



OCTOBER 6 - important events TODAY!

We encourage everyone to participate in the annual business meeting.

**October 6, 2004**

**4:30pm - 5:30pm**

**Corporate Square, Building 11, room 2214**

Those out of area - please join by calling in on the conference line- the meeting will be held --prior to the banquet

How can you resist meeting with good friends over a great meal?

**THEN - Come break bread w/ us at the annual BANQUET!**

Who: **All Watsonian Members and Guests**

What: **The Annual Watsonian Banquet**  
Keynote Speaker: Ed Thompson, MD  
Director for Public Health Services, CDC

When: **TONIGHT Wednesday, October 6, 2004**

Time: 6-7 p.m. Social (cash bar available)  
Dinner/Program 7-10 p.m.

Where: Petite Auberge Restaurant, Toco Hills  
Atlanta, GA

**Dinner selections are a choice of:**

**Beef Burgundy Roast**

**Grilled Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce**

**Vegetarian Linguine with Light Cheese Sauce**

**When purchasing your ticket- please tell the seller your choice.**

**The menu will be rounded out with a mixed salad, potato, vegetables, chocolate mousse, and coffee or tea.**

**TICKETS: \$20/person**

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**NEWSLETTER**

**COMMITTEE NEWS PHA HISTORY PROJECT  
CONDOLENCES  
MEMBERS in the NEWS  
TRANSFERS/PROMOTIONS & TDYs  
CDC LEADERSHIP PROFILES      RETIREMENTS**

**COMMITTEE NEWS:**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**MEETING** - Open meeting

When:    Tuesday – **October 19, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

Where:   Corporate Square, Building 8, Room 6B.

Call In: Toll free #: 866-732-9603, Passcode 873632

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**COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

Thanks to the dedication and talent of our web mistress, Karen Arrowood, the website has lots of new features: <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/>

Check it out--

- The newsletters for 2004 are posted in pdf files.(minus the sensitive identifiers like email address and home information)
- Information on upcoming events is posted
- Soon - the membership list will be updated

Please remember to let Rita Varga know when your email address changes. You don't want your mail to bounce and lose your connection with the WATSONIAN SOCIETY.

**FAMILY SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Did you know... The Watsonian Society Family Support Committee provides support to Watsonians and Public Health Advisors during times of need. On behalf of the Watsonian Society, we have sent numerous cards to welcome new babies, to support those who are ill or undergoing surgery, and to comfort those who have lost loved ones. We also send charitable donations or flowers in memory of Watsonians, Public Health Advisors, or their immediate family members who have passed away.

The Family Support Committee can only respond to those events we are aware of, so please let us know if you or someone you know is in need of support. Kathryn Koski is the chair of the Family Support Committee.

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WATSONIAN SOCIETY 'S highlighted in **CDC CONNECTS**

The Watsonian Society: A CDC/ATSDR Organization for  
PHAs    **The Inside Story**    September 28, 2004

We begin with a quiz. **PHA** stands for 1) People Helping America 2) Positive, Heroic Attributes 3) Pack in a Hurry Again or 4) Public Health Advisor. At CDC, it's all of the above.

The Public Health Advisor series was established in the summer of 1948, explains Robert Kohmescher, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention and outgoing President of the Watsonians. "Initially the primary responsibility was to identify and locate persons exposed to a sexually transmitted disease." The PHA role soon expanded to other diseases, including vaccine preventable diseases, environmental related diseases, birth defects and injuries, smallpox eradication, tuberculosis elimination, chronic disease, and most recently bioterrorism and SARS.

Since the inception of the PHA series, CDC has recruited thousands of Public Health Advisors. Many are assigned to state and local health departments, where they gain valuable first hand disease control experience. They progress to responsible management positions in local, state and federal public health agencies.

You can find many PHAs in the Watsonian Society, an organization established in 1985 in honor of William C. Watson, Jr. "Bill played a unique role in the growth and development of the PHAs," says Jerry Naehr, retired Public Health Advisor. "His personal, professional, and social attributes have served as standards for many of us." (Naehr has 37 years of service and is the former Director of Field Services in the old National Center for Prevention Services. He is a former president of the Watsonian Society and currently serves as the Executive Secretary for the society.)

