



President's Message

This should prove to be an exciting year for MPHA. The "Future of Public Health" paper is nearing completion. We should be proud to be a sponsoring organization of this effort, and the Association's name will be on the paper. We have, under Lynn McDaniels' able leadership, established a liaison with the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, and will work closely with MALPH during the coming year to assure appropriate visibility for public health issues.

Since it is an election year, we all need to be actively advocating for public health. The Legislative Committee will be completing a candidate survey shortly after the primary election in August, and the results will be made available to all MPHA members, so as you talk with candidates you can stress the importance of public health and indicate your support for individuals who understand how public health protects the citizens of Michigan.

Whichever candidates you support, make sure they know who you are and how you can help them to re-establish a focus for public health within Michigan. You have important skills and knowledge that the legislature needs in order to be successful, and since so many of the legislators will be newly elected, it will be especially important to meet with them and their staff members so they know that you care about public health and will be watching how they vote. Offer them your support in reviewing proposed legislation and making recommendations about how the proposed law affects public health issues.

Our membership is dedicated, skilled and committed to protecting the health of the public through their various disciplines, yet I am always amazed by the small number of individuals who choose to join with us in support of public health issues. I challenge each of you to identify an additional member during this coming year. MPHA is a vital organization, and I hope you will share that vitality with your colleagues and encourage them to join us.

Mary A. Scoblic, President

Easley Wins Nightingale Award

The Oakland University School of Nursing Nightingale Awards, which recognize outstanding nurses in Michigan, have become the most prestigious awards in their class. Candidates are chosen by healthcare professionals and awards are presented to nurses who embody the spirit of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This year's winners were chosen from a field of nearly 100 nominees from across the state. They received a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale, a Nightingale pin and a cash award.

Winning in the Administration category is Cheryl E. Easley, Dean of the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Saginaw Valley State University, and 2001-02 Chair of MPHA's Community Health Nursing Section. Congratulations Cheryl!



"For us who nurse, our nursing is a thing which, unless we are making progress every year, every month, every week, take my word for it, we are going back."

– Florence Nightingale –



From the Editor

Information needs to be sent to me for inclusion in the **IMPACT**. I am looking for articles from the Sections, Board of Directors, Officers and Members. Articles with a public health bent are welcome. Articles need to be sent to me via e-mail. In addition, I use Microsoft Word.

The due date for the next **IMPACT** Newsletter is October 1, 2002.

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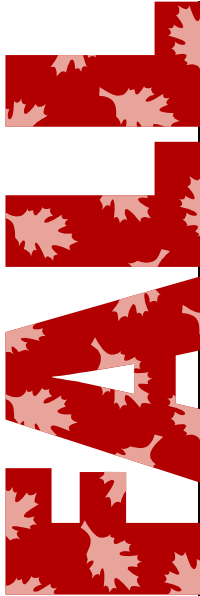
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ANNUAL FALL WORKSHOP

for Community Health Nursing Leaders & Educators

Engaging Communities, Enhancing Health

The Agency Faculty Committee of Southeast Michigan, sharing a 28-year partnership, is pleased to announce the date for its annual fall workshop.

Engaging Communities, Enhancing Health

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

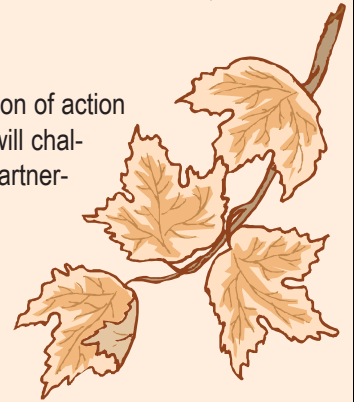
Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Workshop focus:

As communities recognize the significance of improved quality of life, mobilization of action for health assumes greater importance. An interdisciplinary cadre of speakers will challenge participants to think about creative services and strategies that support partnership efforts for improving health. Community and social marketing strategies, partnership building and capacity for positive action will be addressed.

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APHA Committee on Affiliates/Intersectional Council Midyear Meeting

The Committee on Affiliates (CoA) and the Intersectional Council (ISC) met April 15-16, 2002 for their mid-year meetings at the American Public Health Association's headquarters in Washington DC. Part of the two-day meetings included a joint meeting on APHA activities including bioterrorism, universal health care coverage, and the APHA Journal. Kitty Hsu Dana, Associate Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer discussed the search for a new Executive Director and the APHA's budget. Other APHA staff provided updates on the 2002 and 2003 annual meetings, and the "A Branding Project."

Dr. Richard Levinson, Associate Executive Director, Scientific Affairs provided an update on the task force on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health, Credentialing, and the Task Force on Association Improvement and Reorganization. Dr. Levinson also provided an update on the Nominating Committee, Development Committee and the Joint Policy Committee.

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Karen Valenzuela (Region X), Ingrid Davis/Immediate Past Chair (Member-at-Large), Louise Anderson (Region V), Marc Hiller (Region I), Judy Alexiou (Member-at-Large), LaDene Larsen (Region VIII), Tony Frioux (Member-at-Large)

back row, left to right

Sylvia Bookbinder/Chair Elect (Region II), Priscilla White (Region IV), Richard Cohen/Chair (Region III), David Corbin (Region VII), Georgio Piccagli (Region IX), Raymond Heaggans (Region VI).



