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Welcome

Dear Readers, welcome to the exciting new Fall 2007 edition of the PPHTC Newsletter. Since our last newsletter, the PPHTC management committee has added several new members and has said goodbye to others. This new year is full with events and trainings to bring current Public Health professionals the latest contemporary knowledge and educational opportunities. PPHTC has just completed a week-long training of public health nurses throughout the state of Utah, additionally, next week Loma Linda University Center for Public Health Preparedness in collaboration with PPHTC will be traveling to the Republic of Palau to provide Pandemic Influenza Preparedness trainings as well as Environmental Health workforce capacity building. We hope you will find the information in this edition helpful and educational. We welcome all comments and suggestions as your input is key to the success of this newsletter.

NEWS

PPHTC News

New PPHTC Management Committee

PPHTC PPHTC announces a new management committee (MC) for its project year beginning September 1, 2007. Time demands resulting from well-deserved promotions for Dr. Dave Dyjack (now Dean of Loma Linda University's School of Public Health) and Dr. Mike Prelip (now Associate Professor at UCLA's School of Public Health's Department of Community Health Sciences), required that Dr. Dyjack and Dr. Prelip step away from their PPHTC MC posts. They will continue to work with PPHTC on strategic planning, partnership building, and future trainings. In their places, we welcome Dr. Kim Shoaf, Assistant Director of the UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters, PPHTC's new Principal Investigator, and Jesse Bliss, M.P.H, Director of the Office of Public Health Practice at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health. PPHTC has also moved its partnership with the University of Hawaii to its Office of of Public Health Studies, so we welcome Dr. Yalerie Yontz as our new Hawaii MC member. We wish the best to Dr. John Casken, who served in that position from UH's School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene.

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PPHTC Launches Statewide PHN Training in Utah

PPHTC This week, PPHTC launches a statewide Public Health Nursing Orientation training in Utah that is the result of a year-long collaboration with the Utah Department of Health and the Utah Public Health Directors of Nursing Association. These trainings were tailored for Utah nurses to bring a knowledge base and appreciation for the integral role public health nursing plays in providing, protecting, and promoting the health of Utah citizens. They will take place in Salt Lake City, Provo, Richfield, and Ogden throughout the week; the training will subsequently be available online. Discussions are already in the works to bring this model to Nevada, another state in PPHTC's vast region.

PPHTC Trainings to Public Health Staff in San Diego.

PPHTC In August 2007, the PPHTC provided free trainings to public health staff in San Diego. Topics included Evaluation of Public Health Programs, Cultural Competency, Grant Writing, and Narrowcasting. The staff from the County Department of Health and Human Services and other local agencies were eager to take part in this opportunity due to the critical need for public health trainings in San Diego, and the opportunity to receive CHES credits. More than 125 people were trained in this two-day event. In particular, those enrolled in the Cultural Competency class were treated to a new approach to training. Instructors led small groups in an interactive workshop to teach current frameworks, strategies and practices for improving cultural and linguistic competency. Also popular was a Narrowcasting class taught by past PPHTC Principal Investigator Dr. Michael Prelip of the UCLA School of Public Health. This cutting-edge topic is a health communication strategy utilizing social marketing principals to create targeted community-based health campaigns. To illustrate how Narrowcasting works, Dr. Prelip presented the development, evaluation, and lessons learned from a Southern California-based alcohol counter-advertising campaign. Feedback from participants indicated that they were pleased with the trainings and interested in training on other Public Health topics.

Evidence-Based Enteric Disease Exclusion Chart for the State of California

PPHTC LLU School of Public Health, Office of Public Health Practice was contracted by California Conference of the Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) in association with the California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers (CACDC), to undertake a review of the existing literature on 13 enteric diseases for the purpose of updating and standardizing exclusion and clearance criteria for persons who work in sensitive occupations or situations (SOS) who have been diagnosed with or exposed to any of these gastrointestinal infections. These persons include, but are not limited to: food handlers- including field crop workers, cooks, servers; workers who have direct contact with children; healthcare workers and others with direct contact with the elderly, immunosuppressed, hospitalized patients, and residents of other institutionalized settings. The intent is to create a community standard of practice to be adopted by the CACDC membership and endorsed by the California conference of Local Health Officers. Results of the research will be presented at the CACDC 5th Annual

Conference, “Emerging and Re-emerging Microbial Threats: Challenges for the 21st Century” on October 26, 2007 in Santa Ana, California.