The Watsonians do two things, says Kohmescher. "We serve our members and we serve our community. One of our most basic services is communication. We have a newsletter that goes out once a month to let PHAs know about job opportunities and to keep them abreast of relevant issues. We also have a web page."

There are also social activities, which provide good opportunities for networking explains Philip Talboy, Deputy Director, in CDC's Division of Injury and Disability Outcomes and Programs. He is also the incoming President of the Watsonians, and will assume leadership in October after the annual banquet. (This year it is October 6).

"We also perform community service," he continues. "Our community service accomplishments include two Habitat for Humanity Houses funded and built by Watsonian Society members."

"There is an extremely strong sense of camaraderie, a strong sense of family among PHAs," says Kohmescher. "Many of us have shared common experiences. We have worked in city, county or state health departments and

with local physicians, learning and working in public health from the most basic level. That experience is a common bond and also explains why so many people in OD understand public health inside and out.”

Moving around is another common – if not cherished – experience. Kohmescher was transferred six times. Jack Benson, now retired, but a past president of the Watsonians, moved 13 times in the first 12 years of his career.

The new owner of the Habitat house shares her excitement and gratitude with volunteer Jerry Naehr.

And Stacy Harper, PHA, NCIPC, Division of Injury and Disability Outcomes and Programs, says “My daughter went to three different first grades!” Harper’s own father was a PHA and a Watsonian and she is currently in charge of the organization’s professional development committee, which includes the mentorship program. “The goal of the program is to enhance the quality and value of the Public Health Advisor/685 series as an integral part of the public health workforce of CDC/ATSDR. Mentors advise and counsel PHAs on professional issues and personal issues as they affect job performance and career objectives.” The idea – to advance the professional skills of PHAs that will make the series and the individuals more essential and more efficient in the changing world of public health.

All those moves did have positive results, Komescher explains. “When you have to uproot your family and sell your house so often, you have to adapt to new places so you learn to listen and to respect different ways of doing things.

“You are a federal employee, there at the invitation of the state or local health department,” says Benson. “You wear lots of different hats.”

PHAs are involved in all types of health issues, from SARS and West Nile Virus, to Hurricanes such as the recent Charley, Frances and Ivan.

“One of our mottos is, we do what needs to be done to get the job done,” says Talboy. “We have a definite can do attitude and we are flexible.”

Flexibility and perseverance are key qualities of PHAs, says Naehr. “Sometimes you have to adapt quite rapidly. One of our main objectives is capacity building. There is a continued need for state and local health departments to have PHAs and a need for CDC to have PHAs to work in the field to get experience. PHAs are very valuable in the field setting and in emergency situations.”

“One of our strengths is bringing positives from one health department to another,” says Harper. “We share experiences and we share what works.”

The career development which grew from transfers was great, says Benson. “It really gave capable people a chance to demonstrate their abilities and talents.” “We went to one training session and the leader said – ‘PHAs, don’t leave home without them,’” says Harper. It’s an attitude that’s prevalent among health departments across the U.S.

“PHAs are an extremely diversified group these days,” says Naehr, “but it wasn’t always so. Back in the 50’s and 60’s it was a good ole boy network. Then in the late 60’s and 70’s we saw the addition of women and various ethnic groups. That’s been a valuable change. In fact expansion as a whole has characterized PHAs. Originally so many started in STD’s but we have expanded across CIOs.”  
PHA History Project: Telling the Story of the Public Health Advisor

During the early anthrax investigations last year, Talboy was one of four PHAs deployed to New York. “When I walked into the meeting they said, ‘Who are you?’ I said, ‘I’m a PHA’ and they said, ‘Great, we can finally get some work done!’”

Benson remembers being called by Dr. David Sencer to help out with Hurricane Camille. “A team of us went down to help vaccinate for tetanus because so many people were stepping on nails and rusty debris. We went down and slept in sleeping bags, with no air conditioning and no water. We just do whatever we can do to help the community.”

That’s one thing PHAs share, says Komescher, a commitment to the community. “We do feel close ties to the communities where we live and work. We get to understand the problems of the people. It’s important to us to give back to those communities.”

So the Watsonians help out where they can, with Habitat for Humanity for example, or Hands On Atlanta. One person who was really behind this was Bob Keegan, who has been instrumental in polio and measles eradication programs, says Naehr. “He was the first public health advisor selected as Outstanding PHA.” Recently the Watsonian Society gave a \$2,000 mini grant to Camp Breathe Easy, a camp for kids with asthma. The Watsonians are considering a series of mini grants to help agencies providing public health services.

