Letter from the President

Greetings! I’m so pleased and honored to be your president for 2010. It was exciting to get to meet many of you at the 2009 Health Summit, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2010. I want to invite each member to contact at least one board member and assist with at least some aspect of the work of ALPHA. Our working committees are open to all members. This year’s committees are Finance Committee, Nominations and Awards, Membership, Health Policy, and Outreach. You can visit our new website to see what the Board will be working on this year.

You should have received an email from me, but I want to take this opportunity to restate the factors the board considered when scheduling the next Health Summit. In November 2009, the board became aware of the Unite Now Hospitality employees’ boycott of the Sheraton and Hilton hotels including those in Anchorage. That boycott continues and the board was opposed to having the Summit at a hotel where the health insurance costs, options, and work conditions were such that the employees were asking potential customers to boycott the hotel. Therefore, the next Health Summit will be January 10-12, 2011 at the Hotel Captain Cook.

The theme for the 2011 ALPHA Health Summit is Starting Upstream: Creating Healthy Communities. The Summit Chair is the President-Elect, Jennifer Meyer. She will be working with the planning committee, Vanessa Hiratsuka, Masayo Nishiyama, Sandra Woods and Jayne Andreen to organize and solicit sessions for the tracks Workforce Development, Social and Economic Determinants, Public Health Science, Environmental Health and Innovative Public Health Practice.

In 2009 ALPHA was fortunate to be the recipient of an APHA grant for association development. The board took $1500 and offered three $500 mini-grants. The board was so impressed with the proposals that we allocated an additional $500 and awarded a fourth mini-grant.

This year ALPHA will again offer four (4) mini-grants of $500 each for community-based activities that promote health and recognize Public Health Week. This year’s APHA public health week theme is A Healthier America: One Community at a Time, April 5-11, 2010. The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce this year’s awards are going to Newhalen and Iliamna “Let’s Start Spring Health!” and UAA Student Advisory Council.

My goal and work this year will be to strengthen and further the partnerships of the association. If you are a member of a group you would like to see ALPHA work with, please contact me. (Sandra.woods1@alaska.gov or surywoods@yahoo.com)

- Sandra Woods

2009 ALPHA Health Summit

Once again, we asked for your feedback on the 2009 Health Summit. We had over 200 attendees and had fifty-seven (57) evaluations returned. Those that responded indicated this year’s Summit was Good to Excellent. Two-thirds of respondents were ALPHA members and hear about the Summit events through their ALPHA membership benefits.

Overall, the speakers and sessions were rated Good to Excellent; participants appreciated the variety and depth of sessions offered. Participants value the time and availability of colleagues for networking and getting to meet folks face-to-face. The Summit planning committee will look at the evaluations and incorporate some of the wonderful suggestions we received to make the next Summit even better.

The next ALPHA Health Summit will be January 10-12, 2011 at the Hotel Captain Cook. We are very excited about the opportunities this change brings us and look forward to working with you to make this a memorable event.

Sandra Woods, 2009 Summit Chair
Introducing *Best Bones Forever!*

A fresh and fun bone health campaign for girls

Osteoporosis is a pediatric disease with geriatric consequences. In terms of bone health, the stage is set early on: girls build close to 90% of their bone mass by age 18. Once they reach adulthood, it becomes increasingly difficult for them to make it up. Unfortunately, most adolescent girls do not get the calcium, vitamin D, and physical activity they need to grow strong, healthy bones.

That’s why the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office on Women’s Health (OWH) launched *Best Bones Forever!,* a national bone health campaign for girls ages 9-14. *Best Bones Forever!* focuses on friendship and fun—and encourages girls to “grow strong together, stay strong forever.”

The new campaign empowers girls and their BFFs (best friend forever) to build strong bones by choosing snacks and foods with calcium and vitamin D, and getting an hour of physical activity a day.

Campaign materials such as journals, posters, magnets, tattoos, book covers and a Web site (www.bestbonesforever.gov) get girls excited about growing healthy bones! Parents can get important bone health information from a brochure in both English and Spanish, and a Web site: www.bestbonesforever.gov/parents.

