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COMMITTEE NEWS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - all are invited to call in and participate.
July 19 2:30-4:00 pm
Where: CORPORATE SQUARE, building 11, Room 2105 (Phil's office)
Call In: Toll free #: 866-732-9603, Passcode 873632

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Angela Banks-Spain, Co-Chair, Community Service Committee, will represent the **CDC Watsonian Striders** team at the American Lung Association of Georgia Asthma Walk Awards Party. **The event will take place July 9, 2005**.

Angela Banks-Spain, Co-Chair, Community Service Committee participated in the week-long asthma camp, Camp Breathe Easy. Funds raised from the CDC Watsonian Striders team directly benefited this years camp. The camp began June 4, 2005 and concluded June 10, 2005 at Camp Twin Lakes.

The American Lung Association Invites You to the
2005 "Blow the Whistle on Asthma" Walk Awards Party
Saturday, July 9th 2005
10:00 – 11:00 am at White Water

TICKED OFF CAMPAIGN
See posted photo gallery of their activities at our website:
http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/2005tickedoff.htm

WRITE –up on TICKED OFF CAMPAIGN in CDC CONNECTS

CDC Connects > Inside Story > Collaborative Campaign Licks Ticks- 6/30/2005

A team from CDC recently made a trek to an Indian community in the White Mountain Region of Arizona, to help with the “Ticked Off” Campaign. The public health mission was a unique collaboration between CDC, tribal authorities, the Indian Health Service (IHS), and state of Arizona. The effort was designed to educate and help improve the conditions in the community, which was threatened with Rocky Spotted Fever, a severe and sometimes fatal disease.

It all began when children started getting sick, says **Ted Pestorius**, Deputy Director for Management, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases. “The state contacted CDC and Linda Demma, PhD, our EIS officer, went out and investigated. Although Rocky Mountain spotted fever occurs throughout most of the U.S., it’s rare in Arizona due to climactic conditions generally unfavorable to Dermacentor ticks, the primary vector for RMSF.”

During the past two years, however, there was an unusually high rate of the disease in this region. Two young children died.

Working closely with the Indian Health Service (IHS) and environmental health officers, Demma, discovered large numbers of the brown dog tick (an unexpected tick vector for RMSF) everywhere on the reservation, and thought this tick might be responsible for the outbreak. As Pestorius recalls, “Everyone kept saying no, that can’t be the cause, but she stuck with it and verified it. It’s the first time ever that Rocky Mountain spotted fever was documented in this vector (tick) in the United States.”

The investigation uncovered heavy tick infestations among pet and stray dogs and heavy infestation of the environment.

“The tribe had limited resources,” said David Swerdlow, MD, team lead for Disease Assessment and Epidemiology Section. “We needed to get everyone working together on this, so we had a meeting in January with the tribe, Indian Health Service, the Arizona Department of Health, the USDA-Wildlife Services, CDC, and Orkin. It was important to have buy-in from everyone to make this work.”

Even more challenging was the budget he says. “We were there with a plan but no money. Ted managed to find money.”

The main event. These are engorged ticks and each will give birth to approximately 5,000 ticks. These particular ticks were uncovered in a couch stored in a resident’s backyard. Photo by Ted Pestorius

It was an important and compelling health issue, says Pestorius. “Jim LeDuc, our director, said we can’t not do anything. So he got us $50,000 seed money and then things began falling into place. Arizona found some money, so did IHS, the tribe, it just snowballed. Everybody chipped in with time and money.”

“We proposed an immediate integrated intervention,” continues Pestorius, to include:
Community education to reduce tick bites

- Coordinated clean up campaign to reduce tick habitat
- Development of an animal control program to address stray dog issues

- Treating infested home environments with pesticides
- Treatment of dogs for ticks

“Tick bite prevention and tick control were our initial focus,” says William L. Nicholson, PhD, Research Microbiologist. “Tick season starts in early summer so we wanted to get in there and get things done.”