There’s a long and proud esprit de corps among PHAs, including many who have moved into top management. And there is an illustrious list of honorary PHAs, for example, Dr. David Sencer, Dr. Bill Foege, and Dr. Walt Dowdle, just to name a few.

Full/active membership in the Watsonians is open to all current and past Public Health Advisors and Associate Membership is open to all others. Members include a variety of professionals in management and leadership roles at CDC







one of a kind effort. Won't you please make a **tax deductible** contribution today to this Project? The Project will result in a book about the impact of PHAs on state and local, national and international public health policy and operations in the past, present, and possible future considerations. All grantors will be acknowledged in the book, regardless of the size of their contribution unless the authors are notified otherwise. Please make your check payable to "Community Vision St. Charles County" and send your contribution to:

Please put the words "PHA History Project" in the bottom left "note" or "for" line of your check. Thank you.

Check out more at [www.policyresourcegroup.com/pha.htm](http://www.policyresourcegroup.com/pha.htm) or email the authors at [phaproject@policyresourcegroup.com](mailto:phaproject@policyresourcegroup.com)

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**HAVE YOU HEARD?**  
**Dr. James Marks Accepts New Position**

It is with a sincere mixture of gratitude and sadness that I announce Dr. James S. Marks, Acting Director of our new Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service (CoCHIS), will be leaving the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to become Senior Vice President and Director of the Health Group at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, effective December 1, 2004.

Dr. Marks, who has served in his role with CoCHIS since May of this year, will remain in CoCHIS through early November to complete final organizational details related to the establishment of the Coordinating Center.

Dr. Marks has a been a true friend to CDC and many of us have sought his expertise and counsel over the years. He also has been an important leader and visionary in public health. One of America's leading experts on disease prevention, Dr. Marks has served since 1995 as Director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Throughout his career at CDC, he developed and advanced systematic ways to address the nation's growing epidemic of obesity; reduce tobacco use; and prevent diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. More recently, his vision and wisdom guided our groundbreaking work in the establishment of CoCHIS, and his legacy will be felt for many years as CDC becomes an even more effective champion for public health. While Dr. Marks will be greatly missed by all of us at CDC, I know we can continue to count on future collaborations with him as he assumes this new role.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Marks and thanking him for his tireless commitment to our work at CDC over the past quarter of a century.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.

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**Eugene McCray accepts new position in the Office of Global Health**

Dear Colleagues:

Dr. Eugene McCray has recently indicated his decision to join the Office of Global Health as the Senior Scientific Advisor to Dr. Steve Blount effective November 1, 2004. In addition to serving as Senior Scientific Advisor, he will also oversee expanded program liaison and partnership activities for OGH. While this is a decided loss for GAP and

NCHSTP, it is a wonderful opportunity for Eugene and thankfully he will be available to all of CDC, including GAP, to draw on his incredible leadership in international health.

As most of you know, Dr. McCray has served as the Director of GAP since April 2000. During this time he has overseen the establishment of GAP and its growth to 27 country and regional programs around the world – enabling the delivery of quality HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment services to millions of people most in need. His strong leadership, diplomatic skills and unwavering commitment to work in partnership with other programs at CDC, other US agencies, international organizations and health professionals at all levels have enabled GAP to focus its resources for the greatest impact.

Dr. McCray began his career at CDC in 1983 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer with the Hospital Infections Program in the National Center for Infectious Diseases working on issues of hospital-acquired infections, including evaluating risk for transmission of HIV in hospitals. He left the CDC for a brief period (2 years) and worked for a health maintenance organization. Since returning to the CDC in July 1988, Dr. McCray's work has focused on HIV surveillance in special populations in the United States and internationally and surveillance for tuberculosis infection and disease in the United States. He has served as a health consultant to international agencies, including the World Health Organization and International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, and has worked on tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS projects in a number of countries in South and East Africa.

Dr. McCray has published numerous articles on public health, especially concerning tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, and has received numerous awards for his scientific and public health contributions. He is also a practicing infectious diseases physician, volunteering his services each week in a primary care clinic for HIV-infected persons.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. McCray and wishing him success in his new position with the Office of Global Health.

