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At the 2007 Legislative Appreciation Day clockwise from above Senators Nick Gauthreaux, Gerald Theunissen and Don Hines enjoy a moment away from the Senate floor; LPHA members Al Mancuso and David Guilbeau entertain Representative Wilfred Pierre; members of LWRA serve up the grub to our guests; Representative Elbert Lee Guillory and Legislative Assistant Leslie LeCroix enjoy the popular event.

Event keeps growing

On May 27, 2007 LPHA and the Louisiana Rural Water Association hosted a Legislative Appreciation Day event. Over 75 Senators and Representatives joined us to enjoy the great food, music, and conversation.

The event continues to grow every year and this year the weather was very nearly perfect to pass a good time. There were many compliments heard coming from the attendees.

Members of the association made sure that the legislators were supplied with ample food and drink.

The music for the event was once again provided by "The Heartbreakers".

All in all it was a great success.



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Message from the President

Chuck Methvien

As your president, I would like to thank each of you for your many contributions toward our 2007 LPHA Conference. I would especially like to congratulate Chery Ewing, our past president, and the local arrangements committee for an excellent and very successful educational conference this year.

As we begin the 2007-2008 year, I anticipate a year that will bring forth many new avenues for LPHA as we strive toward collaboration with the American Public Health Association (APHA). Mittie Rohner and I were fortunate to be able to attend the APHA, annual President/Elect Conference in Washington, D.C. last month. During these meetings, we obtained valuable information regarding APHA operations, LPHA's role in APHA, and APHA's Memo of Understanding (MOU). We also gained exciting information about the APHA Affiliate Capacity Building Initiative. Through this initiative,



Chuck Methvien (Affiliates)

and the grassroots policy network to improve our nation's ability to respond to new and emerging public health threats. LPHA can apply for up to \$90,000 with funding provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Also, during our visit to Washington, D.C. we were privileged to meet with Congressman Bobby Jindal, Senator David Vitter, and Senator Mary Landrieu.

Throughout this year, the LPHA Governing Council will be working diligently toward making the 60th LPHA Educational Conference, our Diamond year, a memorable conference for all our members.

I'll see you there!

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APHA Representative's report

Clair Millet

APHA Current Initiatives & News Briefs for 2007: February 22, 2007

The American Public Health Association (APHA) released its blueprint for strengthening the nation's pandemic preparedness. APHA recommends key changes to the nation's strategy for preparing and responding to a flu pandemic to ensure the health and safety of all individuals. Among its top concerns is the need for additional resources for an already overburdened public health work force that may lack the resources to fully respond to a flu outbreak. Other needs include clear federal guidance on school closures, quarantine and occupational health in the event of a pandemic.

March 13, 2007

The American Public Health Association (APHA) has made recommendations for expanding health coverage to uninsured children through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), a successful fed-

eral and state joint program that is set to be reauthorized this year. In its issue brief, APHA urges Congress to ensure that all children eligible for SCHIP and Medicaid can be covered by these programs, which collectively provide health coverage to 34 million U.S. children. During the past decade, SCHIP, together with Medicaid, has successfully reduced the rate of low-income children who are uninsured by one-third and improved their health status and outcomes. Yet 9 million – or 12 percent – of the nation's children remain uninsured, and 75 percent of these children are eligible for but are not enrolled in SCHIP and Medicaid.

2008 Meeting

The 2008 APHA Annual Meeting will be October 25-29, 2008 in San Diego, CA (136th Meeting). The theme, as voted on by the APHA Governing Council at the 2006 meeting, will be: "Public Health without Borders".

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Criteria:

Louisiana student in a Louisiana school, LPHA member or dependent, consideration of educational or financial need

Education Levels:

Undergraduates must maintain required grade point average (GPA) and may reapply for each year of a four year program. Graduate (includes doctoral) - university rules apply for GPA and admission criteria.

Full time is usually considered to be 12 credit hours; part time will be considered as less than 12 credit hours, awards will be prorated accordingly; university definition will apply for part and full time students.

Academic Requirements:

The course of study must be supportive of a public health related field.

