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EDITOR'S NOTE

The ICEHS E- News distribution schedule for the remainder of 2003 is: Sept. 20, Oct. 20, Dec. 15. We will be moving to .pdf format soon. Please send your submissions in Word (attachment) to (MGunnels@nhhsa.dot.gov).

BRIEF NOTE! FROM THE CHAIR

Just a brief note to say I hope everyone had as busy yet relaxing a summer as I have had. Look for much news to come as we prepare for our Annual Meeting in San Francisco, which is just a few short months away.

- Janet

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2003 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Reminder from the ICEHS Scientific Program Committee
Co-chairs:

An exciting program has been prepared for the Annual Meeting, to be held in San Francisco, CA, from November 15-19. The Latebreaker submissions are currently being reviewed. Notifications of acceptance will go out at the end of September.

A list of the ICEHS sessions is at::

http://apha.confex.com/apha/131am/techprogram/program_325.htm

The on-line listing allows you to click on sessions to view a list of presentations and the abstracts.

We will also be circulating a more detailed program listing of ICEHS sessions, including co-sponsored sessions that have significant injury content, closer to the time of the meeting.

At this point we are still arranging co-sponsorships.

Most (maybe all) of the ICEHS sessions will be located in the Moscone Convention Center. San Francisco has many wonderful hotels, large and small, in the areas adjoining the Moscone.

Alternatively, accommodation can be booked on-line at
www.apha.org/meetings/housing.htm

Registration for the meeting is also on-line at
www.apha.org/meetings/registration.htm

Hope to see you in SF!

The 2003 Scientific Program Committee Co-chairs
- Steve Marshall, Anna Waller, Renee Johnson

NOTE REGARDING 2003 ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

This is a special message to our membership: APHA (or more correctly the confex web-based system we all have to use in the planning process) apparently did not send out all the acceptance/rejection notices. This is not just for our section but also across the board. We have heard from a number of people whose abstracts were not accepted who never heard one way or the other. We do not know if there are also people whose abstracts were accepted who have not heard.

If you have not heard from APHA about the status of an abstract, you can:

1. Go to this link on the APHA website (www.apha.org/meetings) under "scientific sessions that allows individuals to check the status of papers; however, you must have their ID and password to do so.
2. Request another copy of your notification be sent to you by contacting Andrey at Conference Exchange (401/334-0220 x216 or agurvich@confex.com) and asking him to resend.

- Anna Waller

APHA CALL FOR ADVOCACY EFFORTS

APHA'S E-ADVOCACY TOOL

In January APHA purchased its first e-advocacy tool to help mobilize its members to send letters to their members of Congress electronically. In the last six months APHA has organized several advocacy efforts through the system. In June APHA used its e-advocacy tool to rally more than 1500 public health professionals to send electronic letters to their members of Congress. As members become comfortable with this tool, APHA anticipates that these numbers will dramatically increase as our members become more familiar with the system. APHA's new advocacy tool has many great features that we encourage all members and public health professionals to use when advocating on behalf of a public health issue. These resources include:

- [Mega Vote](#): Sign up to receive a weekly email on how your Senators and Representative voted during the week on important issues. APHA provides this resource through our e-advocacy site.
- [Elected Official Finder](#): Find biographical information on elected officials including the president, members of congress and agency heads.
- [Issues and Legislation](#): In this section you will find Capitol Hill Basics, pending public health legislation and key public health votes.
- [Media Guide](#): Send electronic letters to the editor on issues important to public health directly to your local media outlets with APHA's media advocacy tool.
- [Legislative Action Center](#): See the latest APHA Action Alerts. Send emails to your members of Congress on legislation important to APHA. This tool also always members to customize our list.

