



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

MdPHA Board Meetings

February 14, 2005

March 14, 2005

*American Heart Association, 415
N. Charles Street, Baltimore
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.*

All meetings are open

Annual MdPHA Legislative Reception

Tuesday, March 8, 2005, 6-8 PM

*Harry Browne's Restaurant,
Annapolis*

Public Health Week

April 4 – 10, 2005

Theme: *"Empowering Americans
to Live Stronger, Longer: Prevent,
Protect and Plan"*

2005 MdPHA Annual Meeting

Friday, June 3, 2005

Location to be determined.

SAVE THESE DATES!

MdPHA Membership

Our membership stands at 298 as of December 14, 2004.

Thank you for your support. Please get involved. You can make a difference. Contact any Board member or Section Chair.

2005 Membership Renewal

Your renewal form is enclosed. Please verify your info and return today!

It is a pleasure to write this, my first President's column for *The Record*. The first six months have been very busy as I have focused on becoming more familiar with the workings of the Association and strengthening our ability to be responsive to our members and to other partner agencies.

I have been working closely with our board who has really stepped forward to help. They have taken active roles in decision-making and implementation of our goals. I am so pleased to have such committed and supportive people to work with. In this issue, we have included short bios on each board member so you can get a better idea of who we are and what we bring to the Association.

I want to thank our 2003 – 2004 board members for their work on behalf of MdPHA. A special thank you goes to **Gillian Silver**, our Immediate Past President, who was such a help to me both during my President-Elect term and in the transition period between our terms.

As we begin 2005, it's time to give a 'state of the union' address for MdPHA. I am happy to report that we have 298 members, up from 224 in April. Regular members make up the majority at 233. We have 36 students, 20 retired members, 8 sponsoring, and 1 lifetime member. Our board is nearly complete and our sections are strong, particularly, the Health Education Section and Student Section. The Nursing Section, which has been inactive this last year, has been rejuvenated with the addition of two new co-chairs, **Dr. Shirish Shah** (Towson University) and **Dianne Crews** (retired nurse from Anne Arundel County and MdPHA Board Member). The Latino Caucus has been working with the APHA Latino Caucus and groundwork has been laid for future efforts.

We had a very successful June Annual Meeting on 'Obesity, Physical Activity and the Built Environment'. Board members attended meetings such as *Healthier Steps* and *Obesity and the Built Environment* and meetings for the *Maryland Diabetes Coalition*, *Team Nutrition*, and *Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition*. In November, we were represented at APHA's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. MdPHA shared exhibit space with Metro Washington and Virginia Public Health Associations. This was a great experience and the exposure allowed us to recruit new members. In pre-conference meetings, I worked with other state Affiliates on strategic planning efforts we began at leadership meetings held in June 2004. **Michaeline Fedder**, board member and Affiliate Representative to the APHA Governing Council (ARGC), represented MdPHA in discussions of new APHA policies.

In November, I spoke to graduate students at Morgan State University about APHA, MdPHA, local health departments and public health (pg.2)



MdPHA Board Members

President, Ruth Maiorana
Past-President, Gillian Silver
President-Elect, Roger Harrell
Treasurer, Francoise Pradel
Secretary, Roger Sorensen

ARGC, Michaeline Fedder

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 Ingrid Connerney
 Dianne Crews
 Ayanna Fews
 Sonia Fierro-Luperini
 Gerald Gallucci
 Sherry McCammon

Student Representative,
 Sapna Eknath

Committee Chairs

Program, Roger Harrell
Legislative, Sherry McCammon
 (co-Chair)
 Vacant (co-Chair)
Membership, vacant

Section Chairs

Health Education,
 Angela Deal (co-Chair)
 Leslie Hoglund (co-Chair)
Nursing, Dianne Crews (co-Chair)
 Shirish Shah (co-Chair)
Student, Sapna Eknath
Latino Caucus, Sonia Fierro-Luperini
Black Caucus, Vacant

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(from pg. 1) careers. All of the students and some of the faculty present joined MdPHA on the spot. We talked about getting more student involvement at other colleges. Look for more to come on this issue.