Minimum Requirements:

Currently enrolled in an accredited college or university
Two personal references — one from an academic advisor and one from a non-related LPHA member
Must maintain at least a GPA of 3.0 on a 4-point system

Minimum Graduate Requirements:

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) 1000 for the first semester
GPA 3.0 on a 4-point system

Minimum Doctoral Level Requirements:

GRE 1000 or above
GPA 3.0 on a 4-point system for course work
Comply with Institutional requirements

**Committee Reports
Local Arrangements Report**

Over 525 members pre-registered for the conference and over 600 ice-breaker tickets and 100 award banquet tickets were sold. On Wednesday, local arrangements co-sponsored a hospitality suite with Rural Water. A Louisiana idol contest was held with several of the regions and state office participating. After the Louisiana idol contest, which was won by Region One's "Dreamgirls," many stayed for the dance where the Neighborhood Stars performed. This was certainly a fun and entertaining evening.

On Thursday, local arrangements sponsored a lunch that was served to all those registered. Later that evening, transportation was provided by the Hollywood Casino to bring members back and forth to

their casino. Several attendees took advantage of this benefit.

Members of the *2008 Conference Local Arrangements Committee* include:

Registration: Cabrenia Thomas
Decorations: Chery Ewing/
Debbie Treuil

Hospitality Suite: Al Mancuso,
Gary Cazabon, Mike Vidrine, David Guilbeau, Elizabeth Bracy, and Suzanne Wall

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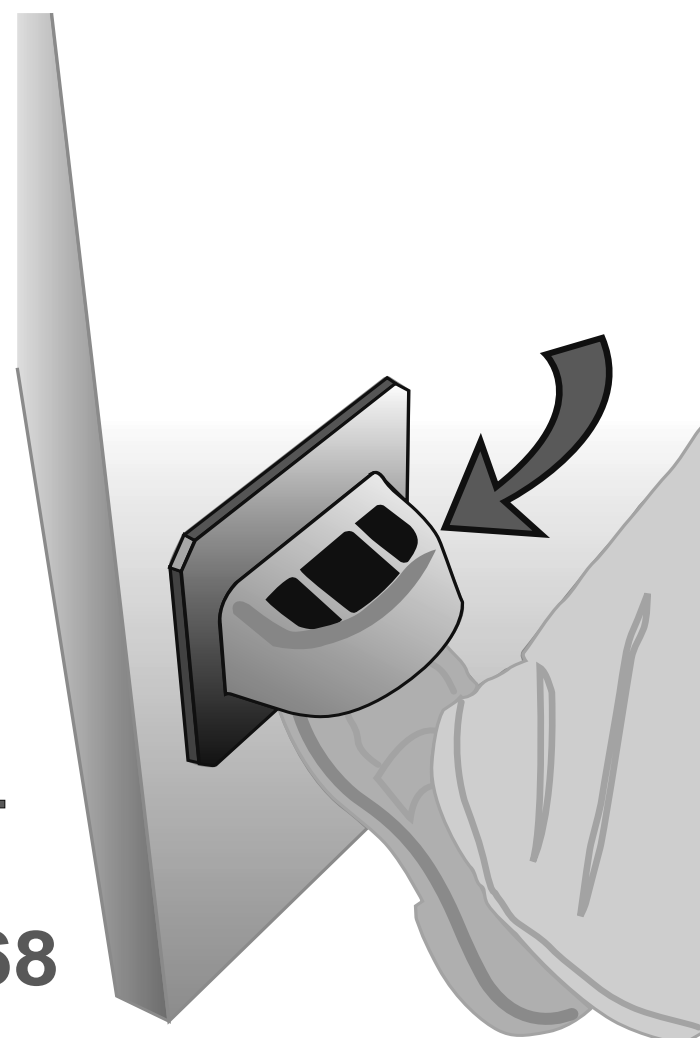
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2007 Legislative Session report

The session ended on June 28 after all available funds were spent. In addition to pay raises for those whose pay is tied to the state budget, major investments in health, economic development, highways, education and hurricane recovery, the members managed to infuse some \$60 million in ‘member amendments’ into the various appropriations bills. Most of these amendments go to local governments and local non-profit corporations rather than state agencies. Despite best efforts, a number of statewide initiatives that we sought funding for were not addressed. Those include the 211 system, birth defects surveillance, further expansion of school health clinics, and colorectal screening.

OPH gained \$2.3 million to re-

engineer the vital records system, \$2 million for the nurse family partnership program, \$599,607 for a special salary entrance rate for lab employees, and \$2.5 million for the LA emergency response network. OPH lost \$500,000 from the base budget on the House Floor when Rep. Beard authored an amendment to move funds from OPH to the Governor’s Program on Abstinence. He suggested that federal funds for this program would not continue. Later in the session when it appeared that federal funds will be appropriated for abstinence, a further amendment was added to prevent the transfer if that occurs.

