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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK....



As the 2016 FPHA Annual Education Conference came to a close, I was talking with Ethel Edwards. "What I felt was the energy. I haven't felt that in a while." she said. And she wasn't the only one who felt it. Something was different this time.

Going forward into the 2016-2017 year we plan to put that energy to good use. There is much to be done. First, this will be the Year of Membership. Many ideas at the conference were generated as to how to get new members to join and previous members to return. There was also a lot of interest in having local networking meetings and getting to know the FPHA members in your area. This year two of the FPHA Interest Groups - Health Equity and Students - met at the conclusion of the conference and came away with both enthusiasm and lists of action items.

As some of you may know, the first FPHA "Conference" was called in 1929 by the State Health Officer, Dr. Henry Hanson who, two years later, was the FPHA's first president. It was fitting then that the current State Surgeon General, Dr. Celeste Philip, gave a well received presentation on the State of the State in regards to public health. I overheard a group sitting in the row behind me say "She has her heart in it." You could see the smiles on the faces all around as Dr. Philip ended her talk by stating how she supports the FPHA.

There was also a bittersweet moment when we received the letter that two anchors of FPHA, Sandy Magyar, the Executive Director for the last fourteen years, and Marsha Zupan, an ever present key coordinator for the annual conference for over eleven years, will be moving on in January. We sincerely wish them the best and express our deepest gratitude for all they have done for FPHA.

It's going to be a fantastic year. Come join us and be part of the fun!

Rick France, Ph.D., MPH, MT(AAB)

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Members in the News



Doug Kent, Bay County Health Department Administrator
Selected as Sapphire Awards Runner-up

Douglas Kent of the Florida Department of Health in Bay County was selected as a 2016 Sapphire Award runner-up, winning \$20,000 for his work toward “100 percent access, 0 percent disparities” in health care over a 40-year career. He was selected from among 112 nominees statewide in three categories. The awards, presented by the Florida Blue Foundation totaling \$350,000, honor outstanding work by individuals, programs and nonprofit organizations in community health care, or health care-related fields, distinguished by leadership, innovation and achievements in community health. The honorees in each category were announced at the conclusion of the two-day Sapphire Symposium that featured community health experts from around the state and country. Kent's achievements during his 40 years of public health service encompass many programs across Bay and Gulf counties. He is recognized for his experience, success, vision and diligence along with his ability to bring community leaders and partnerships together to join his vision and mission in improving public health issues. His leadership and collaborative efforts accomplished major projects, acquired funding sources, fulfilled facility needs and developed impactful public health programs.



Berry Bennett, retired, Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Laboratories, was awarded the Gold Standard for Public Health Laboratory Excellence Award by the Association of Public Health Laboratories at their annual meeting in June 2016. This award is given to an APHL member who has made significant contributions to the technical advancement of public health laboratory science and/or practice.

The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) works to strengthen laboratory systems serving the public's health in the US and globally. APHL's member laboratories protect the public's health by monitoring and detecting infectious and foodborne diseases, environmental contaminants, terrorist agents, genetic disorders in newborns and other diverse health threats.

New FPHA Officers

FPHA is pleased to announce the new Executive Officers for 2016-17.

President – Richard France

President-Elect – Jennifer Waskovich

1st Vice President – Sandon Speedling

2nd Vice President – Ethel Edwards

Secretary – Jessica Weissman

Treasurer – Brenda Brown

Member-At-Large (2017) – Atalie Ashley West

Member-At-Large (2018) – Mary Martinasek

Member-At-Large (2019) – Angela Garcia

Immediate Past President – Shannon Hughes

Southern Health Association Rep. – Warren McDougale

American Public Health Association Rep. – Lori Jordahl

Website Editor – Yvonne Salfinger

Newsletter Editor – Alyssa Moffitt

For a listing of all the appointed Committee Chairs, Interest Group Chairs and Liaisons, check them out on the FPFA.org website.

2016 FPFA Annual Educational Conference

This year's conference was a huge success. There were great speakers, 18 poster presenters, lots of exhibitors and a fun silent auction. FPFA was pleased to have Oral Health Florida, FDOH Business Managers, FDOH Dental Directors and Migrant & Seasonal Head Start staff join with us this year. It provided an excellent opportunity to network with so many public health professionals and students from all around the state. Thanks to all those who worked on the committees to plan and carry out the program and activities.