Help make an impact by encouraging girls and their parents to make bone health a priority. If you are interested in ordering our free *Best Bones Forever!* materials, contact Talia at OWH@hagersharp.com.

**ALPHA’s on Facebook**

ALPHA can now be found on Facebook!

Current Facebook users and ALPHA or APHA members can search for the ALPHA - Alaska Public Health Association group on Facebook. Type 'ALPHA - Alaska Public Health Association' into the search field after you have logged onto Facebook and click search. One of the links should our Facebook group. Also the link for the group is https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=45488737317&ref=ts.

If you are not yet a Facebook user but you are a current ALPHA or APHA member and would like to stay connected with other members of our Facebook group, you must create a Facebook account and then follow the previous instructions. The Facebook ALPHA group is currently a closed group and members need to be approved. The administrator will approve you based on your membership standings of ALPHA or our national affiliate APHA.

Submitted by Shannon Deike-Sims

**Help ALPHA Find Past Board Members and Presidents**

ALPHA recently began keeping records of past board members and presidents, and developed the following list. Are you or do you know any past board member not listed below? If so, please contact us at info@alaskapublichealth.org

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ALPHA Health Policy Committee Updates

Dear ALPHA members;

ALPHA has been reviewing legislative bills and budgets and other health policy issues identified by members and our partner organizations. Currently, we have conducted analysis and selected positions on many state legislative issues in addition to local issues, non-legislative state issues (regulations, ballot initiatives, etc), Alaska Native issues, and federal issues. The matrix also includes information about our advocacy activities in the right hand column. You can access the information at: http://www.alaskapublichealth.org/pdf/Health_Policy_Issues_Matrix_March2010.pdf or the from the ALPHA home page at http://www.alaskapublichealth.org/

Karol Fink | ALPHA Health Policy Chair (907) 227-8178 karolfink@yahoo.com

Submitted by Karol Fink

Do you have a public health program or project to share with other ALPHA members?
Contact Brian Lefferts at 543-6423 or e-mail brian_lefferts@ykhc.org

Thank you 2009 ALPHA Summit Sponsors

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- Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
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- Providence Health & Services Alaska

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- AARP
- Alaska Primary Care Association
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage
- North Star Behavioral Health
Summit Changes

Dear ALPHA Members,

I want to tell you of the Board’s decision to hold the ALPHA Health Summit in January 2011 instead of the “traditional” December. The next ALPHA Health Summit will be at the Hotel Captain Cook January 10-12, 2011. We know you are looking forward to this event just as you have in the past.

The Board made this change in dates to be able to have the Summit at a hotel that is not under a boycott or strike situation. The Board felt strongly about supporting the hospitality employees’ boycott and spent the last 3 months looking at all our options. We do not anticipate any significant cost increases by having the event at the Hotel Captain Cook, but are asking your support for the Summit if we do have to raise any of the fees associated with the Summit. We are confident that we are doing the right thing by switching venues and are looking forward to a great Health Summit in January.

If you have any questions about the switch of venue to the Hotel Captain Cook, please do not hesitate to contact me. Jennifer Meyer, Summit Chair, is busy with the Planning Committee and will be putting out notices and a call for proposals very soon. We appreciate your input to the upcoming Health Summit and hope to hear from you.

Again, I thank you for your support.

Sandra Woods, RN-C, MS

Nome Oxygen Run—2010 Iditarod

A federal regulation imposed on the state of Alaska in October of last year is causing quite a stir among the health and aviation industries.

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation in partnership Norton Sound Health Corporation and numerous rural health care providers throughout rural Alaska are hoping to send a message to the federal Department of Transportation by campaigning for a “Race for Oxygen” and sponsoring Pete Kaiser, a longtime Bethel musher in an awareness campaign.

The recent Department of Transportation regulation requires that all oxygen tanks transported aboard airplanes be placed in rigid packaging that can stand up to stringent heat tests. However, the manufacturer of the rigid packaging has not produced enough packaging to make it readily available in Alaska. Many air carriers in Alaska’s aviation industry have applied and received permit exemptions – which are due to expire this summer. There is a strong sentiment among many in the health care and aviation industry to allow the state of Alaska a permanent exemption due to the state’s unique geographic challenges and lack of road infrastructure between it’s rural communities.

