President’s Message

It is with great expectations for the health and vitality of MPHA and the citizens of the state of Michigan that I assume the presidency of Michigan Public Health Association. I extend a warm welcome to our recently elected Board Members and look forward to navigating our course with you. On behalf of the Board of Directors, sincere gratitude goes out to those who have served and those who continue in their current roles.

They say; “We all stand on the shoulders of giants” and this certainly holds true with regard to Immediate Past President, Mary Scoblic, and all others who have assumed leadership roles with MPHA since 1919. Mary actively advocates for public health on a daily basis. Under her direction, the Legislative Committee completed a thorough Candidate Survey shortly after the primary election in August. The results of this survey were made available to all MPHA members to guide them in their decisions for the election. The process of conducting this survey also stressed the importance of public health to legislators and increased the visibility of MPHA.

From the news media to legislators, we must continue to influence these individuals and advocate for conditions that support a healthy society. Historically, MPHA has been involved with a variety of public health issues, some of which continue to trouble our society today. In terms of strategy, it is beneficial to take time to assess the past in order to plan for the future. We will soon have a brief historical review of MPHA available on the website.

As an affiliate of American Public Health Association, we help to shape the health of citizens through education, research, practice, and ultimately, by our own example of how we care for ourselves and our own families. Georges Benjamin, current Executive Director of APHA stated; “Unhealthy behaviors start in part as a response to a social environment that fosters no alternatives. To change that environment is the real challenge.” I encourage you to look at your personal environment and make the necessary changes to live the healthy life and be an example for others around you.

I am personally committed to the long-term success of MPHA and ask all of our members to renew their commitment to the mission of MPHA. More importantly, I urge you to renew the commitment to yourself to address your health behaviors, so that individually and collectively, we may realize our vision to be... “the essential focal point for the public health community and constituency in Michigan.”

The MPHA Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Lansing. As members of MPHA, your perspective, talent and expertise are valuable. All members are invited to join the meetings and contribute ideas and expertise. Let’s reaffirm our collective and continuing commitment to protect the health of the people of Michigan...Great Lakes, Great Times...Great People!

Antoinette Dziedzic, President
Information needs to be sent for inclusion in the IMPACT. We are looking for articles from the Sections, Board of Directors, Officers and Members. Articles with a public health bent are welcome.

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MPHA Awards Presented at Annual Conference

Three Association awards and two Posthumous awards were presented at the MPHA Annual Conference in 2003.

The first *Distinguished Service Award* was presented to Jacqueline Scott, DVM, PhD, Director of the newly established Office of Public Health Preparedness, “For contributions to the health of Michigan citizens, particularly those newborn, through her leadership and scientific integrity.”

The second *Distinguished Service Award* was presented to Matthew Boulton, MD, MPH, Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology, “For his leadership in building effective bridges between academia and public health practice.”

Nellie R. Martin, Coordinator for the Community Health Outreach Program in Macomb County, received the *Public Service Award* “For her tireless work on behalf of minorities, persons of color and those in need of prevention services in Macomb County.”

The *Posthumous Awards* were presented to the families of Eugene Feingold, JD, PhD, and Richard Mudd, MD.

Eugene Feingold was Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan at the time of his death and was well regarded across the country for his diligent efforts in the field of public health. Professor Feingold was honored by MPHA “In recognition of his long and distinguished career in public health, and his many contributions to the health of Michigan citizens and the nation.”

Richard Mudd was a retired physician and grandson of Samuel Mudd, MD, imprisoned for treating the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth following his assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Mudd was recognized by MPHA “For his contributions to public health practice over a long and illustrious career, and for his leadership in establishing the Saginaw County Public Health Association.”

On November 24th and 25th, the Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) will be hosting the **FALL 2003 PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE**, **Challenging Our Assumptions**, at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. The conference is free of charge and will cover topics that will give local health departments, hospital and pre-hospital organizations practical information needed to carry out preparedness activities over the next year. The conference program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days; breakfast and lunch will be provided. The flyer and registration forms are available on the OPHP website at [www.michigan.gov/ophp](http://www.michigan.gov/ophp) under training.

If you have questions related to registration issues, please contact Karla Bauer at bauerka@michigan.gov or call 517-335-8150.
The Michigan Center for Nursing was established to facilitate activities designed to ensure that an adequate and ongoing nursing workforce is available to meet the health care needs of Michigan citizens.

A newsletter developed by the Department of Consumer and Industry Services is now available that discusses a variety of licensing and clinical issues for health professionals. The current issue contains articles on the Trauma Care Commission, the automated prescription program, and a new website page for health services.