JOIN APHA'S LEGISLATIVE NETWORK: APHA staff works hard to ensure that public health is being fairly represented on Capitol Hill. More than ever, this is a critical time for public health and as public health professionals APHA needs your help to ensure that our needs and accomplishments are being recognized on Capitol Hill. The most powerful message a member of Congress receives comes from a constituent in his/her home district. That is why it is essential that APHA have a legislative advocacy network. APHA has a strong membership base and it is paramount to show our association's power by intensifying our advocacy efforts. Having a network of public health professionals willing to take action is essential to ensuring that the legislative priorities of APHA are addressed. While APHA will continue to request that its membership as a whole take action on issues effecting public health, the legislative network will serve as the "grass tops" of APHA entire Advocacy network. [Join Now!](#)

APHA appreciates the advocacy efforts of its members and the entire public health community on issues that ultimately affect all of America. Members of APHA can view a more in depth [legislative update](#) on APHA's web site. This legislative update is updated weekly.

ACTION BOARD: APHA's Government Relations staff works very closely with the [Action Board](#) on advocacy efforts within Sections. The Action Board is made up of a representative from each Section, a member at large and three Affiliate members. This year the Action Board divided up into three work groups that addressed APHA's three priority areas: Health Disparities, Access to Health Care and Infrastructure. The Health Disparities workgroup contributed a lot of their expertise to staff from Senators First and Kennedy's offices. If you are interested in getting more involved in APHA advocacy efforts through your Section, please contact your Action Board Member.

Hill Visits or Section Legislative Efforts: If members of your section participated in Hill Visits or other legislative activities that might also be beneficial to highlight. For example Dr. Steven Wallace, Chair-Elect of the Gerontological Health Section was one of 3 speakers at Congressman Watson's Town Hall Meeting on Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage on July 19th.

Adding Advocacy Web Sticker to Your Section Site

Also remember you can add the Write Your Member of Congress icon directly to your Section Web site. This will allow your section members to take action directly form your web site. You can download a web sticker at <http://www.capwiz.com/apha/remotecoment/>.

If you would like additional information about APHA's advocacy efforts, please contact: Lakitia Mayo, Director, Grassroots Advocacy and Affiliate Affairs, American Public Health Association, 800 I Street, NW , Washington, DC 20001
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- Submitted by Billie Weiss

APHA ACTION ITEM: POLICY ARCHIVES

As you know, APHA has more than 1000 public policies on the books dating back to 1948. At last year's annual meeting, the Governing Council approved a policy archiving trial project in order to identify out-of-date policies, policy gaps and policy overlaps. Policy review groups (selected from APHA's membership and grouped by topic) reviewed a list of policies compiled by staff on a number of topics - Injury Control, Abortion, Global Infectious Diseases, Aging and the Elderly and Public Health Infrastructure. The final recommendations by the review groups were composed into a "consent calendar" for consideration by the Governing Council at this year's annual meeting. Only those policies recommended by the review groups for archiving were selected for the consent calendar. The proposed archiving consent calendar is now available on APHA's member's only website. You can view the proposed consent calendar as well as the background for the archiving pilot project at: http://www.apha.org/private/policies/2003_proposed_archiving.htm. Individual policies can be viewed on APHA's website at: <http://www.apha.org/legislative/policy>.

Any comments from Section members should be sent to Charlie Branas (cbranas@cceb.med.upenn.edu) and Linda Degutis, (Linda.Degutis@yale.edu) our Policy Committee chairs.

- Don Hoppert, APHA

ICEHS MUSICIANS WILL ROCK SAN FRANCISCO

ATTENTION ICEHS MUSICIANS: If you would like to join the ad hoc ICEHS music committee and perform at the social hour in San Francisco, please contact Steve Luchter at sluchter@earthlink.net. An all new program is being planned. Let Steve know what instrument(s) you play and he'll send you a packet of music. With any luck there may be time for a rehearsal. All are welcome, with the only requirement being enthusiasm.

- Steve Luchter

**SPECIAL PRE-ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTITUTE ON
OLDER DRIVER SAFETY**

Pre-Annual Meeting Continuing Education Institutes Presents
Public Health and Safety of Older Drivers: Tools for Education,
Assessment And Policy Changes

Saturday November 15, 2003

Purpose: To provide public health professionals with an overview of the current efforts to address older driver safety through discussion of the role of public health professionals in implementing initiatives to promote older driver wellness and safety.

