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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, June 28** for the June 29th issue.

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

Learning Opportunities

2007 Northeast Water Science Forum

"Pharmaceuticals & Personal Care Products: State of the Science"

August 8-9, 2007, Portland, Maine - Holiday Inn by the Bay

Register before July 7th to take advantage of the early-bird registration fee and to secure the special group rate at the Holiday Inn By the Bay. To view the conference agenda and register online please visit <http://www.neiwpcc.org/ppcpconference> .

Please contact the Holiday Inn By the Bay directly at (800) 345-5050 to make your reservations. Reference the "2007 Northeast Science Forum" when making your reservation to receive the group rate of \$120. The room block expires July 7th!

For more information, please contact Marianna Vulli at mvulli@neiwpcc.org or (978) 323-7929 x256. Thank you.

Topic: "Does Racism Make Us Sick?" Panel

50 satellite downlink sites in 27 states, 500 webcast participants, and a studio audience of 260 have preregistered to join the 13th Annual Summer Public Health Research Videoconference on Minority Health, on Monday, June 25, 2:00-4:00pm EDT.

- Luisa N. Borrell, DDS, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and College of Dentistry, and Site Director, Kellogg Scholars for Health Disparities
- Gilbert C. Gee, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan School of Public Health
- Karina Walters, MSW, PhD, Director, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute and William P. and Ruth Gerberding Endowed University Professor, University of Washington School of Social Work
- David R. Williams, PhD, MPH, Florence S. Norman and Laura S. Norman Professor of Public Health, Professor of African and African American Studies and Sociology, Harvard University School of Public Health
- Moderator: Stephanie L. Crayton, Media Relations Manager, UNC Health Care

This interactive session will originate from the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History at UNC Chapel Hill and can be viewed over c-band satellite and the Internet (webcast). Remote participants can ask questions by email and toll-free telephone.

WHEN: 2:00pm-4:00pm EDT, Monday, June 25, 2007.

More information: www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2007/

To register a satellite downlink site:

www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2007/satellite/

To preregister for the Internet broadcast:

www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2007/webcast/

To register to participate at the Stone Center:

www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2007/preregist/

Inquiries to: oce@unc.edu, 919-966-4032 or see the Frequently Asked Questions at www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2007/faq.cfm

This year's Videoconference is presented by the UNC School of Public Health Minority Health Project and the UNC Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, with funding from the SPH Dean's Office, the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the American College of Epidemiology, and 15 other cosponsoring organizations (please see www.minority.unc.edu/institute/2007/cosponsors.cfm for list).

The Videoconference has been endorsed by:

- Society for the Analysis of African-American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI)
- NC Area Health Education Centers Program (NC AHEC)

We welcome your participation in this stimulating and informative event.

Vic Schoenbach, Minority Health Project, UNC School of Public Health,
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Testing for Mold

Sponsored by the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council
Thursday June 28, 2007 -- 8:00-11:00 AM -- Augusta Civic Center

This is an intermediate level presentation designed for the professional looking for more detailed knowledge on mold sampling and analysis processes.

For more information: www.miaqc.org 207-626-8115

Information

MPHA Annual Meeting ~ Save the Date

October 23, 2007 -- Augusta Civic Center

More information will follow. Please distribute widely.

APHA 135th Annual Meeting

"Politics, Policy & Public Health"

November 3-7, 2007 -- Washington DC

Registration: www.apha.org/meetings

Hold the Date! ALAME Annual Meeting

Please hold Friday September 28th for the American Lung Association of Maine Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon at the South Portland Marriott. Our guest of honor will be Senator George Mitchell who will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from our organization in recognition of his work in promoting healthy air.

More information will follow.

Take the Go Red Heart CheckUp

The Go Red Heart CheckUp is a free, online risk-assessment tool created by the American Heart Association to help women take charge of their heart-health. Just enter your information into the questionnaire, and within seconds, you'll get an easy-to-read report that evaluates your risk. The Go Red Heart CheckUp does not provide medical advice or treatment – only your doctor can do that – but it does tell you the numbers that matter to your heart most, and is a great tool to help you take the steps necessary in being an advocate for your own heart-health. Take the Go Red Heart CheckUp today

<http://goredforwomen.org/hcu/index.aspx>

Your heart will thank you for it!

MMC 17th Annual Cancer Symposium

Dana Center - Portland, Maine -- June 27, 2007 -- 7:30-2:30

"Cancer Screening - Controversy & Consensus"

There is no fee, however seating is limited - please register by calling 207-885-7697 or email: martil@mmc.org

"Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective"

Sponsored by the American Institute for Cancer Research & the World Cancer Research Fund International

November 1-2, 2007 -- Capital Hilton Hotel -- Washington, DC

Register online at www.aicr.org/conference

For more info: 703-683-6334 or aicr@pearsonplanners.com

Male Veterans Have Double the Suicide Rate of Civilians

New study reflects much larger percentage of veterans than previous studies

Male veterans in the general U.S. population are twice as likely as their civilian peers to die by suicide, a large study shows. Results of the research by Mark S. Kaplan, DrPH, and colleagues from Portland State University and Oregon Health & Science University were published online June 11 in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health and will appear in the July issue.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/vetsuicide.cfm>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars

2007 Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has just posted a call for applications related to Building Human Capital.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars

Application Deadline: August 31, 2007

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars program is intended to strengthen the leadership and academic productivity of junior medical school faculty dedicated to improving health and health care. The Foundation will make up to 15 awards of up to \$300,000 each over three years starting in 2008 to help young physicians develop their careers in academic medicine.