Copies of the bills can be obtained from the state website at www.legis.state.la.us

Legislation of Possible Interest to LPHA

- HB 1** Alario Provides the ordinary operating expenses of the state.
- HB 25** Crowe Requires the inclusion of a specific statement related to fetal pain and availability of anesthesia for fetus as part of informed consent for abortion; requires that woman be offered option of reviewing ultrasound image of the unborn child.
- HB 178** Doerge Defines newborn as not more than 30 days old; adds to definition of prenatal neglect “exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol” in addition to “unlawful use of any controlled dangerous substance or in a manner not lawfully prescribed.”
- HB 213** Johns Provides for penalties for “doctor shopping” of prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances and Carisoprodol.
- HB 246** McDonald Provides for the certification of medication attendants to work in licensed nursing homes until August 1, 2011.
- HB 318** Walker Allows Medicaid to seek reimbursement from health insurers up to thirty-six months from the date of service for claims paid for recipients who have other insurance coverage.
- HB 412** Crane Changes the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act.
- HB 422** Smith, Jane H. Provides relative to persons qualified to withdraw blood to determine the alcoholic content or presence of certain substances relative to tests for suspected drunken driving.
- HB 450** Burns Establishes the Department of Health and Hospitals’ Facility Support Fund to provide with respect to the proceeds from the sale or lease of property operated by DHH.
- HB 479** Gray Provides potential participation of the nongovernmental nonprofit organization LA Family Recovery Corps as part of the state’s response to public emergencies and disasters.
- HB 512** Curtis Changes the definition of venereal disease by adding “any other infectious disease primarily transmitted from one person to another by means of a sexual act”; requires reporting of venereal disease in conformance with the LA Sanitary Code. Makes HIV testing for pregnant women standard of care to be performed under general informed consent for medical care on the same basis as other tests (eliminates requirement for separate informed consent) but allows patient to opt out of the testing; provides that routine HIV diagnostic testing can be offered to persons as part of a routine medical screening in health care settings under general informed consent but allows patient to opt out; specifies that OPH will develop rules for HIV testing in their programs.
- HB 523** Thompson Prohibits pharmacists from issuing a prescription solely on the results of an electronic questionnaire.

- HB 542** Walker Creates LA Children and Youth Health Insurance Program as separate program from LaChip and Medicaid; serves children between 200 and 300% of poverty; provides for 12 months of eligibility; allows for electronic application process; will require monthly premiums, co-pays and coinsurance excluding co-pays for well baby and well child care; places premiums in Health Care Redesign Fund.; provides that DHH consult with child serving organizations in the rulemaking process.
- HB 573** Morrish Renames developmental centers to “supports and services center” to more accurately reflect services provided.
- HB 579** St. Germain Creates the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act.
- HB 602** Jackson, M Provides relative to health care data reporting; provides for powers and duties of OPH; requires electronic release of patient claims and encounter data; creates the Health Data Advisory Panel.
- HB 603** Curtis Provides for sprinkler systems replacement in nursing home facilities.
- HB 614** Beard Prohibits partial birth abortion.
- HB 615** Alario Appropriates \$414 million to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund and \$120 million to the Health Redesign Fund.
- HB 636** Williams Includes the public administrator as a person who may obtain a copy of a confidential death certificate relative to the vital statistics law.
- HB 643** Romero, Errol Limits civil liability for the Southern Mutual Help Assn., Catholic Charities, PRC Compassion, Inc. and United Way organizations that provide hurricane evacuation assistance or services; also limits liability for health care providers that gratuitously render health care services in community health clinics or community pharmacies during or after evacuation.
- HB 682** Johns Expands prescriptive authority for optometrists.
- HB 727** Alexander, E Provides for a limitation of liability for National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.
- HB 758** Montgomery Authorizes parishes and municipalities to regulate odors.
- HB 765** Alario Provides for supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; Appropriates \$1.9 billion of surplus funds (over the cap) for operating and capital outlay. Operating: \$13 million for North LA LSUHSC/Rural Hospital Medical Home Network (SB 111 that failed); \$30 million for Phase 1 of statewide electronic medical records system for state public hospitals; \$1 million for LSU-Shreveport for primary care practice management program. Capital Outlay: \$2.5 million for Tulane Primate Center; \$5 million for Pennington Clinical Research Facility; \$3.7 million for Feist-Weiller Cancer Research Center in Shreveport; \$2.5 million for major acquisitions and medical equipment for LSU-Shreveport; \$74.5 million for planning, land acquisition, and construction of Medical Center of LA at New Orleans; \$41.5 million for community primary health care clinics planning, acquisition, and construction; \$9 million for planning, construction, expansion and renovation of rural health clinics; \$27 million for new psych hospital in Pineville; \$15 million for medical facility and land, acquisition, planning, construction and renovations for LSU-HCSD in Baton Rouge; \$38 million for cancer consortium facilities.
- HB 770** Salter Defines scope of practice of podiatry.
- HB 774** Alario Provides for certain supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; includes \$4.5 million for Access to Recovery.
- HB 784** Barrow Provides for clinical social workers to qualify as Medicaid providers
- HB 796** Gray Provides with respect to the administrative adjudication of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, and historic violations.
- HB 837** Baudoin Authorizes the LA Board of Medical Examiners to certify acupuncture detoxification specialists.
- HB 883** LaFonta Provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the LA Diabetes Initiatives Council.
- HB 953** Alario Supplemental Appropriations Bill for 2006-07: spends \$84 million available under the cap: \$100,000 for admin costs for the Disability Eligibility Program; \$8.01 million in private providers program for Disability Eligibility Program; \$2,432,358 in UCC for rural hospitals; \$3,445,312 for LSU-Shreveport; \$8,026,512 to rebase ICF reimbursement; reduces \$2.5 million in SGF from OPH; \$678,910 for provider fee increases at OCDD; \$7,000,886 of SGF for operating expenses at LSU Shreveport and \$5,226,079 for EA Conway; reduces LSUHSC-NO by \$8,496,000; adds \$16,592,010 for HCSD.

