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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, August 23rd** the August 24th issue.

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MPHA Request

Call for MPHA Award Nominations

Sometimes we take for granted the accomplishments of our most talented public health colleagues, because they often labor in relative silence, not complaining or attracting glory. Some of these people are well known leaders, others are behind-the-scenes champions who make all the difference. Yet they are the individuals who keep us believing in our vision for a healthier population, and they embody what makes Maine such an extraordinary state.

MPHA awards, conferred each year at our annual meeting, offer a unique platform to honor the public health heroes and the programs they create. Each award sheds light on the achievement of our colleagues, and in doing so honors the values we embrace as Maine's public health community. Nomination forms for the Ruth Shaper Award, Program Recognition Award, and Phebe King Award can be downloaded at www.mcph.org/mpha/MPHAnews.html. We encourage you to take a few minutes to honor a prized colleague who contributes in a unique lasting way to the advancement of public health in Maine. All nominations should be returned no later than September 18, 2007.

Call for MPHA Board of Directors Nominations

The MPHA Board of Directors welcomes MPHA members to submit nominations for vice-president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary, and at-large board members. Go to www.mcph.org/mpha/MPHAnews.html to download a copy of the nomination form. Nominations need to be returned no later than September 18, 2007.

Learning Opportunities

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Information

A New Era in Environmental Chemical Testing: ToxCast Phase I Chemicals Announced

On August 2, EPA's National Center for Computational Toxicology released a list of 340 chemicals that will be evaluated under Phase I of the ToxCast™ research program. This three-phased program sets priorities for toxicity testing of environmental chemicals in order to more efficiently obtain critical information necessary to protect people and the environment.

More information on ToxCast: <http://www.epa.gov/ncct/toxcast/news.html>

Prophylactic Extraction of Third Molars

Source: Abstract from forthcoming issue of American Journal of Public Health

"Ten million third molars (wisdom teeth) are extracted from approximately 5 million people in the United States each year at an annual cost of over \$3 billion.

In addition, more than 11 million patient days of "standard discomfort or disability"—pain, swelling, bruising, and malaise—result postoperatively, and more than 11000 people suffer permanent paresthesia—numbness of the lip, tongue, and cheek—as a consequence of nerve injury during the surgery. At least two thirds of these extractions, associated costs, and injuries are unnecessary, constituting a silent epidemic of iatrogenic injury that afflicts tens of thousands of people with lifelong discomfort and disability.

It is a public health hazard that can be prevented by avoiding the prophylactic extraction of third molars."

Career Opportunities

Job Opportunities ~ Healthy Androscoggin Community Coalition

Healthy Androscoggin Community Coalition located in Lewiston, ME has the following job opportunities available:

1. Physical, Activity, Nutrition and Tobacco (P.A.N.T.) Manager

Job Summary: The general function and responsibility of this full-time professional position is to manage the physical activity, nutrition, tobacco (PANT) and chronic disease prevention aspects of the Healthy Maine Partnership grant. This manager also oversees key staff, which provide support to a community-based volunteer coalition focusing on new and expanded education, prevention, outreach, intervention, and control services related to tobacco use and abuse, nutrition, diabetes, asthma, physical fitness and chronic disease self-management. The goal of Healthy Androscoggin is to prevent chronic disease and thus improve the overall health of our community. The PANT Manager reports to the Executive Director. This is a GRANT funded position.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in a related field required; Masters degree in public health (or related field) preferred. A minimum of five years' experience in public health related capacity required including experience with community mobilization, group process, clinical outreach, and program development. Experience in tobacco cessation, diabetes management, disease management, nutrition education and physical activity including behavior modification programs are essential. Excellent communications skills, computer skills (including word processing, spreadsheet and database), able to work with diverse groups, and the ability to work independently desired. Understanding of current prevention theory and best practices including the Chronic Care Model is required. Skills: Basic computer skills.

2. Substance Abuse Prevention Manager

Job Summary: The general function and responsibility of this full time professional position is to coordinate, manage, and oversee the substance abuse prevention efforts including grants awarded by Maine Office of Substance Abuse and the Drug-Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP) awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA). Both grants are working toward decreasing youth substance use/abuse and eventually adult substance use/abuse; and building collaboration between community entities. The Substance Abuse Prevention Manager will report directly to the Executive Director of Healthy Androscoggin. This is a GRANT funded position.

