

Maine Public Health Association



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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is Thursday, **November 29th** for the November 30th issue. [Happy Thanksgiving](#) ~ there will be no MPHA Enews issued November 23rd.

Please consider this when submitting information. Please contact Michelle Caliandro with content or questions about this publication at mcaliandro@mainelung.org or 1-800-499-5864 x 103.

Learning Opportunities

Physical Activity and Nutrition Training Series

Registration Now Open!

Make Change Happen: Implementing Evidence-Based PAN Practice

Dec 11th, Bangor Civic Center

Featured Speaker: Bob Ross, PhD, Maine-Harvard Prevention Research Center

Evidence-Based Practice: What does it mean? Why do we care?

Opportunities will be available for participants to explore evidence-based strategies for physical activity and nutrition promotion and to develop skills in how to select and utilize those strategies for maximum effectiveness.

CEUs will be available for Registered Dietitians, for CHES credit, and for general attendance.

For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.healthymainepartnerships.org/panp/training.aspx>

Please forward to your contacts.

While you're there, check out the Physical Activity and Nutrition Program's new Web Site!

Information

COPD Awareness Month is Here

November is COPD Awareness Month, a good time to learn about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). COPD is a common, treatable lung disease. About 12 million Americans have it, and another 12 million may have COPD and not know it. Certain conditions raise the likelihood of getting COPD, such as:

- Being a current or former smoker
- Long term or heavy exposure to dusts, fumes, or chemicals that irritate the lungs
- A genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency

Early detection and treatment can slow the progress of the disease and improve quality of life.

A simple, non-invasive, breathing test called spirometry can detect COPD.

To learn more about COPD, its symptoms, and what can be done about it, visit the Learn More, Breathe Better Web site at

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/copd/index.htm>.

Maine IAQ Conference to Have Poster Sessions (Proposals Needed)

The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council hopes to add a new feature to its 2008 Indoor Air Quality Conference – poster sessions! The Council is actively seeking poster presentations that highlight public health issues as they relate to indoor environments. This could include the effect of specific contaminants on human health, environmental control of asthma, the effect of built environments on chronic diseases and occupational health and safety. This year's conference is scheduled for March 26, 2008 at the Augusta Civic Center.

This annual event is the largest IAQ conference in northern New England. It typically draws more than 300 diverse professionals from throughout the region who come together to share new and proven concepts for achieving safe and healthy indoor environments.

If you have a poster presentation you would like to see built into the IAQ Conference, please complete the attached Call for Presentations form and return it to the MIAQC no later than November 30, 2007. Visit www.miaqc.org for a sneak peek at the programming already scheduled for the conference.

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MPHA Participates in APHA Annual Meeting

Several MPHA representatives participated in this year's American Public Health Association annual meeting held last week in Washington, DC. As part of our new APHA Capacity-Building Grant we participated in a required Strategic Planning session. Megan Hannan, our Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council also attended several APHA Governing Council meetings. Her brief report to the Board is scheduled to take place next week. Finally, we participated in a panel discussion on our efforts related to National Public Health Week.

Next year's annual meeting will be held in San Diego, California from October 25-29. For more information on how to become a presenter, please visit: www.apha.org

Quality Counts -- Aligning Partners for Quality

Quality Counts is a not for profit Maine based organization committed to providing leadership, advocacy, and support for improving chronic illness prevention and care. Formed as a collaborative effort in 2003 and incorporated in 2006, Quality Counts presents annual dynamic day long conferences to promote the transformational changes needed to improve chronic illness care and prevention. This year's conference, Aligning Partners for Quality will take place on December 7th at the Augusta Civic Center and will provide attendees with an opportunity to meet with practices like theirs who have begun or completed their conversion to more effective patient centric systems, as well as with providers of needed tools and resources. Attendees will be able to learn about various topics from lay educators to electronic medical records as well as the economic payoffs of reorganizing their practice. Seating is limited and discounts are available for office practices with two or more attendees so, do not delay, sign up today.

For more information and register please go to:

www.mcdregistration.org/signup.asp?ID=21

Upcoming Public Health Events

- November 20th: MPHA Board Orientation and Board Meeting - 9:00-11:00 at MCD
- November 29th: Public Health Workgroup Meeting - 9:00-4:00 at the Augusta Civic Center

Career Opportunities

MPHA Seeks to Hire a Part-Time Executive Director

This part-time (15 hours a week) professional position directs and manages programmatic and administrative functions for the Maine Public Health Association (MPHA), an affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA). MPHA is committed to the promotion and protection of the public's health through service, education and advocacy. The Executive Director is directly supervised by the MPHA Board of Directors. Qualified applicants will have a Masters Degree, a MPH is preferred. A minimum of five years' experience in public health is required, including experience in project and grant management, grant writing, advocacy, collaborative partnerships, budgeting and financial stewardship. MPHA seeks an individual with exceptional technical writing and communication skills, an ability to work with diverse groups, and previous experience working with voluntary organizations and Boards.

