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The **deadline** for the next MPHA Enews is **Thursday, October 4th** the October 5th issue.

There will be no issue of the MPHA Enews on September 28th. 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

Health, Culture and Literacy – Solutions for Clear Health Communications

According to a recent report from the US government, billions of dollars are wasted every year as the result of poor communication between health care providers and patients. The ability for patients and consumers to understand and act on complex health information affects patient safety and the quality of care, in addition to cost.

Act now to register for one of the most important and useful conferences of the year! Health, Culture, and Literacy": Solutions for Clear Health Communication will take place on Friday, October 26th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, Maine, for health care professionals (physicians, nurses, mental health and dental health providers, health professions students, public health professionals, health educators. Go to www.mainehealthliteracy.org for online registration and detailed information about the conference.

This conference will kick off a year long series of activities that are aimed at raising awareness of doctors and other health care workers about the scope of the problem and practical solutions. Anne Fadiman, author of the best-selling "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down" will keynote the event. Dr. Terry Davis, from Louisiana State University will present findings from the recent national adult literacy study. Dr. Mary Ann Abrams, Director of Quality for Iowa Health Systems will discuss the results of a statewide rural health literacy collaborative, among other regional and state experts. Continuing education credits for physicians (allopath and osteopath), nurses, social workers, and health educators will be provided. Registration is \$75 for physicians, \$50 for all others, and \$25 for students; scholarships are also available. Participants will be surveyed immediately after the conference to determine preferences for followup topics and venues.

Putting Recent Obesity Research to Work in Maine

Save the Date – November 27, 2007 - Augusta Civic Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Every year the Maine-Harvard Prevention Research Center conducts a conference on the causes of childhood obesity and how we can translate the research into meaningful action here in Maine. Previous conferences have focused on the influence of television and sweetened drinks [The Skinny on

Soda & TV], portion size [From Table to Tush], physical activity in school [Learning to Move, Moving to Learn], the link between food advertising and obesity [What Marketers Are Feeding Our Kids], Youth Overweight and the Role of BMI Screening in Schools, and last year a spokesperson training [When You're Not Preaching to the Choir- Getting Your Message Across to Reduce Obesity].

This year's conference "What's New? Putting recent obesity research to work in Maine!" should again be a wonderful way to learn from the research, gain insight from national experts and to begin the discussion of how we translate all this great information into action for the public's health, especially healthier children. More information and a registration form will be available soon.

Healthcare Leaders Forum

The Muskie School's Graduate Program in Health Policy and Management is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Forum for Healthcare Leaders on October 3, 4 and 5. The theme for this year's meeting is: "Our Healthcare Workforce: Continuing to Care in the 21st Century."

Over the course of three days, the Forum will offer four (4) intensive, day long seminars (for graduate credit or CME), two policy meetings that are open to the public and a Keynote presentation by Dr. Arnold Relman, on Thursday, October 4, following a reception with hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 PM.

For more information about registration, please go to www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/healthforum or contact Angela Foss at afoss@usm.maine.edu

We look forward to seeing you.

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Prematurity Summit – March of Dimes

This is just a quick reminder that Dr. Milton Kotelchuck will be speaking on interconception at our Prematurity Summit on Oct. 4th in Bangor at 6 p.m. Registration is due here by next Monday. If you are waiting for the deadline, now is the time to register for this dinner program. You can find information on the program at www.marchofdimes.com/maine and scroll down to the Prematurity Summit section. If you have further questions, contact me.

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Information

MPHA Annual Meeting

The Maine Public Health Association will be holding its annual meeting on October 23, 2007, at the Augusta Civic Center. This year's theme is "Public Health Emergencies for EVERYONE involved in the health of Maine people"

The brochure can be found on the [MPHA website](#)

Online registration -- [click here](#)

Please feel free to distribute widely to all those who you feel would be interested. Thank you.

Career Opportunities

Dental Hygienist Educator

Medical Care Development, Inc. (MCD), a not-for-profit health services organization is seeking a Dental Hygienist Educator at our corporate office in Augusta, Maine. We are seeking someone with demonstrated ability to work cooperatively with multiple groups and professional skills to implement objectives and support the activities of the Maine Preventive Oral Health Partnerships Project.

Applicant must be organized, able to handle multiple tasks with varying deadlines accurately under minimal supervision, must have strong written and verbal communication skills, demonstrate excellent training and presentation style, be experienced in group facilitation, be flexible, and be able to establish/maintain effective working relationships with various personalities. Knowledge of oral health concepts, dental hygiene theory and practice, educational theory and techniques, program planning and implementation are essential. This position will work as a member of a project team as well as a member of several statewide committees and coalitions that are interested in oral health. Ability to speak in front of large groups of people while presenting training materials in an easy to learn curriculum is a plus. Candidate must be a registered dental hygienist. Bachelor's degree in health-related field is preferred. Additional training/education in related field is a plus.

Please send letter of interest with salary requirements and resume to barbarak@mcd.org or by mail to: Human Resources Manager, Medical Care Development, Inc., 11 Parkwood Drive, Augusta, ME 04330. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. No phone calls please.

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