Sincerely,

Janet L. Collins, Ph.D., Acting Director, NCHSTP

Dr. Tim Mastro to serve as Acting Director, GAP effective Nov. 1

Dear Colleagues,

As announced last week, Dr. Eugene McCray, Director of the Global AIDS Program (GAP), NCHSTP, has accepted a position in CDC's Office of Global Health. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Tim Mastro has agreed to assume the role of Acting Director, GAP, effective November 1. Dr. Mastro has a long and impressive history of work on global HIV/AIDS prevention and has served as Deputy Director of GAP since March 2003.

Dr. Mastro is board certified in internal medicine, is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and received a DTM&H from the Royal College of Physicians, London. He began his international public health career on the Thai-Cambodian border in 1983 where he worked for three years as a physician and as medical coordinator of the United Nations Border Relief Operation. In 1988, Dr. Mastro came to CDC as an EIS officer in the Respiratory Diseases Branch, Division of Bacterial Diseases, NCID. In 1990, he



medal. The front bears the Watsons' image and the back notes the values of "commitment, leadership, health, spirit, and vision" that are the hallmark of CDC.

In introducing Bill Watson, **Charlie Stokes**, CEO and President of the CDC Foundation, noted that Bill Watson "has been a role model for excellence who continues to inspire greatness in each one of us." This spirit of greatness and dedication was truly evident when Bill Watson took the stage and delighted the audience with some fascinating anecdotes about his work at CDC during the polio eradication efforts.

Bill Watson and Dr. Gerberding bestowed the newly minted medals to previous recipients or their surviving family members, as well as to this year's winners. This unique ceremony was reminiscent of another one that took place one month ago in Athens. Just as the Olympic athletes were honored for being the best in their sport, the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence winners were honored for being true champions and the best servants and stewards of public health. Just as Pierre de Coubertin dedicated his life to the revival of the Olympic Games, Bill Watson dedicated his life to the highest level of excellence in public health.

"Over the years, Bill and Marge Watson have been benefactors to all of us," said Charlie Stokes. "They understand and value people. They have an abiding appreciation for a strong work ethic, coupled with principled and people-centered leadership. They spark and deliver excellence. For that reason there could never be two more deserving medal recipients than you," continued Mr. Stokes before presenting the Watsons with medals and a framed rendering of the medal.

The ceremony then went on to honor this year's four winners.

**Dr. Suzanne Binder**, NCIPC, was honored for commitment, leadership, and outstanding contributions to the health and safety of our nation and the world during her 20 years of service with CDC/ATSDR. "I am proudest of having helped people around CDC to find their paths in public health," says Dr. Binder, who recently retired from the agency. "I believe my greatest impact has been through encouraging and facilitating others and contributing to an environment that helps them achieve their goals." Dr. Binder is thrilled to be a Watson medal winner. "Many of the CDC people I have most respected and admired have been Watson winners, and I am extremely honored to be among them," says Dr. Binder. "Many awards honor accomplishments. The Watson Medal not only honors accomplishments, it also honors character."

**Joseph R. Carter**, OD, received the medal for outstanding leadership and extraordinary achievements in developing CDC's workforce, and for dedication to improving the buildings and facilities at CDC. Mr. Carter recently retired after a 40-year career at CDC.

"This award is very important to me because I worked with Bill Watson," says Mr. Carter. "Of all the awards I received, this is the most important one because it exemplifies what public service is all about." Mr. Carter believes that his greatest achievement during his long and distinguished career was to "see the number of people I have trained over the years become current leaders. I hope that they will in turn share that legacy with others."

**Dr. Richard A. Goodman**, PHPPO, was recognized for his exceptional 26-year leadership in public health law and emergency legal preparedness, initiative in financial management reporting, achievement in epidemiology, and excellence in scientific communication.

"I am deeply honored by this," says Dr. Goodman. "I know what this award means within the culture of the agency: the values, principles, and achievements it represents." Dr. Goodman feels that he has learned a lot about public health from Bill Watson and is proud to be among the list of Watson medal awardees. "I am humbled by it all," he confesses.

**Charles A. Schable**, NCID, was honored for his exceptional 37-year career in laboratory and public health involving hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, and bioterrorism preparedness and response.