FPFA Award & Scholarship Recipients

Lori Jordahl and her committee did an outstanding job in selecting the Award and Scholarship Recipients. The following pictures were taken at the 2016 Annual Educational Conference with Lori presenting the Awards and Scholarships.

Awards



Robert D. May Award

Presented to Ethel Edwards for outstanding leadership, advocacy and support for health policies and programs that have enhanced the lives of Florida's citizens.



Homer D. Venters Award

Presented to Alyssa Moffitt for her outstanding and excellent work as a young, public health laboratory professional. Alyssa was presented her award by Rick France, Assistant Tampa Laboratory Director, and Lori Jordahl.



FPHA Meritorious Service Award

This special award was given to Robert McDermott for all of the work he has done with the Florida Public Health Review online journal. Dr. McDermott was presented this award in person in October



President's Award

FPHA President, Shannon Hughes, presented her award to Jessica Weissman for all the work and support. Jessica gave to FPHA and to her as President. Jessica served as the Secretary for FPHA and also led the committee for the Southeast Florida Regional Meeting. And Jessica did all of this while being a full time doctoral student

Scholarships

Graduate Scholarships were awarded to:

Aoleonne Joseph
College of Public Health & Public Health Professions
University of Florida

Jessica Weissman
Robert Stemple College of Public Health & Social Work
Florida International University



Jessica receives her scholarship from Lori Jordahl and Dr. Virginia McCoy.

Undergraduate Scholarships were awarded to:

Anh Nguyen Tran
Brooks College of Health
University of North Florida

Raymond Cam Truong
University of Miami

Posters

This year 18 posters were presented covering a broad range of topics. During the meeting, the attendees had the opportunity to vote on the poster they felt was the Most Informative and the Most Innovative. Dr. Mary Martinasek, Poster Committee Chair, presented the winners with their certificate.

The Most Informative Poster went to Chintan Bhatt, who presented “Financing Florida: Public Health Funding and HIV/AIDS Outcomes”. And the Most Innovative Poster went to Megan Crowley & Jessie Driggers for “West Ocala Wellness Community Garden: Planting the Seeds for a Healthier Community”.



Chintan Bhatt & Dr. Martinasek



Megan Crowley & Dr. Martinasek

Remember, Support the FPHA Foundation Each Time You Shop at Smile.Amazon.Com

It is Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping time. Do you use Amazon for your purchases? It is really easy to give your support to the FPHA Foundation if you are an Amazon shopper. All you need to do is first go to smile.amazon.com and select the FPHA Foundation as your charity. From then on, use this link and it will directly take you to the correct site. Then begin your shopping.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3357151>

Each time you shop, Amazon will donate to the FPHA Foundation from their foundation funds. None of your payment is used. It is an easy way to shop and contribute to your profession too. Share it with your friends.

FPHA Silent Auction a Success

Thank-you for your support of the FPHA Foundation Silent Auction at the Annual Educational Conference in Orlando, Florida. With your assistance, be it donating an item, bidding on and winning an item, or simply donating, we were able to bring in \$1,583 for scholarships for students-this is only possible because of you. Your support of the Foundation allows us to continue the advancement of public health, and support for public health professionals and students in the State of Florida.

If you would like to continue to participate in supporting FPHA please visit our website at www.fpha.org and rejoin, invite a friend to join FPHA, or donate to FPHA.

Hillsborough FPHA Members Hold a Brown Bag Lunch at the Tampa Lab, September 22, 2016.

At first, one or two people started to trickle in but by 12 o'clock the Brown Bag lunch was in full swing. It was a chance to network and get to know a little more about FPHA. In all, twenty eight were on hand and the room hummed with conversation. The talk was casual with pauses for sips of bottled water or a bite of a salad.

About half way through lunch we had an opportunity for a quick round of introductions. Since the occasion was hosted at the Tampa Lab, (Bureau of Public Health Laboratories) it wasn't surprising that a number of those folks were present. The Tampa Lab is located on the University of South Florida campus and the College of Public Health had good representation as well. Many who came were FPHA members but a few were not and were interested to see what the association was about.