The aviation industry in Alaska and health care providers argue that the requirement will cause unintentional consequences and possible deaths and will lead to a depleted availability of the life-saving transportable

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oxygen often used by patients with chronic bronchial and lung infections, asthma or other breathing related illnesses. Considered the "Last Great Race on Earth," the inspiration behind the Iditarod trail race began in 1925 for a health related cause. A relay of dog teams and mushers were organized to provide the life-saving diphtheria serum to treat many of the Inuit residents stricken with the pandemic because blizzard conditions prevented airplanes from landing in the Bering Strait community of Nome. The Iditarod Trail became a life saving highway for many in Nome who may have died without the life-saving serum.

“This is another example where federal regulations that may work or be applicable in the lower 48 states due to their extensive road system network will not work in a state that is 1/3rd the size of the continental U.S. and lacks basic road infrastructure,” said YKHC CEO and President Gene Peltola.

“We want to support Pete Kaiser’s efforts in his premier Iditarod trail run to simulate that of the Serum Run in highlighting how difficult the transport of oxygen can be for many of our rural patients. This is a life and death situation for many patients, and harmful to several industries throughout Alaska,” Peltola stated.

The regulation changes were first proposed in 2004 by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, a division of the Department of Transportation in correlation to a ValuJet flight 592 that crashed in Florida in 1996. Improperly stored oxygen concentrators burst into flames in a cargo compartment resulted in the death of all 110 passengers aboard and prompted the use of rigid packaging for safety purposes.

“It must be stated—the Valujet accident with oxygen concentrators are different than most oxygen tanks or bottles commonly used for health care patients in transport,” said VP of Support Services for YKHC Greg McIntyre. “The new DOT federal regulation requirements affects compressed gasses used for construction and this can be detrimental in how we are able to provide quality health care services to our region. We want a permanent exemption for oxygen transport specific to patient care.”

There are tremendous cost burdens associated with the special fire-proof packaging in addition to their lack of availability to many in the aviation industry in Alaska. There are rising concerns among health care corpora-

tions and hospitals throughout Alaska regarding the special oxygen tank packaging and along with it, a higher price tag. Many in the health industry are reviewing the cost and sustainability of relying on portable oxygen concentrators in remote locations, but it still does not solve the matter for patients-intransport who still need oxygen while on small air carriers.

YKHC provides comprehensive health care services to over 44 village clinics in a region the size of the state of Oregon. Despite few opportunities for vehicle or off-road vehicle transportation on historical trails or ice roads available only throughout the cold winter months, nearly 100% of the villages can only be accessed by airplane year around.

“For delivery of care to our health patients, air transportation is the most dependable method for getting them to higher levels of care when there are acute or urgent health concerns that need to be addressed immediately,” said Dr. Ellen Hodges, Chief of Medical Staff for YKHC. “If Alaska is unable to obtain a permanent exemption from this regulation—which doesn’t fit in our ability to deliver comprehensive care, there will be dire consequences in our health outcomes.”

Pete Kaiser, 22, a Bethel born Alaska Native and champion sled dog musher stated “I feel honored to support a cause that may have an unintentional impact in the health outcomes of people in our region and throughout most of rural Alaska. Our state is large, our region is unique, and our health challenges are staggering. I will do my best to not only finish this race but to assist in bringing this topic to the forefront and echo the sentiments that health challenges still exist in the Last Frontier.” He also stated, “I know it’s not a diphtheria serum, but in a sense, it’s very similar and a worthwhile cause,” he said with a smile.