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2007 Annual Educational Conference in pictures



President Chery Ewing calls to order the 2007 LPHA Annual Educational Conference.



Baton Rouge Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden welcomes the attendees to Baton Rouge.



Lake Charles Mayor Randy Ewing speaks on the state of emergency preparedness.



Chery Ewing and Mittie Rohner welcome APHA President Dr. Deborah Klein Walker as keynote speaker for the first plenary session of the conference.



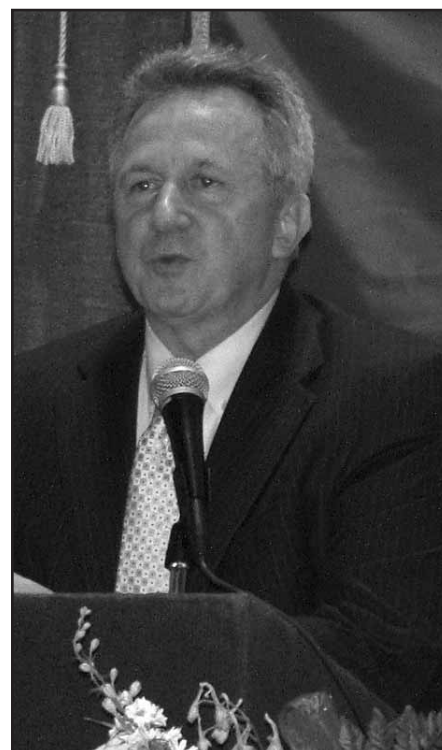
DHH Secretary, Fred Cerise accepts an award from the Center for Community Preparedness from OPH Assistant Secretary, Sharon Howard and State Health Officer, Dr. Jimmy Guidry.



Immediate Past President Diane Hargrove-Roberson presents the president award to outgoing LPHA President Chery Ewing.



First Vice President, Mittie Rohner served as moderator for the first plenary session of the 2007 educational conference.



Dr. Jimmy Guidry gives his state of the state address on the final day of the conference.



Outgoing President Chery Ewing passes the gavel to incoming President Chuck Methvien.

Section Reports

Administrators and Physicians

The Administrators and Physicians Section was moderated by the 2006-2007 Section Chair Ron Folse.