The board held a retreat in November where we outlined our priorities. We will focus on three main issues which are also main priorities for APHA: health care coverage for the uninsured and underinsured (i.e. supporting Health Care for All), reducing health care disparities (i.e. access, diversity, obesity, physical activity, built environment, tobacco prevention and cessation), and most importantly, strengthening public health infrastructure (i.e. student programs, professional development, communications, opportunities). As an Association, we will offer programming and benefits to members that are built on these 3 priorities. We will also work on better communicating the benefits of joining MdPHA through presentations and increased advocacy and education. We will speak to groups, offer programs and events, and partner with other health and community groups wherever possible.

As your president and a member of both MdPHA and APHA, I strongly encourage each of you to join or renew with the national association as well as with MdPHA. I know that personal and work budget constraints can make this difficult to do but I firmly believe in the importance of belonging to both the state and national groups of a professional organization. Dr. Benjamin, APHA Executive Director, has also made this his goal. At the November Annual Meeting, he wore both his APHA and MdPHA pins, representing the local affiliate he belongs to. He made reference to this several times and relayed how he encourages each of his staff and association leaders to join both APHA and their local state affiliate. The Affiliate Presidents and APHA have had numerous discussions about joint memberships. I believe enough people support joint memberships that it might happen. I encourage us to discuss this concept in the year ahead.

Members are welcome to join the board meetings on the second Monday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the American Heart Association in Baltimore. Join us at other upcoming events such as the 2005 MdPHA Annual Legislative Reception, Tuesday, March 8th, Harry Browne’s, Annapolis and our 2005 Annual Meeting, Friday, June 3rd. We are a partner for Public Health Week April 4 – 10th. The theme will be “Empowering Americans to live stronger longer”. Write these important dates on your new 2005 calendars – you won’t want to miss them!

Six months has flown by and my ‘to do’ list is not any smaller! Over the last few months, I have had the opportunity to talk with many of our wonderful and talented members. I have been so impressed with the experience and ideas that we have within our membership. The key to our success lies within each of us. I need your help! Take a look at what we are doing and how you could become more involved. I promise we will do the same.

I appreciate everyone’s support and welcome. I look forward to meeting more of you and continuing current friendships. I thank you all for your faith in my abilities and for trusting me with the leadership of the Association. I wish everyone a safe and healthy 2005!

Ruth Maiorana, President

Maryland's Public Health Ranking, 2004

A recent report from the United Health Foundation shows that Maryland ranks 34th among all states for combined measures of public health status for the year 2004, the lowest it has ever ranked.

On the positive side, Maryland has a low percentage of children living in poverty, a low rate of deaths due to occupational hazards or motor vehicle accidents, and a moderate prevalence of smoking as compared to other states.

On the negative side, Maryland maintains a high rate of violent crime, a high infant mortality rate, and a high incidence of infectious disease.

A positive trend since 1990 is that the prevalence of smoking in Maryland continues to decrease.

Unfortunately, the infant mortality rate has remained high (the U.S. ranks 29th in the world in infant mortality), and both the prevalence of obesity and the number of those lacking health insurance has increased in Maryland since 1990. Infant mortality and obesity are nationwide problems. For more information, see the United Health Foundation report [www.unitedhealthfoundation.org].

Come on Maryland, we can do better!

Moving? Please let us know.

Don't forget to send MdPHA a note when your contact information changes. We don't want to lose you.

State Ranking		Measurement Data
RISK FACTORS		
Personal Behaviors		
12	Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	20.1
10	Motor Vehicle Deaths (Deaths per 100,000,000 miles driven)	1.2
23	Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	21.9
18	High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	74.1
Community Environment		
48	Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	770
23	Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	13.9
49	Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	43.9
4	Children in Poverty (percent of persons under age 18)	10.6
7	Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	3.7
Health Policies		
21	Percent of Health Dollars for Public Health (Percent of health exp.)	6.3
22	Per Capita Public Health Spending (\$ per person)	\$61
27	Adequacy of Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)	75.4
OUTCOMES		
18	Limited Activity Days (Days in last 30 days)	2.0
29	Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	328.6
32	Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	208.4
27	Total Mortality (Deaths per 100,000 population)	864.1
41	Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	8.2
34	Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	8,071
34	OVERALL	-2

Meet Your MdPHA Board Members

Ruth Maiorana (President): B.S., Community Health Education, Towson State University. 2004 Mid-Atlantic Health Leadership Institute Scholar. Current position: Director, Health Education & Planning Division and Public Information Officer, Harford County Health Department. I administer several grant programs on tobacco, cardiovascular health and nutrition, employee wellness, and core public health functions, and serve as the county's health planner and the Department's Public Information Officer. I participate in a number of county and state groups on behalf of the Health Department and some as MdPHA President. Groups: Treasurer Smoke Free Maryland, Past President Harford County Children's Council, Harford County Community Development Review Board, SOPHE member, APHA member, MdPHA Health Education Section member and immediate past Chair, Healthy Harford, and many others.