Talented junior faculty, nominated by their medical schools and selected by the program, will receive support to enhance their skills and productivity through institutional and national mentoring, specific research experience and protected time in which to acquire it. Preference will be given to applicants interested in the fields of health policy research, epidemiology, health services research or community-based research.

[More details and how to apply](#)

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19860&c=EMC-FA135>

You have received this e-mail alert because you have elected to receive information from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on: Building Human Capital.

July Issue of Preventing Chronic Disease

The July issue of Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) is now available! Please visit the site at www.cdc.gov/pcd , where you will find downloadable articles and information on PCD.

Career Opportunities

MCAN Searching for New Executive Director

Please disseminate this job description as widely as possible to all interested and qualified candidates.

Organization: Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN)

Position: Executive Director **Reports to:** The Board of Directors

Location: Boston, MA

Organization Background

The Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) was founded to link together local climate action groups and help them increase their effectiveness in reducing global warming emissions at the local level. The organization has since helped form dozens of grassroots climate action chapters in Massachusetts cities and towns, has gained the support of several established environmental organizations, and is currently working with members in 35 communities. (For a complete list of MCAN communities, visit www.massclimateaction.org/index.htm). MCAN funds itself largely with foundation grants, individual dues and contributions, and attendance fees from its annual conference, and currently has a budget of \$150,000 with a full time Executive Director and a part time Program Manager.

MCAN activities have included:

- organizing an annual climate action conference (in 2006, 450 people registered for this event)
- assisting development of both new and existing climate action groups
- performing educational outreach (speakers, films, literature distribution)
- helping run clean power sales campaigns
- guiding municipalities in developing climate action plans and getting them adopted through their local government process
- promoting energy efficiency (CFL sales, home insulation, energy efficient appliances)
- working with other environmental advocates on state and regional policy development, including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

- advocacy on selected state energy related initiatives, including Cape Wind
- participating in the oversight of utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs.

MCAN's founding executive director recently accepted the position as Director of Transportation and Buildings Policy for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, an indication of the state's commitment to greenhouse gas reduction.

Current Situation

MCAN now faces challenges and opportunities. Climate change awareness and talk of action is now center stage. Selected municipalities and businesses are becoming leaders in demonstrating that taking action now is beneficial on many levels. MCAN hopes to take advantage of this interest and enthusiasm to grow the climate action movement and build an informed network to work for meaningful change at the local and state levels.

In order to strengthen the network, and facilitate MCAN's core function of providing local chapters with resources and guidance, the MCAN Steering Committee voted in March 2007 to pursue a unified campaign centered on residential energy efficiency. The network intends to support neighbor-to-neighbor activism aimed at improving energy efficiency in buildings as well as monitoring the efficacy of public programs. At the same time, resources for residential efficiency are expanding rapidly (e.g. the Cambridge Energy Alliance's \$100 million and Boston's \$500 million loan programs, energy efficient mortgages, the surge in interest of the architectural and engineering communities in energy efficiency). It will be a challenge for MCAN to position our grassroots organization strategically in this rapidly evolving field.

Executive Director Position

MCAN seeks a passionate, effective leader to strengthen and expand the existing network of local climate action chapters and raise the organization to a new level of visibility and effectiveness. MCAN's new director will work with the Board of Directors and Steering Committee to:

- Assist local chapters in building up the local climate action network to affect change at the local level and in promoting sustainable practices
- Work with local chapters to develop/deliver energy efficiency programs

- Organize annual climate conference
- Collaborate with other organizations (including advocacy, government, academic, corporate) on statewide policy initiatives and developing/promoting sustainable practices throughout the state and Northeast region
- Help local communities to establish MCAN chapters and take local actions
- Perform/oversee necessary fundraising to maintain and grow the organization

Candidates should have the following abilities:

Leadership- to help MCAN find the best ways to build local capacity to address climate change.

Organizational skills - The director should understand community organizing, providing to local leaders educational materials, encouragement, resources, and a program for chapter growth.

Communication skills - This position requires excellent speaking and writing skills to attract new members and funders, and to enhance MCAN's effectiveness as an advocacy organization.

Analytical skills - The director should be able to stay current on developments in the climate and energy fields with respect to MCAN's constituency, and advocate for the greatest public benefit.

Collaboration skills - Increasing MCAN's effectiveness will require collaborating with other advocacy organizations as well as enlisting help from experts in green building and technology, green contractors, and educational institutions with strong green campus and educational programs.

Fundraising skills - The director should have a proven track record in securing funding from a variety of sources.

Computer skills- The director should be conversant with software necessary to maintain a mailing list and financial records, be able to supervise others in doing data entry, and capable of providing transparent information on the Network's finances.

Salary and Benefits

Commensurate with overall qualifications and fundraising capabilities

DEADLINE: July 3, 2007

Send electronic resume and cover letter to: massclimateaction@gmail.com

Supporting Our Membership

Nothing posted this issue.



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