The annual business meeting exceeded our expectation by having in attendance at least 30 administrators and physicians. New Officers for 2007-2008 were elected and are as follows: Chair- Takeisha C. Davis, MD, MPH., and Vice-Chair- Gerralda Davis, MBA

The section discussed and, for the first time, submitted three resolutions for approval to the Resolution Committee. They were as follows:

Creation of a human resource task force to develop competencies necessary to recruit and train a deployable public health workforce,

Recommendation to state legislature to expand current state loan repayment program to include public health staff and allow DHH/OPH to use this as an incentive for staff recruitment, and

Exempt DHH/OPH from Act 194, which abolishes positions after early retirement negatively impacting our ability to provide public health services to the community.

We also discussed the APHA

affiliate agreement and whether the organization should enter into the agreement. We discussed the need to sign the affiliate agreement in order to qualify to receive any of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant funding and future APHA benefits. The section voted to unanimously recommend that LPHA enter into the affiliate agreement with APHA.

Lastly, the section discussed increasing recruiting efforts for the Administrators and Physicians section by inviting the staff at the LSU and Tulane Schools of Public Health. This would also give us other avenues of approaching legislative issues since the Tulane faculty and staff are not state employees and thus not prohibited from lobbying.

The business meeting was followed by a very interesting and relevant presentation by Kirk Perriloux, Information Technical Support Manager for DHH/OPH. The presentation was titled "Information Technology as it Relates to Everyday Duties".

Takeisha C. Davis, MD, MPH
2007-2008 Section Chair

Allied Health Services

On Thursday, April 12, 2007, The Other Health Services Section had approximately 27 members in attendance at the business meeting. We agreed to a name change from "other" to Allied Health Services Section which was approved by the governing council on Friday, 4/13/2007.

Our section has made a commitment to outreach and membership recruitment of OPH and non-OPH Allied Health Professionals who share our vision of great healthcare for all of Louisiana.

In addition, on June 1, 2007 we had our first quarterly meeting and 10 members were present. We

developed a new letter head for our section, put together a basket to be raffled, which will be our first fundraiser for the year. We discussed continuing education options for all the Allied Health disciplines represented in this section.

Legislative issues, strategic planning, and fundraising were emphasized during this meeting. We hope to attract more members to our section become even more vocal than we already are in the association.

Officers:

Julie Landry, chair
Sharon Starks, co-chair
Megan King, treasurer
Brenda Grayson, Treasurer

Clerical/Statistical

The 60 members in attendance voted to donate \$100 to the LPHA Scholarship Fund.

707 raffle tickets were sold this year.

Dr. Erin Brewer, Director of Center for Community Health, attended and gave a brief talk about how much she appreciates

what clerical does in all programs.

Daphne Lesage, Assistant Director of Center for Community Health was guest speaker.

Elected officers as follows:

Pam McNeil, Chair
Susan Royer, Vice Chair
Mittie Rohner, Secretary
Janet Merritt, Treasurer

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Section held its annual meeting at the 2007 Annual Conference. The moderator for the break out session was Chairman Rachael Bruce.

Dr. Gary Balsamo, DVM, MPH&TM, State Public Health Veterinarian. Dr. Balsamo spoke on "Rabies Surveillance in Louisiana". During his speech he informed the members on the spread of rabies, different types of carriers, and how to handle calls about different situations.

Ms. Kimberly Livsey, the State of Louisiana's FDA Regional Retail Food Specialist spoke about "Sushi and Hispanic Foods". During this informative talk Ms. Livsey

expressed the importance of destruction of parasites in sushi, using the proper recipe during the rice preparation, and different Hispanic food items that if not already will soon be seen through out the state.

105 members were attended the environmental section educational meeting this year, up 12 from the previous year.

The membership voted to present a resolution calling for an increase in the mileage payment. .

Tenney Sibley will move up to section chair. Amy Nichols elected to the co-chair position. Sonja Thomas was elected to the secretary/treasurer position.

Laboratory

The laboratory section had 25 laboratory scientists in attendance this year. Dr. Stephen Martin, section chair, served as the moderator. He introduced two excellent guest speakers. Dr. Scott Davis, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Tulane School of Medicine, presented a very informative talk on "Newborn Screening for Cystic Fibrosis". Total attendance for his presentation was 30 (22 laboratory scientists and 8 other professionals). Dr. Michael R. Marble, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at LSU Health Science Center and Children's Hospital in New Orleans, gave a

very interesting presentation on "Newborn Screening for Metabolic Diseases". Total attendance for his presentation was 36 (25 laboratory scientists and 11 other professionals).

The laboratory section may need to explore ways to raise money to fund future speakers. We will gladly accept any suggestions for speakers for the 2008 LPHA Convention.