In April CDC, IHS and local tribal staff members developed and distributed tick awareness kits, including information, forceps and gloves, to every household on the reservation. Abbigail Tumpey, MPH, CHES, Health Communications Specialist with the Special Pathogens Branch, helped create the educational materials including culturally sensitive fact sheets. “We worked with an illustrator in PHPPO, James Archer, to create these images. We sent the materials to the tribe for input and they drew a border for us to use. That’s just one example of the collaboration involved in this campaign.

Then there was a coordinated community clean up campaign. During Phase I, the tribe hired people to help with trash removal – tons of debris including old furniture and mattresses that provide conditions which increase the risk for hanta virus and West Nile virus as well as Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

In Phase II, volunteer PHAs from CDC offered their time to fly out and help clean up the area. “They made it a philanthropy project and we got frequent flyer miles donated to fly people out. We had six volunteers the first week, and six more the second. Three retired PHAs working through the CDC Foundation went out. We paid them each $1. An IHS pediatrician put up people in his house for free. Nearly one thousand truckloads of debris were hauled to the landfill,” says Pestorius. “We collected debris and we gave out information. We knocked on every door of every house.”

On the reservation, some of the houses are elevated, explains Demma. “The kids play under the houses and play with the dogs and the dogs are covered with ticks.”
USDA, the US Army and the state health department of Arizona and CDC staff came out and collared about 2500 dogs, says Nicholson. “Orkin arranged the donation of thousands of tick collars to put on the dogs and also sprayed hundreds of houses.”

One of the key issues identified was the overwhelming number of ticks on dogs in the area, and a lot of stray dogs on the reservation. In March, a spay-neuter clinic was held to cut down on the dog overpopulation problem. Demma used this clinic as a chance to distribute more tick medications for dogs and to educate pet owners.

“She was a pit bull herself, right from the beginning,” says Jennifer McQuiston.
“Everyone kept telling her that the brown dog tick could not be the vector, because it had never been shown before. But the fact was, the temperature and humidity in that area could not support the tick that normally causes RMSF. So Linda just kept pushing it. She single-handedly went against the entire field of tick-borne disease and showed that this outbreak was, in fact, caused by the brown dog tick.”

“It made sense to me,” says Demma. “There were billions of these ticks and none of the other kind. It just seemed most likely that the cases were coming from the predominant tick, no matter what the literature said.”

“DVRD was very supportive, right from the beginning,” she says. “Once we identified the problem, we started to brainstorm and kept dreaming of what we would like to do, but we had to do what we do on a quarter of the budget we hoped for.”

That’s where the partnerships came in. “It was really a collaborative effort,” says Swerdlow. “Everyone knew we have to think outside the box, to build a creative coalition of people. Everyone was excited and wanted to help.”

Orkin estimates their involvement at about $45,000, says Nicholson. “They loved being involved, doing something philanthropic for a community in need. Orkin treated over 300 homes free of charge, and trained four tribal members for pesticide application. They donated chemicals to treat an additional 700+ houses, as well as four back-mounted spray units. IHS also helped provide local training. They sent 10 people down to the state to train and become certified pesticide applicators.”

There was enthusiastic tribal participation says Pestorius. “People wanted to be involved, to help their children. The tribe made hourly radio announcements to advertise the cleanup and kept the landfill open late.

“Our goal is for this to be sustained at the local level,” says Swerdlow. “It will be a victory when the tribe can say, ‘We don’t need you anymore.’”

In July and August CDC recommends a post-treatment assessment by tribal staff members and supplementary staff, in case any homes need to be re-treated. Tick control on dogs will also be assessed. Community education efforts on tick bite prevention and tick control around houses will continue as will active surveillance for Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

“This was only a start,” says Nicholson. “Continued vigilance and retreatment will be needed to effectively control ticks. As a RMSF coordinator is hired at the local level, and animal control is reintroduced, the infrastructure will begin to solidify.”

Meantime, CDC staff reflect on a fulfilling public health mission. “It’s rewarding to see a community traditionally underserved empowering themselves,” says Demma. “We gave them resources but they matched us. It was great to see the residents come around and realize they can make a difference.”