Article by Donna Bach
Director of Public Relations, YKHC
March 12, 2010

Dear Colleague,

As you may know, the field of public health stepped into the 21st century and joined its colleagues in health by offering a voluntary certification exam. The certification by exam is open to anyone who earns a graduate degree from a CEPH-accredited public health school or program. More than 1,000 professionals have registered to become certified in Public Health (CPH) since the inaugural exam in 2008. NBPHE is excited by the reception of CPH in the field thus far, and we're appealing to your demonstrated leadership by inviting you to accelerate the acceptance and value of the CPH. You can do this by encouraging others to register for the 2010 CPH exam.

You may be wondering, “Why should I, or my staff, get certified?” The answer is because it is good for the profession and good for the individual. Furthermore, your field experience reinforces the quality foundation that you've received though your education. There are no significant differences in performance on the exam by year of graduation or age of examinee.

“I was 27 years out of graduate school when I took the exam last summer, and it was a wonderful motivation to review what I learned in school and to make sure that I was keeping up with developments in public health.”

-Judith Samkoff, CPH, Health Care Consultant, First Health Services/ the PACE Program

The need for a public health credential is a reflection of the change in the public health workforce. The first schools of public health generally restricted entry to those who already had medical or other health professional degrees. For such individuals credentialing was achieved through their other health professional degrees. Today, the overwhelming majority of public health graduates have no other health professional degrees.

“Particularly because the certification is new, other professionals will ask what CPH means. It provides a great opportunity to tell others about public health and what the certification will mean for the industry. … Certification brings credibility to the field and the continuing education requirements encourage me to stay up to date and knowledgeable.”

-Steven Ghidinelli, CPH, Health Program Analyst, San Quentin State Prison
Recognition of the importance of public health professionals in protecting the public’s welfare is increasing. Credentialing of public health graduates is integral to the growth and to the effectiveness of our field. Credentialing will raise awareness of the important contributions of the public health workforce to the protection of the nation’s health and safety.

“...I think the cost of the fee and study guide materials was worth the CPH designation. Additionally, I was pleased to be a part of a new effort to increase recognition and raise visibility of public health. I took the exam as part of the Charter Class because I support a national standardized certification for Public Health professionals.”

-S. Vienna Barger, CPH, Public Health Program Supervisor, NC Dept. of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health

Registration for the August exam is open now for $400 through April 30, 2010. Please visit the NBPHE website http://www.publichealthexam.org to learn more about the exam or to register. At the website, you can also find testimonials from employers, educators, and CPH professionals. The FAQs about maintaining the CPH certification have been updated, too.

“I'm glad that I took the exam because it helped me wrap up and update my knowledge in areas of public health other than my own. ... Taking the CPH is a good way to force you to critically review your basic knowledge gaps in different areas of public health. In addition, the CPH credentials will probably get increasing recognition in years to come.”

-Gerardo Sanchez, CPH, Technical Officer at the World Health Organization

Please consider discussing this certification exam with those eligible in your agencies, or recommend a cutting-edge colleague, exceptional student, superior employee, or outstanding friend in public health to join the ranks of Certified in Public Health. Together, we’re setting the standards for knowledge and skills in public health.

Respectfully,

Terry L. Dwelle, MD, MPHTM, CPH
Chair
2009 ALPHA Awards

2009 was a great year for ALPHA to honor members and individuals in the state of Alaska for their hard work and dedication to the Public’s Health. Winners in 2009 are:

**Meritorious Health Service** - Jan Harris, Vice Provost, Office of Health Programs Development, UAA:

Jan has provided many years of service in health care management and education in Alaska. For more than 13 years she worked with rural and Alaska Native tribal health care systems and managed a system that spanned all aspects of outpatient (including medical, dental, optometry, and remote village clinics), inpatient, emergency, and community health for a geographic area the size of Maine encompassing twelve communities with no road connections. In addition to her management duties, she led a project to program, design and construct a modern 80,000 square foot hospital, clinic and public health facility located in the region’s hub community. Today she has contributes to the strength of Alaska’s health care workforce through her diligent efforts to enhance and expand training programs at the University of Alaska in her current role as Vice Provost of Health Programs.

