

Maine Public Health Association



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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, April 12th** for the April 13th issue.

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Learning Opportunities

Achieving Global Energy Security Conference

April 13, 2007, at the University of Southern Maine

Sponsored by Maine Public Health Association, Physicians for Social Responsibility/Maine, Peace Action Maine, Maine Council of Churches, Maine Veterans for Peace, Sierra Club Maine Chapter, and the USM Office of Environmental Sustainability

\$35.00 a person, \$20.00 students ~ On Site Registration Available
FMI or to register Now visit www.psrmaine.org

Major Speakers:

- Mary-Wynne Ashford, MD former Co-President International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War
- Michael Renner co-author of Worldwatch Institute's "State of the World"
- Catherine Thomasson, MD President of Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Cameron Wake, PhD co-author of "Climate Change in the US Northeast"

The conference will connect the work of organizations and individuals concerned about energy issues, nuclear issues, global warming, preemptive war strategy in general and the Iraq War in particular.

Maine Businesses for Social Responsibility Spring 2007 Sustainable Business Conference

Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, Maine, **Thursday, May 10th** ~ 8:00am – 5:00pm

Keynotes:

- Paul Farrow, Former CEO, Moss Inc. on "Sustainable Business: It's Not If, But When & How"
- Brian Kuehl, Partner, Clark Associates, LLC and Harvard Koeb Fellow on "Turning the Ship: Environmental Transformation of the U.S. Economy"

Invited:

- Chris Henderson, co-author, Sustainability Lens for Capital Decisions
- Bill Ginn, "Investing In Nature" ?The Race for America's Timberlands

"For centuries financiers have invested in goods and services created by man; the tools are available and the time is ripe to Invest in Nature." Pownal Maine

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Barry N. Feldman PhD, LICSW, Assistant Director and Clinical Director for On-Site Academy in Gardner, Mass., will present Assessing and Managing Suicide Risks: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals on **Friday, April 20, at Jeff's Catering in Brewer and on Friday, April 27, at Keeley the Caterers in Portland.**

The conference begins each day with registration from 8 to 8:30 and runs until 6 p.m. Registration costs \$35 and includes continuing education credits for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, licensed counselors and nurses.

The event is presented by the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program of the Department of Health and Human Services' Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is funded through a grant from the Federal Substance Abuse Services Administration and the Maine DHHS' Office of Adult Mental Health Services.

The training was developed by the national Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) and the American Association of Suicidology (AAS). It provides essential information for clinicians to assess and manage suicide risk.

"This course began with a consensus process among leading suicide prevention clinician-researchers in the nation. Their first task was to establish the core competencies for effectively assessing suicide risk, planning treatment and managing the ongoing care of the at-risk patient," said Dr. Alan Berman, Executive Director of AAS. "The well-known clinicians involved in developing this workshop include Shawn Shea, M.D., Marsha Linehan, Ph.D., David A. Jobes, Ph.D., Nadine Kaslow, Ph.D., M. David Rudd, Ph.D., Thomas E. Ellis, Psy.D., Cheryl A. King, Ph.D., Rheeda L. Walker, Ph.D., Lanny Berman, Ph.D. and Sandy Lundahl, MPH."

Dr. Feldman is the Primary Clinician for the Boston Police Stress Support Unit and provides outpatient counseling services to police and other first responders and their families. He conducts suicide assessment and intervention trainings for clinicians through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is a member of the faculty at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. He also teaches at the College of Graduate and Professional Development at the University of New Hampshire.

Behavioral health professionals play a crucial role in preventing suicides. A number of studies report that a substantial proportion of people who died by suicide had either been in treatment or had some recent contact with a mental health professional. In the U.S. alone, more than 30,000 people die by suicide each year.

The course recognizes that complex ethical issues must be considered when providing care to suicidal clients. It introduces the principles of The Chronological Assessment of Suicide Events (CASE), an innovative method for eliciting suicidal ideation. The result is an engaging mixture of lecture, video demonstrations and exercises that leave clinicians more knowledgeable and confident when faced with suicidal clients.

Space is limited, so it's a good idea to register early. To do so online, go to www.mcdregistration.org/index.asp . For more information, please contact Christine Canty Brooks at (207) 622-7566, ext. 299, or via e-mail at christinea@mcd.org.

The American Stroke Association Presents

Controversies in Emergency Management of Stroke A complimentary CME Program for healthcare practitioners in Massachusetts

Friday May 4th, 2007 9am-noon (with Awards Luncheon to follow) at the Newton Marriot Hotel

Join us for a compelling discussion of the following:

- Clinical Equipoise, the Basis of Decision Making
- Stroke Beyond Three Hours: Conservative management vs. Catheter based reperfusion therapy or investigational protocols
- Treatment of ICH: Novo-7, PPC, or FFP? Does the size of the ICH matter?
- High Dose Statins: Start, continue, or withdraw in the acute phase?

Intended Audience: physicians, nurses, ED practitioners, other hospital staff and administrators

Legislative Information

Legislative Update

MPHA priority areas are:

- Fund for a Healthy Maine;
- Environmental Issues;
- Health Care Access;
- Obesity;
- Tobacco;
- Public Health Infrastructure; and
- Other - as appropriate.

Regarding Legislative activity - A full public hearing schedule is available by following this link:

<http://www.state.me.us/legis/senate/Documents/hearing/ANPHFrame.htm>

For additional legislative information: <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/lio/>

For more information regarding MPHA's legislative priorities go to:
mpha@mcd.org

Information

Commute Another Way Week!

This year's big statewide transportation event is now a whole week! And all employers, supporters and participants from previous year's events are welcome and encouraged to take part.

Commute Another Way Week promotes healthy, economical and eco-friendly modes of commuting: Carpools, vanpools, transit (bus, ferry & rail), bicycling and walking to work.

Try "commuting another way" just one day or all five. Try one commuter mode of travel or a different one each day. The more days you try the more chances you have to win big prizes! And if you sign-up for the summer bonus you could win the grand prize!

Register today as an official employer participant and supporter at: www.commuteanotherwayweek.org online. And please encourage your employees to do the same!

We welcome you as part of the solution for improved physical and social health, a cleaner environment, improved mobility, energy conservation and extra savings on the high price of gas.

And please help spread the word to friends, neighbors, co-workers and business associates. With your enthusiastic support we can make this year's CAWW the most successful ever! Thank you!

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Maine's Statewide Commuter Services Program

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