Rick France gave a quick overview of FPHA and other members were on hand to discuss their Interest Groups (Allison Rapp, Student; Linda Lacombe-Williams, Public Health Nursing; and Jennifer Waskovich, Community Health). The main topic of the day was "What can FPHA do for you to make your membership valuable?" The responses varied but what they had in common was that everyone was interested in how to get more involved.

The Brown Bag Lunch ended about 1 PM and as people started to leave they left their red "Hello" name tags or business cards on the table so contact information could be shared. All agreed they enjoyed the good-natured conversations and getting to meet other FPHA members.

We anticipate doing at least a couple more Brown Bag Lunches in our area this year. You can host your own Brown Bag lunch for members and non-members, too. All you need is an available conference room. And don't forget, since everyone brings their own lunch there is essentially no cost.

(Special thanks to Linda Lacombe-Williams who was kind enough to bring some extra wraps and chips.)



Upcoming Conferences/Interesting Links

Free Online Training in Disaster Health Information

Free Online Training in Disaster Health Information Find newly updated self-paced courses related to disaster health information that meet the requirements for the Medical Library Association Disaster Information Specialization, as well as core competencies for Public Health Professionals.

<https://nmlm.gov/sea/newsletter/2016/08/free-online-training-in-disaster-health-information/>

Free Live Webinar:

HIPAA/HITECH requirements for Public Health Departments

October 26 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Public Health Departments provide a broad array of services to their communities, which may include but are not limited to: disease surveillance and investigation, immunizations, emergency preparedness, infant and maternal health programs, health promotion and prevention programs, home health services, child care facility inspection. While the size and scope of health departments across the country varies between different jurisdictions, all share common goals, challenges, and regulations. The HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach requirement is a mandate under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. Likewise, the HIPAA Privacy Rule provides federal protections for personal health information held by health departments and gives patients an array of rights with respect to that information. Personnel involved in public health must have a grasp on disclosures of personal health information permitted for patient care and other important purposes, along with other ways the regulations affect their job functions.

This 50-minute webinar by EHR 2.0, will focus on [HIPAA/HITECH requirements for Public Health Departments](#). More Details: <https://ehr20.com/event/hipaahitech-requirements-public-health-departments/>

23rd Annual FRHA Rural Health Educational Summit

Feb. 21-22, 2017

Jacksonville, FL

Type: Statewide Conference/Meeting

Sponsoring organization: Florida Rural Health Association

10th Annual Southern Obesity Summit

November 13-15, 2016

JW Marriott Houston Galleria

Houston, TX

www.southernobesitysummit.org

Gun Violence: What do we know? What can Physicians do?

Friday evening, November 11, 2016, 7-9 PM, Disney Swan Hotel - Swan Ballroom 3

Join nationally recognized speakers Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD and Rex Archer More details at: .

<http://www.aaphp.org/gunviolencecmecommunity>

AAFP CME has been applied for.

[FSU AHEC Tobacco Treatment Specialist Trainings](#)

Live

2016-17 TTS Schedule

October 11-14, 2016 - Fort Lauderdale

February 21-27, 2017 - Orlando

April 25-28, 2017 - Orange Park

June 6-9, 2017 - Wesley Chapel, FL (Tampa)

The Area Health Education Center Program at the Florida State University College of Medicine developed the Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training: 3-Day Foundation Course to provide an in-depth understanding of tobacco dependence as well as the essential science-based treatment tools necessary to help smokers achieve freedom from tobacco use. Our TTS training meets all of the requirements set forth in the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence as well as the national standards for competencies for Tobacco Treatment Specialists.

Opportunities

The National Library of Medicine is accepting applications, beginning November 16, 2016, for [NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities](#)

Funding Opportunity Purpose: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits resource grant applications for projects that will bring useful, usable health information to health disparity populations and their health care providers. Access to useful, usable, understandable health information is an important factor during health decisions. Proposed projects should exploit the capabilities of computer and information technology and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their health care providers.

<https://nnlm.gov/sea/newsletter/2016/09/nlm-information-resource-grants-to-reduce-health-disparities/>

Highlights from the 2016 FPHA Annual Meeting in Pictures