**Health Achievement Award** - Shelley Hughes, Advocacy Director, Alaska Primary Care Association

As the Co-Chair of the Health Care Professions Loan Repayment & Incentive Program Initiative, Ms. Hughes has worked diligently over the last year coordinating a group of health care professionals and stakeholders to develop a proposal that ultimately led to the creation of the Alaska Health Care Professions Loan Repayment and Incentives Program, which has led to SB 139, Incentives for Certain Medical Providers. She has also worked hard to increase visibility, credibility and leadership of the Alaska Primary Care Association in the health policy arena, making Community Health Center’s a household name among policy makers and officials. She spearheaded a successful request for 1st time CHC state funding for FY09 at $3.85 million dollars, ($350,000 is now annual funding), and grew the grassroots advocate base by over 1000% in 4 years. Shelley is the Founder and Past Chair, Alaska Health Assurance Advocacy Team (AHAAT), Editor and Contributor, APCA Legislative Update, and served as an appointee on the Governor’s DHSS Transition Advisory Team.

**Barbara Berger Award for Excellence in Public Health** – Karol Fink, Program Manager of the Obesity and Prevention Program, State of Alaska.

Karol Fink has shown great dedication to public health in Alaska by not only holding numerous roles in programs and initiatives, but living a lifestyle of optimal health. Ms. Fink is a “competent and hardworking person who walks the talk. While she helped document the growth of obesity in Alaska’s schools and lobbied for the removal of empty calorie snacks and sweetened beverages, she also regularly provides healthful—and yes, delicious—offerings to Section potlucks.”

**ALPHA Long-Term Service** – Larry Weiss, Alaska Center for Public Policy

Larry has been involved for over 20 years in improving public health education and policy development in AK, is a Past President of ALPHA and long time member and supporter. In his position at the Alaska Center for Public Policy, he creates the publication “Alaska Health Policy Review” (and makes available to ALPHA members at discounted rate)! Dr. Weiss is Professor Emeritus, a retired Research Professor of Public Health from the University of Alaska, and formerly Principal Investigator for a grant from the National Institutes of Health, and he had a hand in developing and managing the Master of Public Health program.

**ALPHA Short-Term Service** – Doreen Leavitt, State of Alaska, Section of Public Health Nursing:

Doreen has taken on a leadership role in assuring the services provided within the Kenai Sub-Region reflect current standards of practice and is actively strengthening state and tribal relationships on the Kenai Peninsula. She instilled a population-based approach to addressing vaccine delivery in the Kenai sub region and is leading efforts to increase the number of immunization providers in the service area. Doreen is actively working to build the capacity of local stakeholders through collaborative and partnering efforts in hopes of increasing immunization rates and expanding access by increasing the number of immunization providers in the Kenai sub region.

She is cur-
2009 ALPHA Awards

Currently obtaining a Master's in Public Health with a concentration in AK Native studies through the University of Alaska in Anchorage and is working full time for the Section of Public Health Nursing.

Community Service: Two awardees:
Steps to a Healthier SE AK staff & program: This program targets three main focus areas — obesity, diabetes and asthma — by working with schools, worksites and other community groups to increase physical activity, encourage healthy eating and reduce tobacco use., and provides management and support to over 57 sub-awards in over 12 communities. The dedicated staff coordinated 3 Health Summits in Sitka, 1 Health Summit in Juneau, a Power of Policy Conference and a Prevention Conference for all SEARHC prevention staff over a period of 4 years and are known to be leaders in their community and excellent partnership builders to promote health and wellness activities throughout Southeast Alaska.

Frankenstein Productions (Ellen Frankenstein): Ms. Frankenstein an independent producer/director, photographer, and educator living in Sitka, Alaska. She is the director of the award-winning documentaries, Miles from the Border, A Matter of Respect, Carved from the Heart, and No Loitering. Her film, “Eating Alaska” highlights key public health points, such as subsistence lifestyles, the transition of dietary issues and practices among different people and generations in Alaska, and food availability and security. Before becoming a full-time filmmaker and photographer, she worked with the developmentally disabled, migrant farm workers, and the elderly. These experiences inspired her to write and take photographs, to study filmmaking, and to make documentaries—not only to encourage people to tell their stories in front of the camera, but to help them participate in sharing their voices by using the technology themselves.

