atlanta, GA for the “Public Health Workforce Development Progress Workshop,” sponsored by CDC.

Co-chairs Maureen Lichtveld and Stephanie Bailey did a wonderful job in leading the group in a “roll up your sleeves” meeting that resulted in refining action steps in workforce preparedness issues such as: validating core competencies, certification and credentialing in public health, examining methods of research and evaluation, and designing a distance learning system for frontline practitioners of preparedness and emerging health threats.

Among those working at the table on issues of preparedness were Rick Kurz (SLU), Charlie Mahan (USF), Harrison Spencer; and numerous associate deans (Chris Athchison (Iowa), Jack Barnette (Iowa), Kathy Miner (Emory), Dan Merrigan (Boston), Kate Wright (SLU) and Maggie Potter (Pittsburgh)), and faculty. Barney Turnock (UIC) lead a half-day session for the seven centers for public health preparedness in which representatives had the opportunity to give a brief presentation on their center’s activities and area of specialty. Overall, it was a very successful meeting that will help ensure public health workforce preparedness locally, as well as nationally.

Sincerely,

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Associate Deans' Retreat
July 11-14, 2001
Hotel: Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort
Snowbird, UT

Contact: Mary Stickley <<mailto:mes@asph.org>> or
Karen Helsing <<mailto:klh@asph.org>>

Deans' Retreat
July 25-28, 2001
Hotel: Waterville Valley Resort
Waterville Valley, NH

Contact: Mary Stickley <<mailto:mes@asph.org>>

Environmental & Occupational Health Conference

August 1-3, 2001

Hotel: Renaissance Madison

Seattle, WA

Contact: Allison Foster <mailto:ajf@asph.org>

ASPH/CDC/ATSDR/HRSA Public Health Informatics and Distance Learning Conference

August 5-7, 2001

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Columbus

Columbus, Ohio

Contact: Jen St. Clare Russell <mailto:jsr@asph.org>

ASPH 61st Annual Meeting

October 20-23, 2001

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Atlanta

Atlanta, GA

Contact: Mary Stickley <mailto:mes@asph.org>

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see http://www.asph.org/aa_section.cfm/12 for current job announcements.

Epidemiologist , Senior Staff Position, 011231

Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI

http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm/12/12/6025

Community Health Education Coordinator, 010728

St. Charles Medical Center--Center for Health and Learning, Oregon

http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm/12/12/6026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

To submit job announcements, free of charge, for distribution with the Friday Letter, the submission must be:

- * clear and proofread
- * written in third person
- * sent in an email
- * 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)
- * <mailto:FridayLetter@asph.org> in electronic format by Friday close of business 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.

Interested in receiving the electronic Friday Letter? Send your first and last name along with an email and <<mailto:FridayLetter@asph.org>>.

Note: Not all Friday Letter recipients receive attachments; if you would like a copy of one or all of them in a particular Friday Letter, please <<mailto:FridayLetter@asph.org>>.