This Inside Story by CDC Connects reporter Kathy Nellis.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Save the Date:

The 2005 Watsonian Society Banquet

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2005 **6:00 p.m.**

Speaker: Dr. Jim Curran

Place: Petite Auberge Restaurant
2935 North Druid Hills Road (Toco Hills)
(404) 634-6268

Stay tuned for additional details.
The committee will be asking for volunteers to help with ticket sales…. So watch for the request- your chance to participate in the society's functions!
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SICK BAY:
PHA Retiree **Tommy Ault's** wife, Esther, recently had serious medical complications related to her long standing lupus condition. Tommy's phone #: (916) 362-6721

Jayson Trussel, former DIS with Florida's STD program and current, long-standing STD-HIV-TB trainer, continues under treatment for hepatic cellular carcinoma, diagnosed in early March. Trussel, a dynamic and beloved Public Health force for over 20 years, has devoted his career to his clients, his trainees, and his community.

BILL BOYD sends this update:

"Planning for our upcoming trip to south Florida, I chatted briefly last Friday with Jayson about celebrating his 59th birthday. He is receiving occasional visits from a hospice counselor, while he undergoes pain management therapy and periodic acupuncture treatment.

He also mentioned receiving recognition from the Florida STD Program. Reportedly, **Dan George** and **Karla Schmitt** presented to Jayson the **Annual Jayson Trussel Excellence in Mentoring Award.**

By email, Dan described that the Program will present this award "annually to the most outstanding frontline supervisor or manager in the state." He then added, "It is certainly fitting that we have a lasting award to recognize the invaluable contribution Jayson has made in Florida and the Nation. In doing the math, Jayson in his career has provided training (either teaching or arranging), to over 10,000 persons, ranging from a two-hour teleconference, to many, many two-week ISTDI Courses!"

Later as Jayson and I chatted, he revealed his vision: To live his remaining days--whether that be 2 days or 2 years--to the fullest. [He invited me to share the above with you all.]

If you have worked with Jayson, you know he'd truly appreciate your words and thoughts.
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MEMBER NEEDS LEAVE TIME
Karen Willis provides some background information.
Janie is a new Watsonian, as her mentor, I recommended she join. She ran out of leave, but will need to be out for a while longer due to the effects of a car accident

WHO: **PHYLLIS JANIE NICHOLS,** PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR, NCCDPHP

REASON: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: JUNE 22, 2005 through JULY 27, 2005

DONATION PERIOD: (Leave will be accepted through AUGUST 26, 2005)

HOW: Submit an approved OPM-71 to your timekeeper and latest earning and leave statement. Indicate name of recipient and the number of annual leave hours you wish to donate.

Have your timekeeper send them to the payroll office, MS K-19, so that a record of donated hours can be maintained. Then enter the number of hours you wish to donate on the Donor button of your time card.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: RHONDA STARR 770-488-4232

NOTE: The decision to donate annual leave is solely voluntary.
Thank you in advance for your participation.
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Humphrey Kirkwood (WS charter member.) Humphrey has been in the hospital for 8 months! His daughter expects him home soon. He is 79. She did not reveal his condition. Cards of cheer would be appreciated.
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CONDOLENCES:

CDC is sad to announce the passing of **Joe Miller**. Joe died June 16th of complications from heart surgery. During an esteemed 30-year career at CDC, Joe was a dedicated leader who made many valuable contributions to public health. His service at CDC began in 1959, when he joined the Public Health Service's Division of Venereal Disease. He later worked in the CDC's Global Smallpox Eradication Program and at the Center for Environmental Health, where he was Director of Chronic Diseases and worked on projects involving Agent Orange and dioxin.

Joe's commitment to excellence earned him special recognition at the CDC. He received the Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the Global Smallpox Eradication Program. He was also the honored recipient of the CDC's William C. Watson Jr. Medal of Excellence in 1988. After retiring from CDC in 1989, Joe enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and traveling the world with his wife. Joe will be dearly missed by the people who knew him and worked with him.