Mr. Schable attributes his remarkably successful career in public health "to the many strong supervisors I have had that pressed me to do good public health work and my co-workers whom I consider the best in the world." Mr. Schable considers the award the crowning achievement of his career. "This award is the highest professional level that CDC can bestow and is the highlight of my career at CDC." says Mr. Schable. "Plus, it is named after one of the people most responsible for making CDC one of the nation's most cherished institutions!"

After Bill Gimson's closing remarks, inviting everyone to next year's festivities, the ceremony ended with a reception.

#### CDC/ATSDR Honor Awards Winners

Public health administrative support award. Kimberly Coulter, NCEH; Juanita Elder, NCHSTP; Ragesh Mehta, NCID; the administrative services team for the eight cities enhanced terrorism surveillance project, EPO.

Silo busters: collaborative success award. The antimicrobial resistance vaccine impact team, NCID; the HIV rapid test training group, PHPPO.

Communication services award. John O'Connor, NCID; Stefanie Steele, NCID; the project leads and television producers for live satellite broadcasts group, PHPPO.

"Open door" award: contributions to increased access for disabled employees award. Dr. Jewel Wilson, ATSDR; the disability and health team, NCBDDD.

Contributions to health, safety, and workplace wellness award. Samuel Holt, OD; the healthier work site advisory committee and healthier work site work group, NCCDPHP.

Employee humanitarian service award. Dr. Brian McCarthy, NCCDPHP.

Employee equity award. Rosemarie Henson, NCCDPHP; the human relations work group, NCCDPHP.

Facilities planning and management services award. John Hill, Jr., NCCDPHP; Stephen Milby, OD; James Myrick, NCEH; the steering committee for the emerging infectious disease laboratory building, NCID.

Information services award. David Bray, NCID; the SARS quarantine communications team, NCID.

Global health achievement award. Karen Baker, NCCDPHP; Terry Comans, NCID; the border infectious diseases surveillance project team, NCID.

Partners in public health improvement award. Janet Hindler, PHPPO; Mindy Perilla, NCID; the American college of medical toxicology group, ATSDR; the anthrax vaccine research program team, NCID.

Excellence in business systems and services award. Dr. John Astles, PHPPO; Elaine Howell, NCID; Melissa Locket, PHPPO; Priscilla Patin, NCEH; Dr. Janise Richards, EPO; Laurie Sandhagen, NCCDPHP; the bioterrorism preparedness and response program group, NCID.

Excellence in systems: program operations award. Lewis Berman, NCHS; Patricia Farah, NCHSTP; the smoke alarm installation and fire safety education team, NCIPC.

Public health epidemiology and laboratory research award. Dr. Matthew Arduino, NCID; Samuel Baker, NCEH; Maria Solano, NCEH; the measles outbreak response team, NIP.

Public health protection research award. Duane Hammond, NIOSH; Jeffery Jarrett, NCEH; Dr. Charles Vaught, NIOSH; the eight cities enhanced terrorism surveillance project team, EPO.

Public health secretarial support award. Patricia Magyar, NCBDDD; Cynthia Whitley, NIOSH.

Public health services. Jenny Ansdell, NCID; Dr. Sherry Baron, NIOSH; the Ricin response team, NCEH.

Public health statistical research and services award. Benjamin Kupronis, NCID; Dr. Philip Smith, NIP; the division of HIV/AIDS prevention research and dissemination team, NCHSTP; the Libby medical screening project team, ATSDR.

Contributions to employee motivation and development award. Corinne Graffunder, NCIPC.

Volunteer service award. Regina Hardy, NCCDPHP.

James Virgil Peavy workforce development award. Dr. Richard Dicker, EPO; the environmental health workforce development work group, NCEH.

Health equity awards.

- The awards for minority health programs, research, and surveillance go to Janine Cory, NCID; Dr. Hazel Dean, NCHSTP; the multiple race population methodology group, NCHS;
- partners eliminating TB in African Americans group, NCHSTP.
- The awards for health equity mentor/champion of excellence go to Dr. Wayne Giles, NCCDPHP; Ruth Harris, PHPPO; the sustainable management development program and the University of Guam group, PHPPO.

Excellence in innovation award. Lisa Daily, OD; the smoke-free campus policy group, OD; the NIP/vaccine safety datalink project data sharing team, NIP.

