

Reports

APHA Representative's report



The American Public Health Association's 135th Meeting was held November 3-7, 2007. The theme was Politics, Policy & Public Health. The Governing Council adopted 19 policies which can be accessed via the internet as noted below:

Policy Number: 20071

Preventing Vision Loss Through Smoking Cessation
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1364>

Policy Number: 200710

A Call to Action on Breastfeeding: A Fundamental Public Health Issue
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1360>

Policy Number: 200711

Promoting School Information Sharing for Public Health Purposes
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1353>

Policy Number: 200712

Securing Medicare's Fiscal Integrity and Reducing the Threat of Privatization
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1355>

Policy Number: 200713

Opposition to US Attack on Iran
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1356>

Policy Number: 200714

Improving External Cause Coding in Hospital Discharge Data
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1352>

Policy Number: 200715

Building a Public Health Infrastructure for Physical Activity Promotion
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1358>

Policy Number: 200717

Prevention and Control of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1365>

Policy Number: 200718

Toward a Healthy, Sustainable Food System
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1361>

Policy Number: 20072

Addressing Obesity and Health Disparities Through Federal Nutrition and Agricultural Policy
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1347>

Policy Number: 20073

Environmental Injustices: Research and Action to Reduce Obesity Disparities
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1348>

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Policy Number: 20074

Vaginal Douching and Adverse Health Outcomes
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1362>

Policy Number: 20075

Tobacco-Free School Environments
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1349>

Policy Number: 20076

Calling on the US Congress to Restructure the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1350>

Policy Number: 20077

Addressing the Urgent Threat of Global Climate Change to Public Health and the Environment
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1351>

Policy Number: 20078

Agent Orange
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1363>

Policy Number: 20079

Eye Care in Disaster Preparedness
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1359>

Policy Number: LB-07-01

Calling for a Global Ban on Lead Use in Residential Indoor and Outdoor Paints, Children's Products, and All Nonessential Uses in Consumer Products
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1348>

Policy Number: LB-07-02

The Need for State Legislation Protecting and Enhancing Women's Ability to Obtain Safe, Legal Abortion Services Without Delay or Government Interference
<http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1354>

2008 ANNUAL MEETING:

The 136th Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, California, October 25-29, 2008. The 2008 APHA Annual Meeting theme "Public Health Without Borders" will explore transnational public health, and will provide a forum to address a diversity of topics.

This Annual Meeting could similarly provide a forum for a better understanding of the aspects of growing multiculturalism that promote healthy living.

Don't Forget - **NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK: April 7-13, 2008.**

Allied Health Services Section

2007-2008 Officers

Section Chair, Julie Landry, LCSW, ACSW, BACS

Office of Public Health (OPH), Region 1 Social Worker

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Secretary, Brenda Grayson, GSW

OPH Region 1 Social Worker
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OPH Region 2 STD Disease Intervention Specialist

Vision Statement: Visible and Vocal

Mission Statement: The mission of the Louisiana Public Health Association Allied Health Services Section is to promote the presence & professional development of

Allied Health Professionals through networking, continuing education, advocacy & collaboration.

Motto: "Teamwork can make a dream work."

2007 Distinguished Members are: Sylvia McLain, Tiffany Netters, Natasha McCoy, Gloria Powell, Monica McDaniels, Judy Posey, Peggy Arceneaux, and Kathi Legg

Annual membership dues is \$25.00. This year's 4 day educational conference & annual meeting will cost \$100.00 for approximately 12 CEUs.

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Nursing Section

The mission statement of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing is, "To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice nurses are competent and safe". Many people, both nurses and others alike, are mistakenly under the impression that Boards of Nursing exist to protect practicing nurses. In actuality, these Boards could be said to serve two masters—the public and the nursing workforce.

The goals of the LA State Board of Nursing are:

- 1) To promote regulatory effectiveness
- 2) To assure efficient and timely responses to nursing issues affect-

ing patient safety

3) To enhance the image and visibility of the Board

4) To identify and regulate the evolving role of the registered nurse and advanced practice nurse as a professional while protecting the public

5) To facilitate Board and staff development

These are lofty and challenging goals, to say the least. That said, after review, discussion, and investigation of the Board's current activities for a report to the LPHA Governing Council, I have nothing really new to report. Louisiana's Board of Nursing is quietly and efficiently going about the business of its mission.

The LPHA Book Fair returns

The LPHA Book Fair is back. Members are asked to bring books, DVD or VCR movies to donate to the book fair at the 2008 LPHA Educational Conference. There will

be a sales table set up near the exhibition area. The proceeds from the book fair will be donated to the LPHA Scholarship Fund.

2008 LPHA Golf Tournament

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