Requirements: Bachelors degree in public health related field required, Masters preferred. Minimum of 5 years experience required in substance abuse prevention planning, grant project management and grant reporting. Dynamic individual, organized with excellent written and verbal communication and facilitation skills, strong interpersonal skills, ability to speak before groups, ability to pay close attention to detail, and computer literate is desired. Skills: Basic computer skills.

3. Community Mobilization and Training Coordinator

Job Summary: The general function and responsibility of this full-time professional position is to coordinate the social marketing, outreach and education activities of the Healthy Maine Partnership/Maine Office of Substance Abuse (OSA) grant and the Drug-Free Communities Support Program (DFCSP) awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA). Both grants are working toward decreasing youth substance use/abuse and eventually adult substance use/abuse; and building collaboration between community entities. The Community Mobilizing and Training Coordinator will report directly to the Substance Abuse Prevention Manager. This is a GRANT funded position.

Requirements: Minimum of a bachelor's degree in public health or related field required. Minimum of 5 years experience in substance use, prevention planning, public health and/or community mobilization required. Experience with social marketing, advertising and public relations required. Computer skills including graphic design, layout, publishing and a basic understanding of marketing theory needed. Dynamic individual, organized with excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, ability to speak before groups, and ability to pay close attention to detail is needed. Skills: Basic computer skills.

4. Youth/Schools Liaison

Job Summary: The general function and responsibility of this part-time

35 hours/week school year (40 weeks) professional position is to manage the Youth Advocacy Program activities as well as serve as a liaison to schools in our local service area on the topics of Tobacco, Physical Activity, Nutrition and Substance Abuse prevention. These activities are outlined as part of the workplan of the Healthy Maine Partnership Grant and Office of Substance Abuse grants. This position will report to the PANT Manager. This is a GRANT funded position.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in public health or a related field desired. Minimum of 5 years experience required in prevention planning, public health and tobacco prevention/ cessation required. Completion of basic tobacco treatment training preferred. Excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, computer skills, ability to speak before groups, and ability to pay close attention to detail is needed. Skills: Basic Computer skills.

Applications will be reviewed from August 1-15, or until position is filled. Please apply on line at: <http://www.cmmc.org/jobs/index.html>

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Program and Planning Director - Healthy Community Coalition

Serving Greater Franklin County Maine

Twelve-year-old nonprofit affiliate of the Franklin Community Health Network is seeking a seasoned leader and strategic thinker to join the management team of one of Maine's oldest and largest healthy community coalitions. This individual will work closely with the executive director on strategic planning, budgeting, and grant writing, and administer assigned organization-wide functions. The program and planning director will supervise staff and operations for HCC initiatives including promotion of physical activities and nutrition, youth programming, and breast and cervical cancer prevention.

We are seeking a leader and team player who is excited about community-based health promotion, with the ability to think and communicate strategically about HCC's overall vision and mission while maintaining attention to detail and the highest level of administrative effectiveness. Ability to manage multiple program budgets essential for a total organizational budget of over \$1M. Candidates must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in public health, health education, business administration, or an equivalent field of study, and a minimum of three years management experience. Master's degree preferred. Proven ability to write effective grant proposals required. Top-notch oral and written communication skills are essential, and evaluation experience is a plus.

HCC has attained statewide and national prominence for innovative programs. HCC offers excellent benefits, including health insurance, dental, disability, pension, and top-quality employer-based day care. Relocation reimbursement available.

To apply, please submit a resume and salary requirements to:

Janis Campbell, Assistant to Vice President, Franklin Community Health Network, Healthy Community Coalition, 20 Church Street, Wilton, ME 04294, HCC@fchn.org

Website: www.fchn.org/hcc

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Tenure-Track Faculty Position

The University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) invites applications for a TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITION (Assistant/Associate) in the Department of Community Programs to begin Fall/Spring 2007-2008.

For qualifications, application, and contact information, see our website at <http://www.une.edu/hr/ads/phepi.asp>

All applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a one to two page statement outlining their research interests and experience, a description of teaching experience, and names of three references. Review of applications will commence on August 15, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Electronic applications are preferred or application materials may be sent to:

Bill Allen, Human Resources Generalist, University of New England, 11 Hills Beach Rd., Biddeford, ME 04005-9599, Phone: 207.602.2394, Fax: 207.602.5902, BAllen@une.edu

Inquiries and questions may be directed to Becky Whittemore at bwhittemore@une.edu.

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