The complete job description is available at:

http://www.mcph.org/mpha/jobs/job_opps.html.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume electronically to: Mary Brotherton at maryb@mcd.org. **This position closes on November 26th, 2007.**

Project Director

Medical Care Development in collaboration with Maine CDC is seeking a professional to serve as Project Director for conceptualization and implementation of a comprehensive statewide lead poisoning prevention and control program. The Project Director will coordinate the day-to-day activities of a public health intervention program, oversee contracts, and coordinate with other Maine CDC programs, plus public and private agencies. The position will work closely with and be housed with leadership at the Maine DHHS CDC Division of Environmental Health.

The position requires knowledge of public health program management principles, theories, and practices; program budgeting, grants administration, and program monitoring practices; chronic disease and public health program response; appropriate use of media and social marketing in a public health context. Knowledge of public health and/or environmental health, social marketing, risk communication (Health Belief Model, etc.), program evaluation is preferred. Exceptional writing, oral and interpersonal skills are desired. Must also have the ability to plan, direct, and evaluate a public health program, to communicate effectively, and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other health professionals.

A Bachelor's Degree is required, with significant experience in program and systems development; however, equivalent related work experience may be considered. A Master's Degree in public health is a definite plus. This is a contract position for the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which will be located in Augusta.

Please send a letter with salary requirements and a resume by **9:00 a.m. November 26, 2007** to the Human Resources Manager, Medical Care Development, Inc., 11 Parkwood Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330 or email to barbarak@mcd.org.

Medical Care Development is an Equal Opportunity Organization and Affirmative Action Employer.

Public Health Educator III

Part time (20 hrs/wk), Augusta: As the Public Health Educator III in the Maine Center for Disease Control, Oral Health Program, you will coordinate the statewide School Oral Health Program and will also be involved in coordinating, developing, and managing other health initiatives that address preventive oral health measures and specific oral health problems.

Responsibilities include management of grants and contracts with schools and community-based organizations, training and technical assistance to other agencies. Experience in public health or community-based oral health education efforts and/or a dental background is desirable but not required.

Qualifications: A Bachelor's Degree in Public Health, Community Health Education, or Health Education AND two (2) years experience in community or health education program planning, development, implementation, and evaluation OR a Master's Degree in Public Health. Directly related experience may be substituted for education on a year-for-year basis. SUPPLEMENTAL QUALIFICATIONS FORM REQUIRED. Open until 11/19/07. Salary: \$16.05 – \$21.99/hr.

For more information and the required forms, go to

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/jobs> and scroll down to the Public Health Educator – it will take you to the description, direct hire application, and the supplemental qualifications form. (This position is also posted on www.JobsinME.com [choose Me Job Search & then New Jobs]).

To apply, please send a completed direct hire application, supplemental qualifications form, and resume to: Department of Health and Human Services, 221 State St. Attn: V. Roussel, Human Resources Div., #11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011

Quality Improvement Director, American Heart Association

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association has an excellent opportunity for a Quality Improvement Director to be based out of our Manchester, New Hampshire or Portland, Maine office. Responsibilities include: identify, cultivate, and manage relationships with hospitals and key stake holders with regards to quality improvement; implement our 'Get With The Guidelines' hospital based quality improvement program in area hospitals; work with hospital teams (MDs, RNs, QI staff) on quality improvement initiatives specifically with regards to heart disease and stroke; manage hospital account activities and engage the medical community with regards to the program (conduct workshops, teleconferences etc.); work with state health departments, quality improvement organizations, health plans and other agencies to ensure that our quality improvement initiatives are key priorities within their organizations. Bachelor's degree in healthcare or a related field,

Master's degree preferred; 2+ years experience in a hospital/healthcare setting (QI, RN, Case Mgmt, other clinical); 2 years professional experience in managing and building relationships preferred; Knowledge of public health/heart disease and/or stroke also a plus.

Willing and able to travel at least 50% of the time throughout the areas of NH, VT, ME & or MA. Some overnight will be needed.

To apply for this position or to see other opportunities with the American Heart Association please visit www.americanheart.org/careers . We no longer accept mailed, faxed or e-mailed resumes. Please apply for positions directly through our website. Only those candidates deemed most qualified by the hiring manager will be contacted to interview. EOE M/F/V/D

Direct Job Link: <https://sh.webhire.com/servlet/av/jd?ai=835&ji=2106464&sn=A>

If you wish to apply, please contact Dennise Whitley, 207.523.3007 or Dennise.Whitley@heart.org

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