William C. Watson, Jr., medal of excellence award. Dr. Suzanne Binder, NCIPC, retired; Joseph Carter, OD, retired; Dr. Richard Goodman, PHPPO; Charles Schable, NCID.

#### Commissioned Corps Officers Award Winners

Commissioned Corps Officers award. Derek Dunn, NIOSH.

Meritorious service medals. Dixie Snider, OD; Laurence Grummer-Strawn, NCCDPHP; Elizabeth Ward, NIOSH; Charles Le Baron, NIP; Denise Koo, EPO.

Outstanding service medals. Susan Blank, NCHSTP; Christopher Braden, NCID; George Conway, NIOSH; Sonja Hutchins, NIP; Patricia Riley, OGH; Alexander Rowe, NCID; David Sniadack, NIP; Joseph Sniezek, NCCDPHP; Raymond Strikas, NIP; Robert Williams, ATSDR; Stephanie Zaza, NCCDPHP; Robert Quick III, NCID.

#### Other Award Recipients

Presidential Management Fellows Program Recipients. Cecila Curry, OSI; Christopher Duggar, NIP; John Patterson, OCLO; Sara Schmit, FMO; Larry Smith, OTPER; Vashonia Weatherspoon, NCID.

HHS Emerging Leaders Program Recipients. Kristi Anderson, NIOSH; Joseph Carter, FMO; Kari Gloppen, NCCDPHP; Lori Jouty, ATSDR; Julia Mitchell, NCCDPHP; Chantelle Owens, NCCDPHP; Kimberly Peabody, NIOSH; Vincent Richardson, MASO.

This Inside Story by Pascale Krumm, on detail with CDC Connects.

#### **NEW HIRES, TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS, & TDYs**

"It's all in the family"...**Sarah Shrimplin**, daughter of former PHAs **Mary [nee Lentscher] and Paul Shrimplin** has been selected for a Philadelphia DIS position. Mary notes that she has fond memories of working for **Marty (Goldberg)** in Chicago. "I think she's in very good hands."

**Ted Misselbeck (DTBE)** will be leaving Missouri and heading south to a new assignment in DTBE Tennessee Program, effective October 17, 2004.

**Kathryn Koski (DSTD)** has accepted a 90-day detail with the HIV and Retrovirology Branch, DHAP, beginning October 3.

**Stacy Harper (NCIPC)** will be acting Deputy Division Director for Division of Applied Public Health Training (DAHPT) at EPO for 90 days beginning 10/12.

**Mary Hayes (DSTD)** has accepted a transfer to the Program Development and Support Branch, Los Angeles, CA from the Program Development and Support Branch, Atlanta, GA effective June 27, 2004.

**Christina Ramsey (DSTD)** has accepted a position with the Program Development and Support Branch, Washington, DC effective July 25, 2004.



(COOP) and provides oversight and assistance to CDC Select Agent compliance program."

**First job at CDC:**

Came to CDC, November 4, 1979

Chief, Real Property and Space Management from 1979-2000

Selected as Director, Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) in January 2000.>

Prior to coming to CDC, Porter served as Assistant Federal Buildings Manager (Charleston, S.C.) and Realty Specialist with the General Services Administration (GSA).

He received his Bachelors in Business Administration from North Georgia College and State University and his Jurist Doctor degree from Woodward Wilson College of Law.

He is a U.S Army veteran and spent five years on active duty including a tour in Viet Nam, and continued to serve in a reserve capacity until his retirement in 1994, at Fort Benning, Georgia. During his military career he served with the 101st Airborne Division (Viet Nam) and with the United States Army Special Forces 10th and 11th Groups. He retired in 1994 while serving as the Operational Detachment's (ODA 322), Intelligence and Operations sergeant, at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8).

He's been at CDC for 25 years and says it's a great place to work. "I like the dedication of the employees and the day-to-day challenges. Every day is different. CDC is very well thought of and has an important mission. Those things combine to make this a challenging and rewarding job."

**Family Focus:** Bill and his wife Diane, who is the Deputy Director for Management in NIOSH, reside in Snellville, Georgia. They have three children, Keleigh (13), Kristen (10) and Evan (7). They also have two dogs, Jake and Ginger, three gerbils, three fish and a cat. Keleigh and Kristen are members of the Atlanta Youth Choir, Evan is a Cub Scout and plays second base and catcher on the Braves little league baseball team (Gwinnett League).