The following were elected officers for 2007-2008

Betty Day – Chair
Michael Lacassagne - Vice Chair
Kerri Gerage – Secretary/Treasurer

Nursing Section

The well attended annual Nursing Luncheon set the tone for the beginning of a productive and fun-filled week for those attending

the 2007 Louisiana Public Health Association (LPHA) Educational Conference. We received words of

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- HB 964** Kenney Provides for the confidentiality of certain records of nonprofit health care quality improvement corporations.
- HB 965** Durand Provides relative to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network; provides for limitation of liability and requires that it be a separate budget unit within DHH.
- HCR 75** Durand Requests DHH to engage in a cooperative effort with other public and private organizations and institutions in establishing the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum.
- HCR 115** Johns Creates a committee study to consider autism spectrum disorders.
- HCR 118** Walker Requests the governor, the Louisiana congressional delegation, and other relevant entities to work together to ensure federal funding for the Louisiana's Children's Health Insurance Program.
- HCR 122** LaFonta Requests healthcare providers to adopt generally recognized clinical practice guidelines, goals, recommendations, and standards that identify the reduction of body mass index, cardiovascular risk issues, and glycemic control in managing diabetes.
- HCR 152** Fannin Directs DHH to research the use of incentive packages to recruit qualified family practitioners to rural areas.
- HCR 200** Daniel Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to evaluate the effectiveness of the Louisiana Governor's Program on Abstinence.
- HCR 231** Gray Directs the entities named in R.S. 17:1519.9, relative to a charity hospital in New Orleans, to enter into an updated cooperative agreement by the end of the third quarter of 2007.
- HCR 244** Thompson Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Education's Louisiana Student Financial

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wisdom with a touch of humor from our guest speaker, Cajun Humorist, Kent Gonsoulin.

The Public Health Nursing Section session was very well attended by various disciplines. Our speaker, Dr. Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, RN-CS, FNP, CCRN, acting Dean and Professor, School of Nursing LSU Health Science Center, New Orleans, LA, presented a speech on the topic of: "Advocacy for Public Health/Public Health Nursing" "Current Trends in Public Health Nursing".

Some of the main points of Dr. Porche's message focused on strengthening our advocacy base for Public Health/Public Health Nursing; the need to "repackage our functions (tasks)"; restructuring our internet based communication system and making what we all do in Public Health "sexy."

The annual Nursing business meeting exceeded our expectation by having in attendance at least a 161 Nurses, which included some of our retired Nurses. New Officers for 2007-2008 were elected and are as follows: Chair- Beverly Lewis, Regional Nurse Consultant-Region 3; Vice-Chair- Stephanie Whiting, CSHS, Region 4; Treasury- Penny Meaux, CSHS, Region 4;

Secretary- Elmira Walker, Nurse Supervisor, Morgan City, Region 3; Louisiana State Nurses Association(LSNA) representative- Deborah Guidry, ADM-EBAT, Region 2; and Louisiana State Board of Nursing(LSBN)- Megan Louque, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse(APRN),Region 9.

The Nursing section submitted one resolution for approval to the Resolution Committee regarding funding for expanding the provision of immunizations to all that met the stated criteria. In honor of Dr. Porche, a \$100.00 donation was made to the LPHA scholarship fund for his generous participation in our annual educational conference. In recognition of Nurses that were dedicated to Public Health, a memorial service was held for 7 Nurses that passed on in 2006-2007.

In conclusion, the Nursing section raised \$1, 291 from its fund raiser, raffling a Nintendo WIVI. Overall, it was a very successful educational conference for Nursing. We look forward to an even greater conference for 2007-2008.

Thanks and congrats to all!

Beverly Vonshea Lewis, MPA, BSN, RN Chair

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Assistance Commission to fund scholarships for medical students who return to rural areas.

HCR 245 Hunter Requests the DHH to study the feasibility of developing a network of specialized sickle cell disease treatment and lifestyle enhancement facilities for the purpose of improving the quality of life of sickle cell disease patients and their families.

HCR 248 Baudoin Requests the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish mandatory safety requirements for all-terrain vehicles.

HCR 258 Dorsey Memorializes congress to reexamine the provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide prenatal care to immigrants.

HSR 3 Barrow Requests the House Committees on Judiciary and Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study and review the status of the state's emergency response preparedness.