~ Sheila Soule

North West Center for Public Health Practice Celebrates 20 Years

This year the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) at the University of Washington proudly celebrates its 20th year, and one of the major activities is the launch of an annual report and 20-year retrospective. This 24-page, full-color publication is produced as a Special Supplement to the School of Public Health journal, Northwest Public Health, and is now available.

There is a PDF of the entire publication, as well as links to the individual articles online at http://www.nwcphp.org/20th/annual-report/.

If you would prefer a printed version, please email NWCPHP with your name and mailing address at nwcphp@u.washington.edu.

This annual report and 20-year retrospective includes stories about activities done in each of the states in our six-state region, reminiscences from NWCPHP’s five former directors, and, of course, information on NWCPHP training, research, and evaluation activities available to public health throughout the region.

The story begins in a leaky University of Washington basement office in 1990 as NWCPHP opens in the School of Public Health Department of Health Services. It reflects on 20 years of public health priorities, technology, and tools. It is apparent that over the past 20 years one element has remained constant: dedication to public health in the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you to all who have provided encouragement and support for the development of this publication and of the other 20th anniversary activities. For more information about NWCPHP’s 20th anniversary activities, please contact Missie Thurston at missie@u.washington.edu.

About the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice: The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) promotes excellence in public health by linking academia and the practice community. As part of the University of Washington School of Public Health, NWCPHP provides training, research, and evaluation for state, local, and tribal public health in six Pacific Northwest states—Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.
Monday, April 5th through April 9th

Displays on *Milestones in Public Health* and *Historical View of Public Health in Alaska* as well as a selection of books on various fields of public health books. At **UAA/APU Consortium Library** on the First Floor.

A display on *Stress Management*, co-sponsored by the UAA Student Health and Counseling Center and the UAA MPH Program Student Advisory Council; supported by the Alaska Public Health Association will be at **Rasmuson Hall**

**Monday, April 5th**
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm  Film - *Unnatural Causes, “In Sickness and in Wealth”* (56 min.) followed by discussion. Co-sponsored by SPARX, IHI Open School, and UAA MPH Program (Location: SSB 213)

**Tuesday, April 6th**
- 10:00 am  Presentation - *Evaluation of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer Program* (Katia Bhagatram-Jackson, UAA MPH candidate) Location: Diplomacy 405A  *RSVP*
- 2:00 pm  Presentation - *Impact of Medical Record Alerts for Childhood Immunization Rates* (Jennifer DeVanna, UAA MPH candidate) Location: Diplomacy 405A  *RSVP*

**Wednesday, April 7th**
- 10:00 am  Presentation - *Factors Influencing African-American Breastfeeding Mothers’ Decisions for Infant Vitamin D Supplements* (Shawne Johnson, UAA MPH candidate) Location: Diplomacy 405A  *RSVP*
- 4:00 pm  *This is What Public Health Does*” A Panel of Public Health Professionals: Sophie Wenzel (Adolescent Health with State of Alaska Division of Public Health), Troy Ritter (US Public Health Service at ANTHC), Traci Gardner (EIS CDC), and Chris Tofteberg (Food Safety with State of Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation) Location: Consortium Library 307

**Thursday, April 8th**
- 10:00 am  Presentation - *Program Evaluation of “Project Public Health Ready” for Use in Anchorage* (Genevieve Maurits, UAA MPH candidate) Location: Diplomacy 405A  *RSVP*
- 2:00 pm  Presentation - *Rates of Pneumonia in Children Before and After Introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate 7 Vaccine in Alaska* (Yvonne Goldsmith, UAA MPH candidate) Location: Diplomacy 405A  *RSVP*
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm  Film - *Unnatural Causes, “Bag Sugar”*, which focuses on diabetes and Indian tribes in southern Arizona. (29 min.) followed by discussion. Co-sponsored by SPARX, IHI Open School, and UAA MPH Program (Location: SSB 118)

*For more Information or to RSVP, contact the Department of Health Sciences at 786-6540 or ankrf@uaa.alaska.edu*