Gillian Beth Silver (Immediate Past-President): is responsible for awards, nominations, and procedures. Ms. Silver is the Associate Director for Policy Projects of the Women's and Children's Health Policy Center (WCHPC) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In her seven years with the WCHPC, Ms. Silver has contributed to a wide array of projects developed for an audience of MCH practitioners, policymakers and academicians, including *Charting a Course for the Future of Women's and Perinatal Health*, and several briefs and articles on the organization of perinatal health care services. Ms. Silver is participating in a longitudinal, cross-site evaluation of a community pediatrics training initiative. She assisted in convening a meeting *Building Bridges for Child Health Research, Policy and Practice*, and co-authored a brief entitled *The Health of Homeless Women: Information for State Maternal and Child Health Programs*. Her graduate training is from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, in health policy.

Roger L. Harrell (President-Elect): is the Chief Public Health Official for Dorchester County. He is responsible for all core public health functions including surveillance and data analysis, health policy development, administration of an integrated program of health services and assurance of a safe and healthy environment for the residents of Dorchester County. Mr. Harrell's experience includes 20+ years in the management of public and private programs. He has managed a number of statewide public health programs for the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene – providing education, technical assistance, consultation, and funding to local health departments and private non-profit organizations. He serves as Past President, Cambridge Rotary Club, and Vice President, Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center. He serves as Guest Lecturer, Johns School of Hygiene and Public Health, Member, Maryland State Council on Cancer Control, Member, Maryland State Advisory Council on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Programs, Member, American Public Health Association, Member, Executive Committee, Delmarva American Red Cross, and Member, Executive Committee, Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council of Maryland. He is married and has six grandchildren. Education includes a BS, Business

Administration, University of North Carolina and a MHA, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of VA. My priorities for our Association: increase membership and number of active members, increase student participation, improve awareness in the public health field and the community of our Association, increase partnerships and joint activities with other health groups as well as other public health associations, and to work on the relationship between our Association and the APHA as a state affiliate.

Françoise G. Pradel (Treasurer): Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Received her Pharmacy degree from the University of Paris (France), her M.S. in Pharmaceutical Policy and Evaluative Sciences and her Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Research interests focus on behavioral research and on the effectiveness of health care interventions with a particular emphasis on patient reported outcomes. Françoise is the Director of the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research (PHSR) graduate program and teaches two health behavioral graduate courses. Interest for MdPHA includes access to health care and chronic diseases prevention.

Roger G. Sorensen (Secretary): B.S., Chemistry, University of Maryland, College Park; Ph.D., Biochemistry, Indiana University, Bloomington; MPA, Healthcare Policy and Administration, Rutgers University, Camden. Previous positions include: Postdoctoral Fellow, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; Research Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore; Assistant Professor, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia; and Assistant Director, Forum for Policy Research and Public Service, Rutgers University, Camden. Current position as Health Scientist Administrator, Division of Neuroscience and Behavior, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health, Bethesda. My job function is to manage and direct federal government-sponsored scientific research within the Neurochemistry, Neurotoxicology and Molecular Pharmacology extramural research portfolio for NIAAA. My interests for MdPHA include the areas of access to healthcare services, coverage of the under/un-insured, mental health and behavioral treatment and parity of treatment, and adolescent behavioral (exercise/obesity, alcohol, substance abuse) health.

Michaeline R. Fedder (Affiliate Representative to APHA Governing Council): B.A., Education and Psychology, Queens College, NY; M.A., Voluntary Agency Management, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Current Position is Director of Advocacy, Maryland, American Heart Association, Mid-Atlantic Affiliate. I am responsible for managing the legislative and public policy program for AHA in MD. Previous positions include Deputy Executive Director for Research, Medical and Community Programs (AHA), Field Consultant for Anne Arundel and Howard Counties (AHA), Elementary School Teacher in Queens, NY. I currently serve as the President of Smoke Free Maryland and Chairman of the Governor's Council on Heart Disease and Stroke. Her interests for MdPHA include prevention of childhood obesity and tobacco use prevention and cessation.

