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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, September 6th** the September 7th issue.

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

## 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](http://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](http://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

### Meet the Chronic Disease Challenge

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors 2008 Academy "Meet the Chronic Disease Challenge: Building Support, Expertise and Leadership" will be held February 20-22, 2008 in Denver, Colorado

FMI visit: [www.chronicdiseaseacademy.org](http://www.chronicdiseaseacademy.org)

### In Emergency Preparedness - Regional Workshops

Preparing for all Abilities - Including People with Disabilities and the Elderly

The Maine Emergency Management Agency invites you to participate in a Regional Workshop aimed at improving the emergency preparedness of people with disabilities, the elderly and the communities in which they live. There is no cost to attend. Dates and times are on the attached registration form.

To register for this free Workshop online, go to:  
[http://www.maine.gov/mema/mema\\_news\\_display.shtml?id=40899](http://www.maine.gov/mema/mema_news_display.shtml?id=40899)

FAX the completed registration form to Rayna at (207) 287-3178 or mail it to MEMA, 72 State House Station, Augusta, Me 04333-0072.

Who should attend: If you are elderly, have a disability or care for or provide services to someone who does, this Workshop is for you. This workshop encourages participation of people with disabilities, the elderly, their caregivers and families, agencies which provide services, public safety and emergency management personnel, elected officials, voluntary organizations, food banks, advocates and interested citizens. It is important to attend to provide input, guidance and identify capabilities for emergency response.

### An Integrated Approach to Trauma and Addiction Treatment

November 2, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Keeley Banquet Center, 178 Warren Avenue, Portland, Maine

For more information contact the Co-Occuring Collaborative of Southern Maine (CCSME), 94 Auburn Street, Suite 110, Portland, Maine, 04103, 207-878-6170, [ccsme@ccsme.org](mailto:ccsme@ccsme.org), [www.ccsme.org](http://www.ccsme.org)

## Information

### **Improving Patient Safety through Informed Medication Prescribing and Disposal Practices**

5th Annual Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group Conference & 4th Annual Unused Drug Return Conference

October 31-November 1, 2007, Portland, Maine

**Conference and hotel registration is now open.**

\*\*Please visit [www.mainebenzo.org/2007conference.htm](http://www.mainebenzo.org/2007conference.htm) for advance program and registration materials.\*\*

The UMaine Center on Aging in partnership with the Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group, in cooperation with Cary Medical Center, and with support from the American Pharmacists Association and the Bingham Group, is pleased to announce the opening of registration for our fall conference entitled: "Improving Patient Safety through Informed Medication Prescribing and Disposal Practices." This event marks the 5th Annual Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group Conference & 4th Annual Unused Drug Return Conference.

This international gathering of clinicians, researchers, policy makers, drug enforcement officials, environmentalists, and healthcare providers is being held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine on October 31 & November 1st.

Nationally and internationally recognized experts will analyze a wide range of issues surrounding prescribing trends, and prescription drug misuse and abuse. Cutting edge approaches to disposing of unused and expired medications will be showcased and the most current policy and legislative strategies for reducing prescription drug accumulation in the community highlighted. This conference will also provide the first opportunity for a North American audience to review the Athens Declaration, an international declaration addressing unused consumer medications for the betterment of the health of the environment and patients world wide.

Conference registration information and materials and the advance program may be accessed at: [www.mainebenzo.org/2007conference.htm](http://www.mainebenzo.org/2007conference.htm) . For more information and answers to your questions please contact Jason Charland, Conference Coordinator, at 207-262-7928 or [jason.charland@umit.maine.edu](mailto:jason.charland@umit.maine.edu). Organizations interested in reserving exhibit space at the conference should e-mail Anna Mortensen at [ann.mortensen@umit.maine.edu](mailto:ann.mortensen@umit.maine.edu).

Accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn by the Bay at a special conference rate of \$110/night, effective until Sept 30, 2007. To register at the hotel log on to [www.innbythebay.com](http://www.innbythebay.com) or call the hotel directly.

Early registration is highly recommended as space is limited.

Official Conference Hotel, Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine, 207.775.2311, Toll-free: 800.345.5050, [www.innbythebay.com](http://www.innbythebay.com)

### **Make the Connection - Protecting Our Quality Places - Growing the Innovation Economy - Streamlining Government**

GrowSmart Maine Summit 2007, Friday October 19th - Augusta Civic Center

FMI: [www.growsmartmaine.org](http://www.growsmartmaine.org), 207-847-9275 ext 303

## **Career Opportunities**

### **Manager, Health Promotion -- American Lung Association of Maine**

#### **Description:**

The position will oversee the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of health promotion activities for the American Lung Association of Maine in Augusta.

This position will also have the opportunity to work collaboratively with other Lung Associations in New England on identified initiatives.

### **Educational and Experience Requirements:**

This is a full time leader/manager position in health promotion. It requires professional preparation in the field of community health or public health with a Bachelor's degree required. Required experience includes: program planning, implementation, evaluation and demonstrated ability to work independently as well as collaboratively. Also required is a minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in the field. CHES preferred. Some background in environmental health a plus!

Competitive salary. Excellent benefits.

### **Application:**

Please send resume with cover letter via email to: [lscott@mainelung.org](mailto:lscott@mainelung.org)

*Deadline for submission is September 21, 2007.*

### **Systematic Review Research Fellows**

The CDC/Guide to Community Preventive Services seeks candidates for multiple positions as Systematic Review Research Fellows. These are contract positions with the Federal Government based in Atlanta, GA USA.

Description: The successful candidates will assist with the conduct of systematic reviews of the effectiveness of population-based and community-based health promotion and disease prevention interventions. Specific tasks include the use of scientific methods to identify, screen, appraise, and analyze the literature on the health outcomes for these interventions. In addition, participants will be expected to use available database programs to assist with the management of literature and study and outcome data. The candidate will participate in communicating and disseminating the results of these reviews and other related reviews to diverse audiences using diverse formats. Persons with an interest in systematic reviews, critical assessment of scientific literature, program evaluation, or translating knowledge (research) into action who also have excellent oral and written communication skills are ideal candidates for this position.

Qualifications: Graduate level training in public health, epidemiology, behavioral and social sciences, economics, or a related field. Experience and training in systematic reviews, study design and research methods,

and/or program evaluation are also desired. Good oral and written communication skills, leadership and interpersonal skills, time management and organizational skills are all essential. Because other team members will provide substantive subject matter expertise, specific background in the subject matter of the reviews is not required.

Organization: The Guide to Community Preventive Services (Community

Guide) is being developed by the independent, nonfederal Task Force on Community Preventive Services with support from CDC. The Community Guide provides systematic reviews and recommendations on a variety of health topics important to communities, public health agencies and health care systems. The audiences of the Community Guide include public health professionals, policy makers, community-based organizations, providers of healthcare services, researchers, and research funders.

[www.thecommunityguide.org](http://www.thecommunityguide.org)

Closing Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

To Apply: Submit a resume and cover letter to:

Matt Griffith, MPH, ORISE Research Fellow, The Guide to Community Preventive Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Road, MS E-21 Atlanta, GA 30333 [MMGriffith@cdc.gov](mailto:MMGriffith@cdc.gov)  
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