Graveside services were held in Ripley, Tennessee, on Wednesday, June 22. Any contributions may be made to the Joseph Miller Memorial Fund via Bank of America.

Joe is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth Davis Miller; two daughters, Morie Miller Higgins of Lilburn, Virginia Geil Higgins of Lawrenceville; a son, James Ryan Miller of Snellville; and four grandchildren

Published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on 6/22/2005.
Joseph Hargrove Miller, 72, of Lilburn, passed away Thursday, June 16, 2005, of complications from heart surgery.

During his esteemed 30-year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mr. Miller was a dedicated leader who made many valuable contributions to public health. His service at the CDC began in 1959, when he joined the Public Health Service's Division of Venereal Disease.

Mr. Miller later worked in the CDC's Global Smallpox Eradication Program and at the Center for Environmental Health, where he was Director of Chronic Diseases and worked on projects involving Agent Orange and dioxin. Joe Miller's commitment to excellence earned him special recognition at the CDC. He received the Surgeon General's Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the Global Smallpox Eradication Program. He was also the honored recipient of the CDC's William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence in 1988.

After retiring from the CDC in 1989, Mr. Miller enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and traveling the world with his wife. Graveside services will be held in Ripley, Tennessee, on Wednesday, June 22. Arrangements are being handled by Garner's Funeral Home, Ripley, Tennessee, (731) 635-1271.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elizabeth Davis Miller; two daughters, Morie Miller Higgins of Lilburn, Virginia Geil Higgins of Lawrenceville; a son, James Ryan Miller of Snellville; and four grandchildren, Austin Ryan Miller of Snellville; Bethany Nicole Higgins of Lilburn; Brett Michael Higgins of Lawrenceville; and Kyle Daniel Miller of Snellville.

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Kathy Deck, a retired CDC employee, died at her home on June 24, 2005. Kathy worked at CDC for 24 years and retired in 2000 to help care for her father. Most of her career at CDC was in the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) where she was a respected, admired, and beloved employee. Although her education at Emory University was in biology, she very early became interested in public health informatics and was an early leader in the development of specialized information systems. Because she recognized the coming importance of computers for storing and retrieving chemical, medical, and emergency response information, she convinced Dr. Vernon Houk, Director of NCEH,, to let her buy the first personal computer in the center. Because of her knowledge and skill with the computer, she became instrumental in training public health advisors and other health professionals in the use of internal and external computerized databases. She was an invited speaker at numerous professional meetings as a subject matter expert on specialized toxicology resources. Prior to the establishment of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Kathy provided toxicological and chemical emergency response support for Superfund, working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, she worked with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in testing the Chemical Systems Information Network (CSIN).

Kathy loved nature and was a devoted environmentalist. Her devotion to protecting the environment was demonstrated both professionally and personally. She helped start the recycling program at Chamblee as well as the environmental committee to work on environmental issues that affected the campus and the workforce. Kathy will be remembered for her generosity, her helpfulness, her calm demeanor, and her kind spirit.

An informal celebration of Kathy’s life was held on June 30th the Marietta Garden Center, 505 Kennesaw Avenue, Marietta. The Web site for the garden center provides directions and information about the center. www.mariettagardencenter.com. The celebration will included music, refreshments, and opportunities for her friends and colleagues to remember Kathy and to mingle in a lovely natural environment.
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In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that friends send donations to—
Christian Children's Fund International
2821 Emerywood Parkway, P.O. Box 26507
Richmond, VA 23261

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Albert Turner, retired in the late 1980's from Division of Parasitic Diseases, NCID, died suddenly last weekend. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 8, at 11:00 am at Cascade United Methodist Church, 3144 Cascade Rd., Atlanta, GA. Survived by wife Jean Turner, 3688 Brook Way SW, Atlanta, GA 30331. (Obituary in Atlanta Journal/Constitution, July 6.)

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Alexander Sulzer, Ph.D., retired in the late 1980's from Division of Parasitic Diseases, NCID, died July 4. Services will be held in Hope, Arkansas. Survived by wife Kitty Sulzer (retired from Division of Bacterial Diseases, NCID), 1304 New Mexico Rd., Bowdon, GA 30108. (Obituary in July 6 Times-GA paper, Carrollton.)