PPHTC Partner News

PPHTC Congratulates New Acting Director for L.A. County DPH's Health Education Administration Section

The PPHTC would like to congratulate Jacqueline Valenzuela on her recent appointment as Acting Director of the Health Education Administration Section for the L.A. County Department of Public Health. Jackie has been an effective collaborator with PPHTC in bringing public health workforce training to LAC Health Educators. We wish her all the best in her new position, and look forward to working with her on further public health workforce trainings.

Pacific EMPRINTS

EMPRINTS Online Courses Now Offer AMA/PRA Category I Credit for Disaster Management Training. The University of Hawaii at Manoa's Pacific EMPRINTS program has entered into a partnership with Yale University's School of Medicine to offer continuing medical education (CME) credits for online courses on bioterrorism and other public health threats. The course list includes knowledge-based, online problem-based learning and/or podcast courses on more than twenty topics such as Avian Influenza, Vaccine Development and Botulism. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

Public Health News

Get Certified in Public Health (CPH)

Well folks time has come, public health professionals now have a certification exam. On August 15, the national Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) launched registration for the first public health certification exam. Graduates from CEPH accredited schools and programs of public health across the country are encouraged to register and sit for the exam. For registration and more information please

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47 Million Uninsured Americans “Is a Travesty,” says APHA

U.S Census Bureau data released on August 28, 2007 reveals that over 47 million people did not have health coverage in 2006, up from 44.8 million in 2005. In particular, data illustrates that 8.7 million children or more than one in 10 were uninsured in 2006, which is up from 8 million. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

New Report Finds U.S. Obesity Epidemic Continues to Grow; Mississippi Tops List for Adults, D.C for Youths

Adult obesity rates rose in 31 states last year, according to the fourth annual “F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Failing in America, 2007” report from the Trust for America's Health (TFAH). Twenty-two states experienced an increase for the second year in a row; no states decreased. A new public opinion survey featured in the report finds 85 percent of Americans believe that obesity is an epidemic.

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The Redefining Readiness Study

Anyone who is working with emergency preparedness should visit this website. They address the core fundamental flaws in current planning of emergency preparedness [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

WHO: Airline Travel Helping Infectious Diseases Spread Faster.

On Thursday August 23, 2007 in Geneva, U.N. Health Agency stated that an estimated 2.1 billion airline passengers roamed the planet last year alone. Which is helping infectious diseases spread faster than ever before. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

International spread of disease threatens public health security

More than at any previous time in history, global public health security depends on international cooperation and the willingness of all countries to act effectively in tackling new and emerging threats. That is the clear message of this year's World Health Report entitled, "A safer future: global public health security in the 21st century", which concludes with six key recommendations to secure the highest level of global public health security. [READ MORE ONLINE >>>](#)

EVENTS

PPHTC Training

Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Environmental Health Workforce Capacity Building Training in the Republic of Palau October 16-22, 2007

PPHTC The Center for Public Health Preparedness at the Office of Public Health Practice & Workforce Development of Loma Linda University School of Public Health will be providing pandemic influenza preparedness and environmental health workforce capacity building training to public health professionals, Ministries of Health and Education officials, and faith based organization leaders in Republic of Palau on October 16-22, 2007. Training concepts will include non pharmaceutical interventions, business continuity for local and national organizations, school preparedness, and risk communication for pandemic influenza and environmental health.