MPHA 2002 Annual Conference

On May 9, 2002 the Michigan Public Health Association held its' 81st Annual Conference. This year's annual meeting was held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. The MPHA was pleased to co-sponsor its' 81st annual meeting with the Michigan Environmental Health Association. Approximately 60 people enjoyed a day of wonderful presentations, exhibits and mingling with colleagues.

The theme of this year's conference was "*A Healthy Environment-Lessening the Hazards.*" Jay H. Glasser, PhD, MS, President-Elect of the American Public Health Association, welcomed attendees and provided an update of APHA activities. Four plenary sessions focused on environmental public health topics. Howard Frumkin, MD, Dr.PH, from Emory University gave a fantastic presentation on "*Urban Sprawl and Public Health,*" and Matthew Boulton, MD, MPH, gave an enlightening presentation on "*Emergency Preparedness Management.*" Dr. Jerry Cash presented information on food safety and Joe Lovato, MS, talked about arsenic in groundwater. Both nursing and physician continuing education credits were provided.

This year, the Arab-American and Chaldean Council and the Michigan Public Health Institute assisted in sponsoring the conference.



From left to right, Howard Frumkin, MD, Ingrid Davis, MPA (MPHA Past President), Jay Glasser, PhD, MS, President-Elect, American Public Health Association

"The energy at the meeting, the enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of all the participants, and the exciting blend of Public Health and Environmental Health, made the MPHA meeting a wonderful experience." – Dr. Howard Frumkin

This year the MPHA presented the following awards:

The *Distinguished Service Award* was presented to **Maurice S. Reizen, MD, MPH**, former Director of the Michigan Department of Public Health for A lifetime of distinguished service in protecting and preserving the health of Michigan's citizens.

The *Public Service Award* was presented to **Harvey A. Wallace, PhD**, for outstanding public service in preparing and assuring a competent public health workforce.

The *Special Community Service Award* was presented to the **Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter** for Special community services; improving the lives of Michigan citizens with arthritis.

Posthumous Awards were presented to the families of **Kenneth R. Wilcox, MD, MPH, DrPh**, In recognition of his many contributions to the health of Michigan citizens; and **John Ruskin, PE, MPH**, For many years of significant leadership in local public health and MPHA.

The *Community Health Nursing* Section of MPHA presented awards to **Diane J. Hojnacki, BSN, RN**, for Excellence in Community Health Nursing Practice, and **Patricia Ann Rondeau, RN**, for Excellence in Community Health Nursing Leadership. All awardees truly deserved the recognition they received.

Members of the MPHA 81st Conference Planning Committee include Judith Kloss-Smith and Ingrid Davis CoChairs, Sharon Hudson, Monty Fakhouri, Barbara Donahue, Stephanie Schim, Mike Juhasz, Lori Simon and Laura Riddell. George Anderson assisted with obtaining continuing education credits for physicians. Mary Scoblic assisted with the awards.

"I was delighted to participate in the MPHA meeting. In the post September 11th changing national and public health landscape, two major lessons were further underscored for me: the importance of alliances such as the twining of public health and the environment at the MPHA conference, and the absolute primacy of MPHA working with affiliates at the state and local health levels with a genuine reality based multiway exchange of challenges and opportunities My personal thanks for the opportunity to be with you." – Dr. Jay H. Glasser

EXCELLENCE in Community Health Nursing Leadership

Patricia Ann Rondeau, RN

Pat has worked in District Health Department #4 (DHD4) since 1984 to improve the quality of life for clients and caregivers by facilitating the formation of a local Support Group for those affected by Alzheimer's Disease. The Support Group became a Chartered Chapter of the National Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Association.

Pat developed training materials and protocols for working with dementia clients. She completed the Michigan Autopsy Education Training Program, becoming qualified to educate others about autopsy as it relates to those with dementia and to their families. In 1994, she completed "Alzheimer's Disease and Its Impact: A Training for Speakers." She was then accepted as one of the 34 health care professionals in the state to participate in the University of Michigan Advanced Dementia Care Training Program. As an official trainer, she has now trained hundreds of professionals and caregivers.

She wrote and received an Alzheimer's Caregiving Training grant in 1987, and DHD#4 has received monies for this purpose each year since. She has received several Elder Abuse Prevention grants and educates employees in community facilities about this issue.

In addition to her work with Alzheimer's Disease, Pat has trained as a Clinic Leader in Freedom from Smoking. With the Director of Nursing, she has coordinated and implemented many public health programs, including Worksite H.E.A.L.T.H., Cholesterol Screening, Women's Cancer Screening, and Jail Health. She has a broad knowledge of public health and the ability to cultivate teamwork, not only directing staff but also working with them as a partner. She is respected and equally at ease working with administration, state, and government officials.

The Michigan Public Health Association, Community Health Nursing Section, is proud to recognize Patricia Ann Rondeau for her leadership excellence.