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Appointment of CAPT Charles Schable

CAPT Charles Schable, Director, Coordinating Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (COTPER), will be transferring to Arizona shortly where he will lead a new effort in coordinating the terrorism and emergency preparedness activities of the four states along the U.S./Mexico border and will also engage the Mexican government in this endeavor. In this role, CAPT Schable will serve as Senior Advisor to the Director, COTPER.

CAPT Schable began his CDC career in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1967 as a Microbiologist with the Hepatitis Laboratories Division. That Division was transferred to Atlanta in 1983, becoming part of the Division of Viral Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID). In 1984, CAPT Schable moved to the newly established AIDS Activity as Chief of the HIV Diagnostics Laboratory. In 1998, he became Deputy Director of the Division of AIDS, STD, and TB Laboratory Research. In 2001, CAPT Schable participated in the 2001 anthrax incidents and was part of the team that investigated spores that were found in a Kansas City, Missouri mail sorting facility. In early 2002, he transferred to the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program in NCID.

In 2004, CAPT Schable became the Director of the Coordinating Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response. In that role he achieved many important milestones. Among the most important are three cross-cutting priorities to make terrorism preparedness at CDC more effective. The first was achieving shared goals through partnerships, the second was making sure that the Office had an integrated and secure information services, and third was building creative and effective management services.

As an integral member of the Executive Leadership Board, CAPT Schable has played a key role in the strategic directions for CDC throughout the Futures Initiative. Helping to lead CDC through the transition process, he proved a great asset to CDC during this
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time of change. To ensure a smooth transition process, an understudy position will soon be announced for the position of Director, COTPER.

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.
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Atlanta Business Chronicle Friday, July 8, 2005
CDC Names Four Directors For U.S. Centers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has hired directors for four of its national centers, which were approved in May by Congress.

The new centers are part of Atlanta-based CDC's reorganization, which also includes the creation of two national offices. **Dr. Jay Bernhardt** has been named director of the National Center for Health Marketing. Bernhardt is the founding director of the Center for Public Health Communication and an assistant professor of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Before coming to Emory, he was an Assistant Professor of Health Promotion and Behavior at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Dr. Howard Frumkin was named director of the National Center for Environmental Health. Frumkin is professor and chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University and professor of Medicine at Emory Medical School in Atlanta. He is an internist, environmental and occupational medicine specialist and epidemiologist. He founded the Environmental and Occupational Medicine Consultation Clinic at The Emory Clinic and directed it from 1991 to 2000.

Dr. Janet Collins was named director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Collins previously served as the acting director for the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention.

Dr. Ileana Arias is the director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. She has been acting director at the center since June 2004. Prior, she was the chief of the Etiology and Surveillance Branch in the Division of Violence Prevention in CDC's Injury Center. A clinical psychologist by training, Arias had been on the faculty of the Psychology Department at The University of Georgia since 1985 before coming to CDC.

"These individuals are leading scientists in their fields and will strengthen our scientific foundation on all fronts," said Dr. Julie Louise Gerberding, CDC director. "With their unique skills and abilities, the agency is certainly in good hands and in terrific position to meet the daily challenges to protect the nation's health." them to their roles at CDC/ATSDR.
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Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the selection of **Darien Ogburn** as Deputy Division Director for DSTDP. As many of you know, Darien has been with DSTDP since 1990 and has held a varied array of positions within the Division. The foundation of Darien's career in public health was laid as a Public Health Advisor in Florida and North Carolina before coming to Headquarters in 1998. Upon arrival in Atlanta, Darien worked within the Statistics and Data Management Branch (SDMB) providing data systems

(STD*MIS) and surveillance support to Project Areas across the country. Darien's role changed in 2002 when he assumed the duties of Deputy Chief for SDMB. Most recently, Darien has been an integral member of the staff in the Office of the Director providing leadership in several critical areas, specifically as the Division's representative to the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) and as the Lead for our Business Process Management Modeling Project. In each instance, Darien's commitment to the Division and the larger effort of STD prevention is clear and effective. Please join me in welcoming Darien into his new role within the Division.