Other Training Opportunities

Workshop: Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Children in All-Hazards Events October 26, 2007

UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters in conjunction with Los Angeles Unified School District will be hosting this workshop on October 26, 2007 from

9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Pasadena, California. This training session will focus on building specific competencies to meet the mental health needs of the highest risk population in disasters and terrorism, children and families. It is designed to enhance skills and interoperability for "children's disaster systems of care" including schools/educators, Public Health, Mental Health (public and private), and emergency departments. For more information please

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Building Science and HVAC Systems: Meeting the Competency Requirements of AIHA Guideline 3 – 2004, Assessment, Remediation, and Post-Remediation Verification of Mold in Buildings. November 7-9, 2007

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is offering this course in Las Vegas, NV. The course is intended to address and provide competency in Areas 5 and 6 of AIHA Guideline 3. This course DOES NOT discuss the etiology of mold, sampling for mold, or interpreting sampling results for mold. It is a building science/HVAC course. For more information please [CLICK HERE >>](#)

Interfaith Preparedness Summit for Pandemic Influenza: Cultivating a Culture of Preparedness November 13, 2007

The Center for Public Health Preparedness at Loma Linda University School of Public Health is conducting an interfaith preparedness summit for Southern California faith based organizations. The summit's purpose is to cultivate a culture of preparedness among faith and community based organizations and enhance their preparedness plans through the introduction of concepts and current efforts addressing the roles and activities of faith and community based organizations in emergencies. The Summit intends to promote interfaith collaboration and information sharing for pandemic influenza and emergency preparedness planning, response, mitigation, and recovery. This Summit will be held at the CrossWalk Church, 10421 Corporate Dr. Redlands, CA 92374. For more information and registration please contact Venice Brown, vbrown@llu.edu (909.558.4595 ext. 44595)

Conferences

2007 Health GIS conference "Understanding the Power of Place" October 7-10, 2007

ESRI will be hosting the 2007 Health GIS conference at the Firesky Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. This conference is geared towards health executives from both public and private sectors including public health and social service leadership, hospitals and managed care, as well as ancillary health business, government policy, planning, and program administrators, and managers. For more information [CLICK HERE >>](#)

CEHA 2007 Northern Update.

October 11 & 12, 2007

California Environmental Health Association (CEHA) is will be holding their 2007 Northern Update at the New Tahoe Environmental Research Center. For more information [CLICK HERE >>](#)

4th Annual American Healthcare Congress on October 16, 2007

Interested in learning more about health policy? Then make plans to attend the 4th Annual American Healthcare Congress presented by AHCC in partnership with Loma Linda University School of Public Health

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22nd California Association of Health Plans Annual Conference. October 15 - 17, 2007

The California Association of Health Plans will be hosting their 22nd annual conference on October 15-17, at the Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort in Palm Desert, California. [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

APHA 135th Annual Meeting & Exposition in Washington, D.C. November 3-7, 2007

The APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition is the oldest and largest gathering of public health professionals in the world, attracting more than 13,000 national and international physicians, administrators, nurses, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, and related health specialists. APHA's meeting program addresses current and emerging health science, policy, and practice issues in an effort to prevent disease and promote health. The 2007 ASPH Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC, November 2-6, 2007. For more information and registration please

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International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases (ICEID) in Atlanta, Georgia

March 16-19, 2008

ICEID first convened in 1998, the 2008 ICEID conference will mark its 6th occurrence. The conference brings together public health professionals to encourage the exchange of scientific and public health information on global emerging infectious disease

issues. The program will include plenary and panel sessions with invited speakers as well as oral and poster presentations on emerging infections. Major topics to be included are current work on surveillance, epidemiology, research, communication and training, bioterrorism, and preventions and control of emerging infectious diseases, both in the United States and abroad. For more information please [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

E-Learning

Free Online Intro to Public Health Courses by PPHTC

PPHTC Free public health courses are available online through PPHTC. Courses include Obesity and Overweight, Foodborne Illness, and PH101 Principles of Public Health. To register and take these courses

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Informatics for the Public Health Workforce

As we come into the era of evidence based medicine, public health professionals are doing their part to bring forth public health into evidence-based public health. The MI-INFO (Michigan Informatics) website does a great job in introducing evidence-based public health. They offer nine tutorials which are competency-based and feature learning objectives, key concepts, exercises, and case studies. The tutorials will enable public health audiences to better access, evaluate, manage, and apply needed information to respond to public health issues and problems. For more information please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Online Course: Public Health Emergency Training (PHET)