Ingrid Connerney (Board Member At-Large): DrPH, MPH, RN, received her Nursing degree from Denmark, and Masters and Doctoral degrees in Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. She has worked in hospitals in Denmark, Norway, and the US. Dr. Connerney is currently the Director for the Department of Clinical Effectiveness at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at University of Maryland School of Medicine. She has published on the long term impact of depression after cardiac surgery, and presented on various performance improvement initiatives in hospitals. Her interests for MdPHA include health promotion and disease prevention, access to healthcare, and reduction in social, racial and ethnic disparities.

Dianne Crews (Board Member At-Large): R.N., Diploma, New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, Mass. Previous positions as Staff nurse, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT; South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth, MA; and Anne Arundel General Hospital, Annapolis, MD. She retired in January, 2004, after 26 years as Community Health Nurse with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health. She worked as a generalized CHN for many years, eventually becoming specialized in women's reproductive health. She had responsibilities in supervising staff nurses in the community health centers, and served as program supervisor for the breast and cervical cancer program.

I volunteered to co-chair the nursing section of MdPHA because I would like to encourage increased community health nurse involvement in the organization. I fear the role of the professional public health/community health nurse in our health care system is at risk. A nurse has the unique ability to be a holistic preventative health educator and practitioner for the entire family - in the home, in schools, at work and in our neighborhoods. Those skills are being under-utilized in our communities, especially for those who need services the most. I would like to see the role of community health nurses as advocates for the public's health restored once again.

Ayanna L. Fewes (Board Member At-Large): B.A., Public Health from Johns Hopkins University; MBA, in Health Care Management from the Merrick School of Business at the University of Baltimore. Current Position: Coordinator, MidAtlantic Public Health Training Center (MAPHTC) and Co-Coordinator, Center for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Responsible for coordinating the activities of the Center which provides public health practice and preparedness training and continuing education opportunities for the current public health workforce in Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C. Previous Positions: Outreach Specialist/Assistant Coordinator, National SIDS and Infant Death Program Support Center; Executive Coordinator of the District of Columbia Area Health Education Center; Case Manager, Able to Achieve Program, Baltimore City Health Department; and Action Center for Education and Community Development (New York Based), Board of Directors Vice-Chair. Her interests for MdPHA include the community-based public health practice, especially to address the issue of health

disparities, cultural competency in health care, and social and behavioral aspects of health.

Sonia Fierro-Luperini (Board Member At-Large): M.D., Morgan State University-Public Health Program. She received her Medical Doctor in Gynecology and Obstetrics from the National University of Mexico, with courses in Hospital Administration and Public Health. Previous activities include: Head Coordinator for the Maternal/Child health program consisting of 500,000 people, Graduate and Undergraduate teacher at the National University of Mexico, Schools of Medicine and Nursing, Spanish teacher for Towson University, Baltimore, and Cross Cultural instructor for Berlitz Language Schools. She has published articles regarding gynecology and surgery, and has given many clinical and surgical presentations. She is a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, a member of both APHA and MdPHA, and a member of Med-Chi. Currently, she works for the Morgan State University's Public Health Program. Her goals for MdPHA are to increase the participation of minorities within the area of Public Health, to decrease Health Disparities, and to continue working (as Chair) towards the objectives of the recently founded MdPHA's Latino Caucus.

Gerard Gallucci (Board Member At-Large): BA, Columbia College (NY); MD, George Washington University School of Medicine (Washington, DC); MHS, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Previous positions include: Residency in Psychiatry, Johns Hopkins Department of Psychiatry, Fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Faculty, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, with Joint Appointment in Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Current Position: Medical Director of the Community Psychiatry Program, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Activities include: Chair, Public Psychiatry Committee, Maryland Psychiatric Society, and Secretary Treasurer, Mental Health Policy Institute for Leadership and Training. Special interests: Public and community psychiatry; community-based treatments for individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities and psychiatric illness. I hope to participate in the activities of the MdPHA that increase awareness of and impact the broader general and mental health issues of our community.

Sherry Livick McCammon (Board Member At-Large): holds a bachelor's degree in Health Education from Towson State University and is currently employed at the American Cancer Society, South-Atlantic Division. She has been with the American Cancer Society for 8 years and is currently the Public Policy Initiatives Manager for Maryland and Delaware in the Government Relations Department. In this role, Sherry works closely with the Government Relations Director and Grassroots Managers and manages relationships with statewide coalitions, government agencies and organizations to develop policies and initiatives that address nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use prevention, youth health, skin cancer prevention, cancer screenings, pain management and access to health care issues. Sherry's expertise is in networking, building strategic alliances, constituent relationship management, coalition-building, and managing statewide initiatives.

