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1. SPH IN NATIONAL NEWS

"A Booster Shot for Public Health" appeared in this week's "Boston Globe" (1/7/03) as the lead article "above the fold" in the Health/Science section. It featured several SPH deans as well as Dr. Georges Benjamin (APHA). The article leads with "It was summer 2001, and the leaders of America's public-health schools had convened at a pastoral New Hampshire retreat for their annual summit." The full story may be found at http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/007/science/A_booster_shot_for_public_health+.shtml.

If your school makes the news, please feel free to send the "clipping" to submissions@asph.org so that we may further disseminate the information to your public health colleagues.

2. 2003 PARTNERING MEETING INFORMATION

"Preparedness for Prevention: Practice, Partners and Policy" is the theme of this year's annual Partnering Meeting. ASPH is working with five organizations-- Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine (ATPM), Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS), American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), Minority Health Professions Foundation (MHPF), and the Public Health Practice Program Office of CDC (PHPPPO/CDC)--to present the meeting, which will be held February 11 - 13 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta, GA. The meeting is a great opportunity to bring together representatives from each of the participating groups to collaborate on prevention research.

The goal of the meeting is to promote an understanding in academic health institutions of CDC's role in public health and preventive care and of CDC's research priorities and potential for funding extramural research. This year's meeting will focus on the findings of the IOM reports and the importance of partnerships in preparing to respond to public health emergencies.

We are anticipating that Dr. Julie Gerberding will speak at the meeting. In addition, Dean Linda Rosenstock (UCLA) is expected to address the SPH response to the two IOM reports. Other goals of the meeting are to:

- * Provide a venue for participants to share partnering experiences;
- * Highlight model collaborations;
- * Exchange ideas for research and funding opportunities and learn about the cooperative agreement process; and,
- * Facilitate the development of a skilled and educated public health workforce responsive to the diverse American population.

The meeting features a "Celebration of Partnerships" reception that will offer attendees an opportunity to network with key CDC CIOs and other associations at the conference.

Please visit the meeting website for the latest agenda at www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/apm/. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Stickley for registration information at 202-296-1099, ext. 136 or e-mail her at mstickley@asph.org. The reservation deadline for special rates at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia is Tuesday, January 29th.

3. ANNUAL CARL W. TYLER, JR. AWARD—NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

ASPH is currently accepting applications for the 2003 Carl W. Tyler, Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Health Practice. This award was established in honor of Dr. Tyler's retirement from outstanding and dedicated public health service. The award recognizes student application and achievement toward elevating the scholarship of public health practice for students and practitioners, as exemplified by Dr. Tyler. Second year fellows participating in the ASPH/CDC Public Health System Fellowship are eligible for this award.

Applications are due by noon, Wednesday, January 22, 2003 and must be submitted electronically to michellef@asph-cgp.org. The award will be presented at the CDC Partnering Meeting in Atlanta, GA on February 12, 2003. The award recipient will receive a cash prize of up to \$500 plus up to \$1,000 in travel expenses to make a presentation at the CDC Partnering Meeting, contingent upon funding. For more information regarding the award, application process, and deadlines, please contact Michelle Frisch at michellef@asph-cgp.org.

4. MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

A. CDC's 3rd Annual Workforce Development Meeting

CDC will be hosting its third annual Public Health Workforce Development Meeting in Atlanta, GA from January 22-23. This meeting will bring together partners from academic institutions and federal, state and local public health agencies to discuss progress, issues, and challenges in the arena of workforce development. Discussion topics include the newly released IOM report "Who Will Keep the Public Healthy", competencies & curriculum development, incentives, and the

critical importance of partnerships. For general information, see www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/wdm/. For a meeting overview, see www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/wdm/overview.asp.

This meeting will advance the work that was initiated in Callaway Gardens, GA in October 2000 and started up again briefly in Athens, GA the morning of September 11, 2001, before quickly canceling in light of that day's events.

B. CCPH's 7TH Annual Conference

Register now for Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's (CCPH's) 7th annual conference to take place April 26-29, 2003 in San Diego, CA. The theme of the conference is "Taking Partnerships to a New Level: Achieving Outcomes, Sustaining Change." David Satcher, former US Surgeon General, will be the opening keynote speaker. To register, visit www.meetingmatters.com.

CCPH is a nonprofit organization that promotes health through partnerships between communities and educational institutions. See <http://www.ccpb.info> for more information on the organization.