I would also like to extend once again my deep appreciation to Susan DeLisle for her outstanding efforts as the Acting Deputy Director for the Division for the last 15 months. Susan's strong and positive leadership abilities have been an enormous asset to the Division and I am personally grateful for the advice and guidance she has provided me during our time of transition. After a brief detail to Washington, DC, Susan will return to her role as the Chief of the Program Development and Support Branch where we will all continue to benefit from her experience, expertise, and unfailing good sense of humor.

John M. Douglas, Jr, MD
Director, Division of STD Prevention, MS E-02
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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NEW TOOLS

Enhanced CDC Public Health Image Library Available Online

The online CDC Public Health Image Library (PHIL) has been updated and enhanced with a new design and new functions. PHIL contains over seven thousand free public health-related images, including high-resolution photographs and illustrations and CDC-produced videos devoted to topics ranging from the medical/scientific to public health, past & present to CDC, past and present.

Nearly all photos and illustrations are copyright cleared, although users should attribute CDC as the source of an image where appropriate. Images are accessible by persons using both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. PHIL photos and illustrations are routinely used to enhance news reports, health promotion brochures, manuscripts, classroom instruction, and websites. PHIL is available at http://phil.cdc.gov/phil/home.asp.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Global Health Odyssey New Tour Guide Training

Event: **Global Health Odyssey New Tour Guide Training**
Date: July 6 and July 14, Time: 12 pm – 1:15 pm
Location: GHO Theater
Contact person: Trudi Ellerman – 404-639-0829
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The Global Health Odyssey is seeking volunteers to join our tour guide program. Serving as a tour guide is a great way to interact with the public about CDC and how your work impacts the lives of the American public and others around the world.

If you are enthusiastic about public health and the work of CDC, you would make a great tour guide. Our tour guides average one tour per month and generally spend 30 minutes per group. Our visitors are quite diverse including middle and high school students, senior citizens, public health professionals, and scientists from around the world among others.

If you are interested in becoming a tour guide, we invite you to join one of two upcoming tour guide trainings on July 6 or July 14. The trainings will be brown bag sessions from 12 pm – 1:15 pm. Participants will be coached on all of the aspects of giving group tours. Specifics about the exhibits, tips on public speaking, and how to address different age levels are all topics that will be covered. To sign up for a training session or for more information please contact Trudi Ellerman.
Please note that participation in the tour guide program at the Global Health Odyssey is at the discretion of your supervisor

MEMBER NEWS:
"Congrats to **Bill and Diane Boyd** on the June 18, 2005, marriage of their daughter Jennifer. A GA-Tech grad in textile, for the past 3+ years, Jen has been a patent examiner and 2nd generation Fed(!) and has done community service, tutoring a Bolivian-American student. Her spouse Andy Chriss, also a GA-Tech grad (but in EE), works for Booz Allen Hamilton in communications, plays a great rock guitar, and has run in the annual Marine-Corps-sponsored October Marathon in Arlington.

After their honeymoon to Portugal and Spain's *Costa del Sol,* Jen and Andy will reside in DC. With Bill's and Diane's son Daniel soon to matriculate (*hey, when was the last time you saw that word?!)* at Johns Hopkins, 3/5 of the extended Boyd family will likely become prospective Oriole's or Nat's fans."

Glenn Acham has accepted a Project Officer position with the CDC's, Prevention Program Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention-Intervention Research and Support, NCHSTP. His start date was Monday, June 27. Glenn started his CDC career in the New York City STD Program and later moved to the TB Program before reassigning to HRSA in 1994. Welcome back, Glenn

TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS & TDYs
On 5/29/05 **Russ Cantrell** was promoted as the Senior PHA for the Georgia STD Program.

Tracina Cropper DTBE has been selected for the Senior Public Health Advisor position at the Michigan Department of Community Health in Lansing, Michigan. Tracina started this new position April 2005.