THIS YEAR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

1975

Whereas, in a system of complete health care, preventive medicine is recognized as a most effective method of achieving optimum health; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States is considering passage of a law providing for national health insurance; and *Whereas*, some state, county, and municipal health agencies have carried out effective programs of preventive medicine for many years;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the American Public Health Association recommend to Congress that provision of preventive medical services by state, county, and municipal public health agencies be included as part of the service plan of national health insurance legislation; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Congressional Committees considering national health insurance bills.

APHA Policy Statement 7502

1995

Recognizing that there exists a strong correlation between the rate of unemployment and such key measures of public health as the overall mortality rate, specific mortality rates from cardiovascular disease, cirrhosis, suicide, and homicide, and admissions to psychiatric hospitals

Recalling with concern the increase in the numbers of those uninsured or under-insured as a result of higher levels of unemployment and reduction or elimination of health care insurance by employers

Noting that APHA policy is committed to the right to meaningful, productive employment, with adequate income; therefore

1. Finds that present and projected levels of unemployment and underemployment constitute a direct hazard to public health; and
2. Encourages the development and implementation of a United States full employment policy ensuring employment guaranteed at a living wage to every adult man or woman who is unable to find adequately remunerative work in the regular labor market. Such employment should include, at a minimum, health insurance benefits equivalent to those available to federal government employees, safe and healthy working conditions, and affordable, quality childcare services. Short-term unemployment benefits should be maintained and strengthened as an adjunct to this policy of providing guaranteed employment.

APHA Policy Statement 9508

2004 APHA ANNUAL MEETING

November 6 – 10, 2004, Washington, DC

This year's theme was "*Public Health and the Environment*".

This past November, 14,500 people descended upon the Washington Convention Center to attend the 132nd annual APHA meeting. MdPHA shared a booth with the Washington Metro Public Health Association (WMPHA) to provide information about the local affiliates and to answer questions. MdPHA was successful in recruiting new members. Thanks to all who spent time manning the booth.

Twenty new APHA policy statements were adopted at the meeting. These included: Ensuring access to influenza vaccinations, Nutrition labeling to combat obesity, Promoting public health and education goals through coordinated school health programs, Eliminating threats to public health service, Eliminating attacks on immigrant healthcare, and Reducing underage alcohol consumption.

Election results were the following: President-elect, Pat Mail; Treasurer, Mel Shipp; Speaker of the Governing Counsel, Alan Hinman; and Executive Board Members, Nell Gottlieb, Shiriki Kumanyika and Howard Spivak.

Next year's meeting, "Evidence-Based Policy and Practice", will take place in New Orleans on November 5-9, 2005.



**SAVE THE DATE:
The 2005 MdPHA ANNUAL
MEETING WILL BE
HELD 6/3/2005!**



**Do You Have Ideas for
This Year's Annual
Meeting?**

Contact Roger Harrell, MdPHA
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COMMITTEE, SECTION, CAUCUS UPDATES

Public Health Nursing Section

Dianne Crews, formerly of the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, and **Shirish Shah**, Towson University, are serving as co-Chairpersons. They have conversed with some board members to review and share expectations. The following ideas and activities have been discussed:

Section Objective:

- Maintain the importance of this section of MdPHA by increasing membership and involvement.

Short-term goals:

- Update nursing membership list. Survey current membership for concerns and interests.
- Monitor public health nursing policy issues.
- Plan nursing section program/event for early spring and/or the annual meeting.
- Solicit nominees for public health nursing awards and honors.

Long term goals:

- Design a communication system for nursing section members - e-mail, newsletter.
- Conduct a statewide campaign for new members.
- Promote increased understanding of public health nursing by networking with public health related agencies and organizations.

They plan to do more organizational development in January, and welcome any ideas or suggestions from the membership. Please contact Dianne - dmackcrn@aol.com - or Shirish - ssshah@towson.edu .