**Hobbies and Activities:** Reading, fishing, camping.

**Last book(s) read:** *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose, *Finding God in the Questions* by Dr. Timothy Johnson, *Unfit for Command* by John O'Neill, and currently reading *The Search for the Historical Jesus*, by James Still.

**Top Priorities for OSEP:** "The Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness (OSEP) is a very young organization and it has been created out of the security necessities identified and resulting from the disasters of September 11, 2001. Prior to the advent of '9/11', CDC's security posture consisted only of a physical security component. This would not be adequate in the post 9-11 world."

"The first task we faced was to identify and articulate what the new security structure for CDC should be. The second and most important would to identify, recruit and hire a well qualified and experienced security staff. These two goals have been met. The basic organization and staffing needs have been accomplished. The initial organizational structure needed to be comprised of the



public health. After two years there I came to CDC and got in the EIS training program. When I came in, I was not exactly sure how I wanted my career path to go. I was considering going on to obtain a fellowship in infectious diseases after spending three years in NCID. But then I became a medical epidemiologist with the Division of Immunization, Surveillance, Investigations and Research Branch. I found the work I was doing so rewarding that I decided this was what I wanted to do.”

**Last book(s) read:** Hillary Clinton’s autobiography.

**Family:** “My wife Jane and I have a house on Lake Hartwell which we just got last year. It’s a wonderful place for the family to go on weekends to enjoy the outdoors and outdoor activities. We enjoy boating, swimming and just getting away from the rat race of Atlanta, the congestion and traffic. My daughter Shea is a high school sophomore and my son Bradley is a freshman at the University of Colorado, Boulder. One of his biggest passions is the sport of Ultimate Frisbee, which combines elements of soccer, football and basketball. He is on the US Junior National Team. This year, the world championships were held in Finland so we all went to watch. It was a once in a lifetime experience. The U.S. team went 12-0 in the tournament game competition and won the world championship!”

“We have a Golden retriever who goes everywhere we go. We have family in New York in Rochester and Long Island and we will pack up and go visit in the minivan, with the dog.”

**International Expert.** Before becoming Acting Director, NIP, Dr. Cochi was in charge of CDC’s global immunization division including polio elimination efforts working with WHO and UNICEF to eradicate polio worldwide just as it has been in the U.S.

Dr. Cochi recently returned from a trip to India, for NIP, where he attended a polio eradication summit meeting sponsored by Rotary International and served on the Technical Consultative Group on Vaccine-Preventable Diseases for the South-East Asia Region of WHO.

Since 1984 he has served as a consultant on international immunization issues in numerous countries, including Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. For more information about polio refer to the [MMWR](#) and to the [satellite broadcasts](#) on immunization.

**What is the most satisfying part of your job:** “I like the ability to wrestle with public health problems and find solutions that have a major impact on the health and well being of the nation and the world. We have a huge international arm to our activities in NIP. CDC has been a great place to work because of the people. The reason CDC enjoys its high standing in the nation and around the world is because of the quality, commitment, and professionalism of our people. People truly are the most precious resource CDC has. We have a tremendous mission and we attract the best and brightest.”

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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Executive Director****National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA)**

Location: Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Closing Date: October 25, 2004

Under the general direction of the NTCA Board, the Executive Director is responsible for the overall management and operation of the Association, including financial and personnel management, implementation of Board directives and policies, and creation and implementation of a national advocacy role for sustained funding of TB prevention and control activities. This position is responsible for creating and maintaining a high performance organization that exceeds member expectations while meeting their needs. The Executive Director has responsibility for planning and developing NTCA's public visibility and external relationships and is the primary public representative and spokesperson for the Association. The Executive Director is also responsible for assuring that the organization takes a leadership role in the advancement of the practice of TB prevention and control within the scope of public health practice, especially at the state and local community levels. Work is oriented toward achieving the organization's internal and practice visions through the development of new strategies and resources. The Executive Director customarily and regularly exercises discretionary authority and serves at the will of the NTCA Board of Directors, as specified in an employment contract.

Applications (cover letter and resume) by email only. For complete job specifications, application, and/or to submit application, send email to [chuck@alaga.org](mailto:chuck@alaga.org).