For online registration go to:

http://www.apha.org/meetings/continuing_ed.htm

**For further information contact Sandra Maldague,
smaldague@asaging.org**

Co-sponsored by: Gerontological Health Section, APHA Task Force on Aging, American Medical Association, American Occupational Therapy Association, American Geriatrics Society, Gerontological Society of America

- Anna Waller

GALLAGHER AWARDED RJF HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP

Sue Gallagher, a former ICEHS Chair, has been selected for the 2003 RWJ Health Policy Fellowship Program administered by the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. This highly competitive fellowship provides an opportunity for outstanding midcareer scientists and health professionals to take part in health policy processes at the federal level. The Fellows will complete a wide range of activities designed to enrich their knowledge of the public-policy process and foster a better understanding of how government health and biomedical research activities relate to the mission of their home institutions and local communities.

During a three-month period of orientation, Sue will become acquainted with current health issues, federal health and research agencies, principal Congressional committees active in health affairs, and major health-interest groups. The Fellows then participate in a three-week schedule of further orientation sessions organized by the American Political Science Association in conjunction with its Congressional Fellowship Program. These three weeks provide the Fellows with a broadened perspective on

the range of public-policy issues and the political process. After the orientation period, Sue will have a full-time work assignment in the United States Senate.

Sue will begin her stay in DC for one year in September. In its 30-year history, only a handful of public health professionals have been recipients of the RWJ Health Policy Fellowship. Gallagher views the opportunity as a unique learning experience. "My objective is to be open-minded, to learn as much as I can about the way the system works," she said. "If I have an agenda, it's to make sure public health is better understood by policymakers. Most people don't understand what public health is, or what the approach is. Recently, with heightened concerns about bio-terrorism and SARS, people are starting to understand more about it. Normally, however, public health is invisible until the system breaks down."

Sue will still be reachable at her Education Development Center e-mail address during the Fellowship: sgallagher@edc.org

NEWS AND MEETINGS:

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEASURING THE BURDEN OF INJURY

Make your plans now to attend this satellite conference to the 5th International Conference on Measuring the Burden of Injury: World Injury Conference being held in Vienna, Austria next June. The Burden of Injury Conference will take place in Baden bei Wien, a suburb of Vienna, on June 3-4 2004, just prior to the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention. If you would like to receive the meeting announcement and call for papers, please contact Steve Luchter at sluchter@earthlink.net.

- Steve Luchter

7TH WORLD INJURY CONFERENCE 2004

CALL FOR PAPERS

Time is drawing near for the 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion will be held June 6 -9 2004 in Vienna, Austria, Europe. Information about the conference can be found on the website < <http://www.safety2004.info/> >.

Conference themes are: Road Safety, Work Safety and Health, Child and Elder Safety, Safety in the Home and Institutions, Sports and Leisure Time Safety, Product Safety, Trauma Management, Disaster and Terrorism Preparedness, Civil Protection and Safe Communities.

The abstract submission deadline is September 30, 2003.

- Maggi Gunnels

SECOND INTERNATIONAL FISHING INDUSTRY SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE, ALASKA – SEPTEMBER 2003

Can't make it to IFISH II? Send the next best thing: your poster, brochures or other display!

The Second International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference, IFISH II, will be held September 22-24, 2003, in Sitka, Alaska. More than 100 commercial fishing safety professionals from 15 countries will be at the conference, all interested in learning the newest developments in commercial fishing safety.

Even if you cannot personally attend IFISH II, we'd like to invite you to send posters, educational material, and other items related to fishing safety and health to the conference. We'll be happy to display them, free of charge, for the conference attendees. We ask that you send materials to :

Kristie Sherrodd
IFISH II Conference Coordinator
Alaska Marine Safety Education Association
2924 Halibut Point Road (FedEx or UPS)
P.O. Box 2592 (Mail)
Sitka, Alaska 99835
Phone: 907-747-3287
Fax: 907-747-3259
E-mail: manager@amsea.org

Materials will be displayed on a space available basis (we have lots of space), and IFISH II organizers reserve the right to choose not to display items we deem inappropriate for or irrelevant to IFISH II. Unfortunately, after IFISH II we will not be able to return any materials to you.

**COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT: PILOT PROGRAM
EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COORDINATOR
COURSE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

This dynamic new course offering is designed to utilize the skills and experience of Fire Service and EMS personnel to play a major role in supporting and coordinating new programs supporting public safety, health and homeland security.

Through leadership, data collection, problem/hazard analysis, and budgeting, local health and safety providers will be able to identify and plan for any potential threat to public safety, ranging from traffic safety to bio-terrorism.

The first module will encompass Highway Safety Injury Prevention techniques. A local community program will be developed and implemented over the course of the program with support from faculty and staff in helping the department implement a successful program in their community.

The second module will build off techniques from the first and examine other pertinent emergency public health issues: infectious disease, bio-terrorism, environmental, and other areas.

Sponsors: jointly sponsored by:

- The Committee on Emergency Public Health
- The New Hampshire Intersections Project bringing EMS, Public Health and Safety together
- National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)(module 1)
- Keene State College/OSHA Education Center
- Safety and Health Council of New Hampshire

Class size is limited to 15 for first course.

Location: Ammon Center at the Manchester, NH Airport

Contact: Dr. Joseph Sabato at (603) 537-1903 or (603) 548-7269

NH Intersections Project

www.emcommunityconnection.com

- Joseph Sabato

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS:
INTERAGENCY FORUM ON CHILD AND FAMILY STATISTICS
COORDINATOR, STAFF FELLOW**

Summary of the Assignment: The Forum Coordinator will serve the Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics (Forum) and be stationed at the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland. The Forum was established in 1994 to encourage collaboration among Federal agencies to improve the quality and usefulness of federal data on children. Forum members include representatives from 20 federal agencies including the Census Bureau, National Center for Education Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Center for Health Statistics.

The Forum Coordinator will serve as the chair of the Reporting Committee and will schedule meetings, develop agendas and lead discussions for the Reporting Committee. A primary function of the Forum Coordinator will be to oversee the preparation of the Forum's report: *America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being*. Published annually since 1997, the *America's Children* report provides a broad picture of child well-being for the general public and policy makers. The *America's Children* report presents data on 9 background measures concerning population and family characteristics and 25 key indicators of children's lives, including their economic security, health, behavior, social environment, and education. The Forum coordinator will (1) facilitate the review and discussion of proposed improvements, deletions, and additions to the report; (2) organize the update and review of data from contributing agencies; and (3) coordinate intensive reviews of draft reports during which comments submitted by agency representatives are organized, compiled, distributed, and followed up on.

The Forum Coordinator will also serve on the Planning Committee. In this capacity, the Forum Coordinator will manage the Forum's finances, which will require the Forum coordinator to (1) obtain and track funds from member agencies, (2) oversee task orders and other contracts, and (3) prepare annual financial statements.

Starting in 2004, the full Forum report, *America's Children*, will be published on a biennial basis (full reports to be published in the odd years, 2005, 2007, etc). On the even years (2004, 2006, etc.), the tables will be released on the Internet and a brief 'executive summary' will be published with highlights from each of the sections of the report. An important short-term project for the Forum Coordinator will be to develop an alternate 'executive summary' style publication for the 2004 report, and subsequent years when the full report will not be published. Another

short-term project for the Forum Coordinator will be to oversee the renovation of the Forum's website <http://www.childstats.gov> and to develop procedures for updating the America's Children indicators on the website during years when the full report will not be published. These projects will be done together with the Forum's Reporting Committee, which includes members from participating agencies.

Longer-term projects for the Forum Coordinator will be aimed at fulfilling the Forum's goals of improving data and filling critical gaps in the data available on lives of children and youth. These projects should provide opportunities for subject area experts to share expertise and ideas, data, and plans for addressing data gaps. Ideally, these projects will spawn interagency plans to develop or evaluate new indicators of child well-being. Examples of such previous endeavors are the 2001 National Workshop on Counting Couples: Improving Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, and Cohabitation Data in the Federal Statistical System. Through the improvement of existing indicators and development of new indicators, the Forum Coordinator will play an important role in shaping the national data available on children, and in turn play an important role in shaping public policy on children.