Health Education Section

The next meeting of the Health Education Section will be on Friday, March 5, 2005 at the Calvert County Health Department. Additional details will be available shortly. Contact Angela Deal (adeal@dhhm.state.md.us) or Leslie Hoglund (leslierawls@yahoo.com) for information concerning this section.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is looking for a motivated volunteer to serve as chair of this committee. Duties would include maintaining the MdPHA membership list database, monitoring all new/renewal memberships, and revising the membership application form as necessary. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Ruth Maiorana, President, MdPHA (rmaiorana@cheerful.com)

WANTED: MdPHA Website Manager

We need your help. Are you familiar with computers? Can you edit word processing documents? Do you want to become more active in your association? MdPHA is looking for someone to manage the MdPHA website. Your responsibilities could vary from simple editing and maintenance of the website to its full redesign depending on your knowledge and creativity. The time commitment is up to you. Please contact MdPHA for more information. **FREE MdPHA Membership for the volunteer who takes on this vital task!**

Upcoming MdPHA Activities

MdPHA Programs are part of your membership benefits!

March 8th: *Legislative Reception*, 6-8 p.m., Harry Browne's Restaurant, State Circle, Annapolis. **FEE.** Purpose: To discuss MdPHA supported legislation, health-related bills before the General Assembly, and networking. All delegates and senators and MdPHA members and guests are invited.

June 3rd: *MdPHA Annual Meeting.* Theme and location to be determined.

Other Events

Eight Annual Health Education

Advocacy Summit

March 14-16, 2005

Washington Court Hotel, DC

Organized by SOPHE in collaboration with the Coalition of National Health Education Organizations.

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (w/SOPHE)

April 6-10, 2005

La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, NM

SOPHE Midyear Meeting

April 13-16, 2005

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA

SOPHE in collaboration with the Society for Behavioral Medicine

American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC)

Spring Scientific Meeting –

Occupational and Environmental
Medicine

April 29 – May 6, 2005

Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC

Attendees: Physicians (+MPH,
Residents/Students), Nurses, Health
Executives, Safety Engineers, Public
Health Officers CME: 37+

www.aoem.org

2005 National Injury Prevention and Control Conference, "Injury and Violence in America: Meeting Challenges, Sharing Solutions".

Sponsored by CDC, NCIPC,
NAICRC, STIPDA. May 9 - 11, 2005,

Denver, Colorado

Recent Publication
**Building Public Health Systems:
Case Examples of Collaborative
Approaches to Improving
Community Health**

Collection of articles combined into a single volume to reinforce the broad scope of public health systems. For e-mail or US mail delivery

http://www.partnershipph.org/co14/policy_agenda.html

Special Thanks

Contributing Members

The MdPHA Board would like to acknowledge those MdPHA members

who provided additional monetary donations to MdPHA this year.

They are:

- Kim Lauer
- Michael Collins

We appreciate your support.

Happy New Year

The beginning of a new year is a time for many of us to reflect upon the past, and to make resolutions for the future. Perhaps this is a good time to become selfish and self-centered, i.e. to take stock in your own personal health. Resolve to make lifestyle choices that will firmly set your path towards better health. Many in the U.S. are not making the right choices. Poor diets and physical inactivity are leading to problematic health consequences, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Smoking continues to be the nation's leading preventable cause of death and illness. So in the spirit of the New Year, resolve to become more active (exercise), to eat right, to quit smoking, and to see your doctor. Park your car towards the back of the parking lot at the store or where you work. Use the stairs instead of the elevator. Choose fruit over that yummy pastry. Your body will thank you.

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MdPHA Membership Application

If you become a member now, or renew your current MdPHA membership now, you will be a member through December 31, 2004.

NAME:

TITLE:

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

FAX:

EMAIL:

MEMBERSHIP:

- Regular \$30
- Contributing \$31 or more
- Retired or Student \$10

CURRENT MdPHA MEMBER?

- Yes
- No

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE FOLLOWING SECTION/CAUCUS:

- Latino Caucus
- Student Section
- Public Health Nursing Section
- Health Education Section

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP MDPHA BY:

- Updating the MdPHA Website
- Helping with the Quarterly Newsletter (Communications Committee)
- Being an advocate for health issues (Legislative Committee)
- Looking for funds to support the Association (Fundraising Committee)
- Recruiting new members/telling others about the Association (Membership and Public Relations)
- Planning MdPHA Membership programs and the Annual Meeting (Program Committee)
- Nominating new board members and award recipients (Nominating and Awards Committee)
- Other, please specify: _____

***Submit Application and Payment to:
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