A featured article in this issue (Volume 4, Issue 1) details a nursing workforce study and the establishment of the Michigan Center for Nursing. The Steering Committee for the Center was charged with preparing a work statement for the study, which includes analysis of Michigan’s nursing supply, information from focus group discussions including representatives from Professional Nursing Organizations, the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and the Michigan Health Council.

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The final report of the Nursing Workforce Study is available at www.michigan.gov/healthlicense. The report can be accessed by clicking on the Health Services Publications link, located under the Quick Links section on the right side of the page, and then by scrolling down to the Healthlink Newsletters section and clicking on HealthLink Newsletter Vol. 4, Issue 1.

To subscribe to this interesting newsletter, contact the Editor, Ray Garza, at rrgarza@michigan.gov.

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The newly constituted Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee has been established within the Michigan Department of Community Health, and met for the first time on September 4, 2003.

The committee has membership from local public health, hospitals, pre-hospital service providers and a variety of professional and advocacy organizations including the Michigan Public Health Association. The mission of the Emergency Preparedness Program is to prevent death, disability, disease and injury associated with urgent health threats by improving preparedness of the medical and public health systems.

The Committee purpose is to serve in an advisory capacity for MDCH emergency preparedness initiatives, ensuring that public health and health care communities work collaboratively to respond to public health threats and emergencies, protecting the health of Michigan’s citizens.

Michigan currently has 48.5 million dollars in funding to accomplish the mission of the program. Major program initiatives include:

- Establish strategic leadership, direction, assessment and coordination of activities to ensure statewide readiness, interagency collaboration, local and regional preparedness for public health threats and emergencies and outbreaks of infectious diseases
- Enable state and local health departments to design, develop and/or enhance systems for rapid detection of unusual outbreaks of illness
- Develop the capability and capacity to conduct rapid and accurate and diagnostic reference testing for select biologic agents likely to be used in a terrorist attack
- Ensure that all state public health laboratories have the capacity to measure chemical threat in human specimens
- Develop effective risk communication capacity that provides for timely information dissemination to citizens during public health threats and emergencies

- Assess the training needs of key health professionals and provide effective education and training for responding to public health threats and emergencies
- Improve the capacity of local hospitals and front line health care professionals to better respond during an emergency
- Establish and maintain a network that will support exchange of key information by linking public health and private partners 24/7

The Committee will meet quarterly to review the Department’s progress regarding the initiatives listed above, and to provide advice about how to effectively address each initiative.

The Immediate Past-President of MPHA attended the first meeting of the Committee. If there is an individual among the MPHA membership whose qualifications would better serve the interests of the Committee, particularly someone with epidemiology background, please contact current MPHA President, Antoinette Dziedzic to express interest in becoming the official representative of MPHA. Her e-mail address is Antoinette.Dziedzic@phoenix.edu.
What’s the “Big Deal” with Obesity?

Some of the recommendations to decrease the numbers of Americans who are obese or overweight are:

- Promote the need for communities to create environments that support healthy eating and physical activity
- Promote the need for more research funding to help us identify successful interventions to reduce overweight and obesity
- Encourage health care professionals to educate patients about the many risks associated with overweight and obesity
- Require insurance coverage to family-based prevention and treatment of overweight and obesity
- Elevate the importance of healthy eating and daily physical activity to all Americans

Overweight and obesity are a “Big Deal” not only in Michigan, but also for all Americans. Make a commitment this month to do a personal and community search for solutions to this epidemic. Gather the family and take a walk around the neighborhood. Your behavior might get others to join you to form a neighborhood walking club…What a deal!

Submitted by Antoinette Dziedzic, MSN, RN.
Antoinette is the Campus College Chair of Nursing & Health Sciences for the University of Phoenix/Detroit Campus and President-elect of Michigan Public Health Association
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Please contact President Antoinette Dziedzic at 248-925-4135 or via email at Antoinette.Dziedzic@phoenix.edu if you cannot attend a meeting, or if you need a map or other directions.

Thanks for participating on the MPHA Board! Your support and input are vital to the accomplishment of our mission.
Take every opportunity to improve your own health, the health of your loved ones, and the health of your community. There are many reliable resources offered by the federal government and nonprofit organizations.

On Healthfinder®
General health information http://www.healthfinder.gov/
Information by age, gender, race, or ethnicity http://www.healthfinder.gov/justforyou/
Información en español http://www.healthfinder.gov/espanol/
Kids http://www.healthfinder.gov/kids/
Parents http://www.healthfinder.gov/scripts/Topics.asp?context=3&keyword=183&section=1
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Other Resources from the Office of Public Health and Science
National Health Information Center http://www.health.gov/nhic/
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President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports - Fitness.Gov http://www.fitness.gov/