Mildred Perez DSTDP has accepted a transfer with promotion to the Division of TB Elimination, St. Louis, MO, effective, May 29, 2005.

Vernon Pressley DSTDP has accepted a transfer to New York, NY, effective May 15, 2005.

Jocelyn Dudley DSTDP has accepted a transfer to DeKalb County, GA effective April 17, 2005.

Helen Hill-Fields DSTDP has accepted a transfer to DeKalb County, GA effective April 17, 2005.

Jane Russell DSTDP has accepted a position with the Program Development and Support Branch, Nashville, TN, effective May 15, 2005.
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CDC Leadership Profile: Meet **Anne Schuchat** - 6/7/2005

As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of Anne Schuchat, MD, CAPT, USPHS, Acting Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Name: Anne Schuchat, MD, CAPT, USPHS
Title: Acting Director, NCID (February 2005)

Responsibilities: Help transition NCID into a high-functioning organization that works smoothly within the context of the Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases, maintaining cohesion for our 10 divisions and 1,000 employees, and planning strategies to achieve health impacts within the new CDC framework.

First Job at CDC: EIS Officer, Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch, NCID, Atlanta (1988)

Path to Public Health: Schuchat went to medical school at Dartmouth Medical School, initially planning to be a small-town doctor. She did her residency training in New York City at the NYU-Manhattan VA Hospital.

“I enjoyed internal medicine, the hospital environment, and working with patients. I came to CDC as an EIS officer in 1988, expecting to go back to a clinical career, but I just loved working here and doing epidemiology.”

She was assigned to the Meningitis and Special Pathogens Branch in NCID, where she collaborated with laboratory scientists, CDC and state-based epidemiologists on a large study of sporadic listeriosis aimed to identify dietary risk factors for the disease. The study included testing whether the strain of Listeria monocytogenes that caused the patients’ illnesses was also present in foods from their homes, using molecular fingerprinting techniques.

“Before this study, there was no regulation in the food industry to eliminate or restrict the presence of this pathogen in processed meats. After our study, the USDA instituted a ‘zero tolerance’ policy, which prohibited the sale of ready-to-eat processed meats with any L. monocytogenes. The industry improved their processing in order to eliminate the bacteria where it was present. Through active surveillance between 1989 and 1993, we demonstrated a significant decrease in the incidence of listeriosis.”
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After her EIS assignment, Schuchat stayed on as a medical epidemiologist at NCID, spending her career within the Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases. In 1998, she became the chief of the Respiratory Diseases Branch. Globally, she has worked in West Africa on meningitis vaccine studies, in South Africa on surveillance and prevention projects, and in China on SARS emergency response and epidemiologic studies.

"Highlights have been contributing to prevention of a number of bacterial diseases, including Group B streptococcus infections in newborns. We have had an 80 percent decrease, preventing about 40,000 newborn infections since national prevention efforts began. Since 1989, I have been a part of the ABCs surveillance system in the US which has demonstrated prevention of pneumococcal and Hib infections as well as group B strep. We're now working on a similar surveillance program in South Africa and seeing tremendous public health potential."

Last Book(s) Read: A Change of Tongue by Antjie Krog which she describes as "a beautiful book featuring the voices of the new South Africa," and The Love Wife, by Gish Jen, which she terms "a funny story about a Chinese American family in the U.S."

Family: She has been happily married for 13 years.

What are the top priorities you are working on? "My top priority is to improve our ability to do excellent infectious disease science leading to public health impact. That will happen if we can function more efficiently within the Coordinating Center framework. We have opportunities to think creatively about infectious diseases beyond those within each of our Centers, and try to have greater impact through collaboration inside and outside the agency. There are huge opportunities in the United States and around the world for us to achieve health benefits.

"I also want to improve the global infectious disease work that CDC and NCID are doing, focusing on both established problems and emerging microbial threats such as Avian influenza. Our ability to work in a more coordinated way is going to have tremendous pay off.