SB 1 McPherson Authorizes DHH to develop and implement a health care delivery system for Medicaid that provides a medical home in the public or private sector with a focus on primary and preventive care, utilizes information technology, and assures quality. Called LA Health First, authorizes DHH to apply for budget neutral waivers with approval of Legislative committees.

SB 55 Hines Exempts prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses from state sales and use tax.

SB 161 Nevers Prohibits partial birth abortions.

SB 179 McPherson Transfers Huey P. Long Hospital to LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

SB 226 Fontenot Provides for home-generated sharps waste as part of the Sanitary Code.

SB 238 McPherson Establishes the Health Care Redesign Fund in the state treasury.

SB 281 Schedler Relative to Medicaid fraud, clarifies state law to conform to federal law and assure eligibility for 10% enhancement; raises fine to not less than \$5,000 but not more than \$10,000.

SB 282 Schedler Requires reporting of adverse actions by health care entities in response to a determination of impairment or possible impairment (dependency on or excessive use or abuse of alcohol or drugs) to the appropriate licensing boards.

SB 361 Duplessis Grants school readiness tax credits to individuals for child care expenses of children five and under, to child care providers, to child care directors and staff, and to businesses providing child care. This initiative grew out of the Best Start Initiative of OPH.

SCR 35 McPherson Requests DHH to establish the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum.

SCR 76 Hines Approves the business plan for the new Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans (484 beds, cost of \$1.2 billion)

SCR 88 McPherson Urges the Louisiana Interagency Task Force on the Future of Family Medicine to work with DHH to develop evidence-based strategies to increase primary care medical workforce.

SCR 101 Cravins, Jr. Requests the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the possibilities and options available to develop and implement an infectious disease testing program for all inmates.

SCR 103 Adley Requests DHH, office of public health, to include screening for Krabbe Disease in the newborn screening required in Louisiana.

SCR 109 Schedler Requests a joint committee study of the feasibility of creating a scope of practice council to advise the legislature regarding various medical and health care disciplines.

SCR 128 Jackson Requests a joint committee study of the current status of the chronic disease of asthma in the state.

SCR 134 Duplessis Memorializes congress to urge executive branch departments to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety.

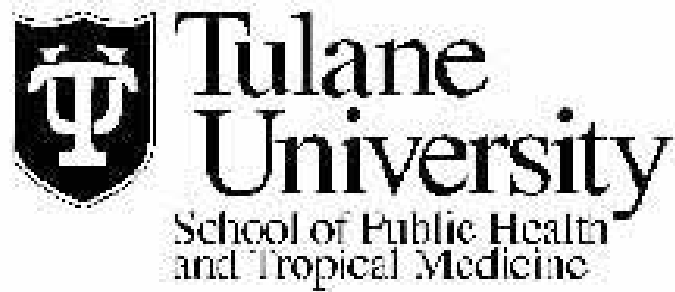
SCR 137 Hines Memorializes congress to provide funding for the Louisiana University Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine.

SR 87 Broome Requests Congress to support the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy of organizations that work to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.

SR 146 Jackson Requests committee study of the current status of the chronic disease of asthma in the state.

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Retirees, *from page 10*

The retirees section is being chaired by Clif Murphy. All retirees are invited to contact Clif about upcoming retiree events and becoming active in the retirees section.

Financial report of the Louisiana Public Health Association

ASSETS	
Operating Account	\$ 45,098.95
Scholarship Account	\$ 29,898.83
Share Account	\$14,449.53
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$50,526.70</u>
Total Assets	\$139,974.01
LIABILITIES	<u>\$0.00</u>
LPHA BALANCE	\$139,974.01

Award Winners



2008 LPHA Award winners from left, Tamara Morris, Member's Award; Betty F. Hebert, Meritorious Award; LaTangela Sherman, The Louise McFarland Award for Excellence in Public Health Communication Award ;Jason Kraemer, Scholarship Award; Senator Rob Marionneaux, Jr. Public Service Award, and Dr. Isfana Ali accepting the Founder's Awards on behalf of her husband Dr. Juzar Ali.

Amendments to the LPHA By-Laws as adopted by 2007 LPHA Annual Conference

The following amendments were adopted to the Louisiana Public Health Association By-laws.

1. Added the following standing committees: Local Arrangements and Exhibits
2. Changed:From:Article XI - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Association by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Notice of proposed amendments to these bylaws may be published in the Louisiana Public Health Association, Incorporated newsletter, provided said publication is mailed to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting of the Association.

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