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness announces the launch of the Public Health Emergency Training modules (UM PHET). UM PHET is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including disease surveillance and investigation; contact investigation; isolation and quarantine; special populations; disaster mental health; personal protective equipment and decontamination. Each UM PHET module contributes to the development of a subset of the Bioterrorism/Emergency Readiness Competencies created by Columbia University and the CDC. These modules are free charge. For more information [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Pacific Emergency Management, Preparedness and Response Information Network and Training Services (Pacific EMPRINTS)

Pacific EMPRINTS offers free online courses for healthcare professionals. For more information please

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"State Snapshots" by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

If you are interested in looking at State-Specific health care quality information including strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement, then visit the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services “State Snapshots” website. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Webcasts / Podcasts

PPHTC Podcasts Now Available

PPHTC The Pacific Public Health Training Center (PPHTC) announces a new training opportunity on its website. Podcasts are now available for online listening or for downloading to your MP3 player (e.g. iPod). Podcasts currently available include topics such as Obesity and Overweight, Health Disparities, and Senior Safety. Please check back soon for additional topics and updates,

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Public Health Training Network (PHTN) Web Cast Series

Upcoming Public Health Training Network (PHTN) distance learning opportunities sponsored by CDC and other PHTN partners are available. [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

Certificates

Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Response, Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Loma Linda University's Center for Public Health Preparedness in partnership with the LLU School of Public Health's Global Health department, has developed an Emergency Preparedness Graduate Certificate. This is a practical, skills based certificate designed to prepare graduates to serve as preparedness coordinators and liaisons at county and local NGO levels. For more information, please call Dr. Ron Mataya at 909.558.4902

Certificate in Maternal and Child Health, University of Hawaii

A certificate program "The Public Health Certificate in MCH Leadership" has been developed by the University of Hawaii to strengthen Maternal and Child Health (MCH). For information [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

Internship Opportunities

Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program

The Scholars in Health Policy Research Program – a national Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – is a two-year fellowship targeted to outstanding new PhDs in economics, political science, and sociology to advance their involvement in health policy research. Deadline for the 2008-2010 application is October 22, 2007 (5PM EDT). For more information on how

to apply please [READ MORE ONLINE >>](#)

Public Health Education & Training

The Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) is a three year, on-the-job national service and training program offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for master's level health professionals. The program focuses on public health program management and provides prevention specialists with experience in program planning, implementation, and evaluation through specialized hands-on training and mentorship at CDC and state and local health agencies. For more information [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

ASPH/NHTSA Injury Prevention and Traffic Safety Public Health Internship Program

A unique collaboration between the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is giving students/graduates of ASPH accredited schools of public health the knowledge to enhance their training in injury prevention and traffic safety.

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RESOURCES

Indian Health Services Environmental Health Support Center

The Environmental Health Support Center sponsors training courses on a wide variety of subjects related to the programs of the Indian Health Service's Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. Courses are advertised on a monthly basis by the IHS Area Training Coordinators. For more information visit the Environmental Health Support Center public Web site at www.opheng.ihs.gov

Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit for Health Professionals

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health has released the Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit, an online resource aiming to provide health professional faculty with a set of tools to carefully plan and document their community-engaged scholarship and produce strong portfolios for promotion and tenure. The toolkit offers guidance, resources and successful examples of portfolio materials from faculty who have been promoted based on their community-engaged scholarship. The toolkit is available [ONLINE >>](#)

RESOURCES

Preventing Chronic Disease - Special Section on Chronic Disease in Times of Disaster

The November special issue of Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) is now available! Please visit www.cdc.gov/pcd where you will find downloadable articles and information on PCD.

Health United States, 2006

The National Center for Health Statistics, Health United States, 2006, chartbook is now accessible [ONLINE >>](#)

Disaster University-Santa Clara County(CA) Public Health Department

Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, Disaster University, offers opportunities to learn and practice response to public health emergencies and disasters. For more information on the courses offered please [VISIT ONLINE >>](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Advancing Excellence in Health Care

The website announced by HHS' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is a national "one-stop" portal for resources for improving patient safety and preventing medical errors. The site, AHRQ's Patient Safety Network, or PSNet, can be accessed [ONLINE >>](#)

COMMENTS?

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