EXCELLENCE in Community Health Nursing Practice

Diana J. Hojnacki, BSN, RN

Diana has been a Public Health Field Nurse at the Oakland County Health Division since 1975. She has been a catalyst for change in various school districts and supported them as they made transition to and implemented the use of SIRS, a state computer system that assesses immunization records. In addition, she has participated on numerous committees; and assisted with the development of a comprehensive health curriculum which included education about AIDS and reproductive health.

Diana is aware of, and effectively uses, community resources. She coordinated an effort by community agencies to provide cholesterol screenings; obtained toothbrushes at no cost for students; developed and shared lesson plans about health-related topics with peers and school districts; identified and coordinated efforts by community partners to develop an immunization program.

Diana continues to be a positive role model for new staff, colleagues, and students. She is respected by management and staff for her assessment and clinical skills, use of humor, persistence, critical judgment, self-direction, and multi-disciplinary team participation. She is a mentor and role model for the entire public health community.

The Michigan Public Health Association, Community Health Nursing Section, proudly recognizes Diana Hojnacki for her practice excellence.

MPHA'S NEW EXHIBIT



The Right Start in Michigan-2002



The Right Start in Michigan-2002, reflecting trends on eight key measures of maternal and infant well-being for Michigan's 33 largest cities and all 83 counties, is now available on line rightstart2002.com.

Data from 1990 through 2000 includes preterm births, teen births, maternal education, prenatal care, and repeat teen births. A data table is provided for each city and county, and cities also have a fact sheet. The 33-city overview compares city rates and trends on each indicator. The 33-city average reflected improvement over the decade on only one measure: maternal smoking during pregnancy. Two of three cities saw improvement on this measure. In contrast, no city saw declines in their share of low birthweight infants (under 5 pounds 8 ounces), and eleven cities experienced significant increases.

The report prepared by Kids Count in Michigan is a joint project of the Michigan League for Human Services and Michigan's Children and part of a broad national effort to measure the well-being of children at the state and local levels, and use that information to shape efforts to improve the lives of children and their families.

The project is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore, the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, as well as the Michigan Association of United Ways. The data were supplied by the Vital Records and Health Data Development Section, Michigan Department of Community Health.

For more information about Kids Count in Michigan and the League, check the website <http://www.milhs.org>

Computer Based Distance Education Course on Immigrant Health Issues, Fall 2002

The demography of American communities is changing dramatically, but many of our institutions have not kept pace with the needs of immigrants and refugees from Asia, Africa and Latin America. This course on Immigrant Health Issues is designed as an educational program and a support network for providers interested in becoming culturally competent.

The course can be taken for 4 graduate credits or non-credit (60 CMEs or Nursing CEUs) from your home or office computer from anywhere in the US. It is offered by the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. Interested individuals can register now, or anytime before August 25 for the fall semester. The course runs September 3 - December 13.

Detailed information on the content, cost and how to register is at <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~fenne007> or email kfennely@hhh.umn.edu

Public Health Resources United Through One-Stop Internet Site

Public Health professionals looking for public health resources on the Web can find them all in one place, thanks to a new partnership.

The Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals has established a Web site at <http://nmlm.gov/partners> to provide public health professionals a one-stop site to link to relevant public health resources.

The Web site can also be accessed through the continuing education pages on the APHA Web site, www.apha.org.

The Web site includes AIDS training materials, information on grant writing and links to Web pages with public health tutorials, continuing education opportunities and handbooks.

ALPH joined Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals, a collaborative project that assists public health professionals in finding updated and appropriate resources, last year.

“The goal is to get the most current information available to the public health worker and to make it as easy as possible to access that information,” said J. Henry Montes. MPH, a senior advisor for public health force development at the Health Resources and Services Administration who was on assignment at APHA and serves as APHA’s representative with the partnership. “The Web site is much more user-friendly than if public health professionals had to hunt for information through all the various Web sites, agencies or libraries.”

Beyond the Web, APHA members benefit from the partnership in other ways. While the partners meet quarterly, they keep in touch year-round, passing on information about public health resources to each other electronically. APHA distributes such information, including that on funding opportunities or upcoming satellite broadcasts, through communication channels such as the Affiliate and Section list serves.



The exchange for information works both ways: APHA keeps the partners updated on specific projects and activities the Association is involved with as well. Along with APHA, the other partners are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Association of Schools of Public Health, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, National Association of County and City Health Officials, National Library of Medicine, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Public Health Foundation and HRSA.

For more information visit <http://nmlm.gov/partners>

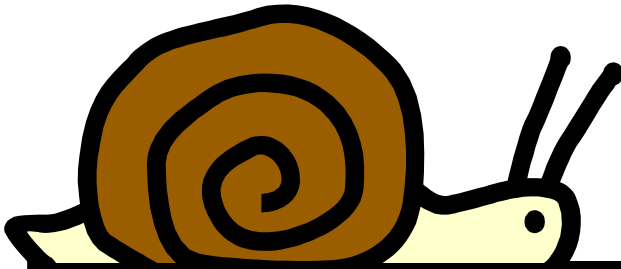
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