Qualifications: Candidates must have exceptional organizational and communication skills, including outstanding writing skills and the ability to communicate orally in both formal and informal settings. Additionally, candidates must have experience that demonstrates an ability to evaluate data in terms of quality, presentation and interpretation.

Candidates must have a minimum of a Master's degree in demography, sociology, public health, public policy, human development or a related field. A special interest or background in children's issues is desirable, as is familiarity with using indicators as measures of health and well-being.

It is highly desirable that candidates have experiences that demonstrate the following abilities: to organize meetings and groups of people; to guide decision-making; to facilitate discussions and meetings; to interact with senior executives, researchers and agency directors. Prior experience in financial management, interagency project management, report writing, including extensive internal and external review is preferred.

Candidates must meet applicable Federal laws and regulations, in addition to DHHS, CDC, and NCHS policies and procedures. All applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age, disability, status as a parent or any other nonmerit factor.

3. Stipend and Length of Fellowship: Desired start date-Open immediately. Closing date-Will review applications beginning September 2, 2003. Open until filled. Salary: \$47,000-75,000 (Final salary will be commensurate with relevant work experience, salary history and education.) Type of Appointment: 2-year fellowship, with the possibility of renewal.

Submit CV or résumé and other pertinent information to John Kiely, PhD at:

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Telephone: (301) 458-4432

EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (EIS) PROGRAM

Reminder: Applications for the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Program
Due September 15, 2003

The Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) is the nation's premier epidemiology training service. This prestigious, two-year, paid, postgraduate program trains health and health-related professionals such as anthropologists, epidemiologists, nurses, physicians, psychologists, sociologists, and veterinarians, in the practice of applied epidemiology and public health.

To learn more about EIS opportunities with CDC's Injury Center, contact Dr. Lynda Doll at 770-488-4233.

For an application or to learn more about the EIS program, contact the CDC Epidemiology Program Office by phone at 1-888-496-8347 (toll free) or online at www.cdc.gov/eis

Please share this announcement widely with your colleagues, constituents, and students to foster interest in the EIS program within the injury and violence prevention community.

- Lee Annest

SPECIAL COMMENTARY, ICEHS ARCHIVIST LES FISHER: CHILD PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION—THEN AND NOW

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Any views expressed in this paper do not necessarily represent those of APHA nor the New York State Department of Health. The opinions are mine alone.

The abstract for this manuscript is now presented, refer to the August issue of the ICEHS E-News on the APHGA website to read the entire manuscript. Reproduce or use only with credit to author.

Child Public Health Protection—Then and Now Contributions of NYS Institutions to National Preventive Research, Education, and Service For the Safety of Children Public Health Protection -- Then and Now Contributions of NYSE Institutions to Preventive National Research, Service, and Education For Safety of Children.

Abstract:

Sporadically, for more than fifty years, New York State groups have assessed the nature and extent of child morbidity and the determinants of child safety needs; advocated and built constituencies with federal, state and local health agencies; insurance, academic, pediatric, medical, industry, media and consumer groups; and carried out, managed and evaluated public health practices to enhance public health protection for children's safety. This essay consolidates and reviews published journal articles, legislation and reports, on primary prevention, largely but not entirely, as applied to child safety in New York State. Themes on theory and practice of technical, interpersonal, managerial and leadership activities for child safety serve as an historical institutional memory and compendium to help public health practitioners' review and reconsider old and new plans and initiatives for assessments, policy development, and assurances on public health practices for prevention of childhood trauma. The encounters of child safety leaders' impacts on ideas and events in child safety, within repeated effectiveness themes, will help efficiently guide current prevention and public health leadership on newer emerging public health issues, such as adolescent and young adult drug abuse, violence and injury, especially during "downswing" of public resources. The essay is dispersed with the author's own anecdotes and experiences over some 40 years in the child injury prevention arena.

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential.
Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency.
We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest. -- Maya Angelou