5. APHA ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH CAUCUS—NOW ACCEPTING ABSTRACTS

The APHA Academic Public Health Caucus is soliciting abstracts for the annual APHA 2003 Conference. Abstracts are being accepted online for oral or poster formats. The theme for 2003 APHA is, "Behavior, Lifestyle, and Social Determinants of Health." Some of the topics for this year include: global-oriented distance education and informatics; leadership competence on policies and laws affecting informatics, genomics, or practice-based teaching and research; the management of daily and recurring environmental and disease threats, including injury, violence, and trauma; and, the management of threats and incidences from natural or technological disasters (biological, chemical, radiological, or nuclear), including mass trauma.

Consideration will be given to abstracts that (a) promote the caucus purpose; (b) address one or more of the 2003 topic areas; and, (c) fulfill the abstract criteria. For complete information on the guidelines and criteria, please see <http://apha.confex.com/apha/131am/aphc.htm>. The deadline for online submission is Thursday, February 6, 2003 at midnight, EST. Please contact Geri Aglipay at gaglipay@asph.org if you have questions.

ASPH founded the caucus in 1992 for APHA members to meet annually about academic public health. Specifically, the caucus provides a forum to showcase and learn about innovations in education, training, and academic research not only from public health academicians, but also from practitioners within public health institutions (i.e., federal, state, regional, local, private sector or non-profit organizations or personnel) that administer or participate in academic/practice partnerships.

6. HHS AND ARLINGTON COUNTY, VA PLAN A MASS VACCINATION SITE TEST

On Saturday, January 11, 2003, HHS, in cooperation with the Arlington County Virginia Department of Human Services, will host a mass vaccination site test. This test seeks to put to practice, the models that have been proposed for a model mass vaccination clinic.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, in coordination with the CDC is seeking 500 volunteers to serve as mock patients for this exercise. Volunteers are needed for no more than four (4) hours on Saturday (either 9-1, 11-3 or 12-4) to go through the exercise clinic. (They need to fill the 9-1 time slot before accepting persons into the other time slots.) No real vaccinations will take place and volunteers will not be asked to perform any strenuous physical activity.

The exercise will take place at Washington and Lee High School, located at 1300 North Quincy Street in Arlington. If you are available, as soon as possible, please contact LCDR Peter Stauffer at 202-401-4672 or peter.stauffer@hhs.gov. LCDR Stauffer will sign you up for a specific time block and provide more detailed directions. Because they need a certain number of people at each time block, you are advised NOT to show up without contacting LCDR Stauffer first.

If you do participate in this simulation, please feel free to send in comments about your experience to the ASPH Friday Letter at submissions@asph.org.

7. MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2003 Partnering Meeting -- "Preparedness for Prevention: Partners, Policy and Practice"
February 11-13, 2003
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Ravinia
Atlanta, GA
Contact: Mary Stickley (mstickley@asph.org) and Amanda Cash (acash@asph.org)

ASPH Legislative Meeting
March 4-5, 2003
Hotel: Wyndham Hotel
Washington, DC
Contact: Mary Stickley (mstickley@asph.org)

Associate Deans' Retreat
June 18-21, 2003
Hotel: Grouse Mountain Lodge
Whitefish, Montana
Contacts: Allison Foster (afoster@asph.org) and Mary Stickley (mstickley@asph.org)

Deans' Retreat
July 23-26, 2003
Hotel: Hotel Santa Fe
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Contact: Allison Foster (afoster@asph.org) and Mary Stickley (mstickley@asph.org)

63rd Annual Meeting of the Deans
November 15-18, 2003
San Francisco, CA
Contact: Mary Stickley (mstickley@asph.org)

8. JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see http://66.63.9.51/aa_section.cfm?section_id=12 for current job announcements.

Epidemiologist
Glitzer Associates
http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7028

Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professor, Environmental Analysis & Design
University of California, Irvine
http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7268

Data Manager
PACTS-HOPE, Medical & Health Research Association
http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7273

Chair, Department of Maternal and Child Health
School of Public Health, UNC at Chapel Hill
http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7274

Assistant Professor (Health Behavior/Health Services Research)
University of North Carolina Charlotte
http://66.63.9.51/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7275

Program Associate
The Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)
http://66.63.9.51/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7276

Child and Adolescent Development Specialist
Washington State Department of Health, Office of Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
http://www.asph.org/aa_document.cfm?section_id=12&subsection_id=12&document_id=7277

9. JOB POSTING 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 e-mail;
- * 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); and,
 - sent via e-mail to: submissions@asph.org
 - sent in electronic format by Friday close of business the Friday before 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 Friday Letter? Send your first and last name along with an email to: FridayLetter@asph.org.