"It's very important to me that NCID be a place for professional development – where people can achieve their career goals and see the fruits of their work realized. I have worked at CDC for 17 years – always within NCID. Much of my career gratification has come from working with colleagues. The ability to feel that you are always learning and that you are always contributing is why I love working here. I hope I can promote an environment where that experience is possible for all NCID employees."
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CDC Leadership Profile: Meet Steve Solomon , 6/14/2005
As part of our series of leadership profiles, we continue with a profile of Steve Solomon, Acting Director, National Center for Health Marketing.

Title: Acting Director, National Center for Health Marketing (February 2005)
Responsibilities: Directs and manages CDC's newest organization, the National Center for Health Marketing. Total staff is about 400 people.

"We are designing and developing NCHM to be a service organization that strengthens and amplifies CDC's extraordinary expertise and makes it more accessible and available to our partners and the people we serve. Health Marketing is about giving people
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‘actionable’ knowledge that empowers them to make informed personal choices about their health and helping develop and improving health-related systems to give people more opportunities to act on those choices.

“In Health Marketing, we do that by enhancing and facilitating CDC’s relationships with a broad array of partners in health – governmental, private sector, non-profits, healthcare providers, educational institutions, faith-based partners in health, and others. Health Marketing also has an important role in helping to coordinate and add value to the extraordinary work going on around CDC in health communications and social marketing. By leveraging and finding areas of synergy in our health-communications activities, we can greatly increase the effectiveness of our public health mission by providing vital information to both the general public and to professional and technical audiences. NCHM staff manages the MMWR and The Guide to Community Preventive Services, two of our most important CDC publications. NCHM also manages a variety of outreach and technical resources, such as the TV studio and graphics and Web design.”

First Job at CDC: EIS Officer, Hospital Infections Program, CID, 1981

Path to Public Health: “I was in private practice in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases in the Washington, DC, area. My work with patients confirmed what I had learned during my residency and fellowship – that a lot of medical problems are preventable by public health intervention and that a focus on more pro-active public health could keep a lot of people out of emergency rooms and doctors’ offices. I also came to believe that problems of limited access to health care, medical errors (called ‘iatrogenic illness’ in those days) and dysfunction in the healthcare system was a primary public health concern-although it’s only in more recent years that this idea has become more accepted.

“At teaching rounds one day, when I was a house officer in Washington in 1976, a young, energetic EIS officer by the name of Steve Thacker gave a great presentation about an epidemic investigation he had recently been a part of, in which a large number of American Legionnaires had developed respiratory disease after attending their convention at a hotel in Philadelphia. It sounded like incredibly exciting work and I never forgot that presentation. It led me to CDC.

“Leading the Marketing Center is really the culmination of my career at CDC. This is an extraordinary opportunity to use all my training and experience to take ideas that form this new and very exciting concept and make these ideas become real. It also allows me to work with an extraordinary group of people, many of whom are “unsung heroes” who really don’t get as much credit as is due to them for their remarkable work and unstinting dedication to public health and CDC.”

Steve Solomon with his wife Bess Miller and their two sons, David and Matthew, at Matthew’s high school graduation. Miller says with a smile, “The boys may tower above Steve but he’s still in charge.”

Last book(s) read: The Sling and the Stone: On War in the 21st Century by Thomas X. Hammes; In the Shadow of No Towers by Art Spiegelman.

Family: Resides in Atlanta, with his wife of 24 years, Bess Miller, who is the Associate Director for HIV/TB Prevention and Care in CDC's Global AIDS Program. They have two children, David, 21, and Matthew, 18.

What are the top priorities you are working on? "Our top priority is to really establish an institutional identity for the concept we call health marketing. This is not about selling sneakers or SUVs, and it is far more than "social marketing" which is a vital part of what we do and is a well recognized academic and public health practice discipline. We view health marketing as a flexible tool for helping to promote, amplify, and increase the effectiveness of all of CDC's public health activities.

- "Health marketing incorporates
- targeted information dissemination,
- evaluation of communication tools and programs,
- pro-active outreach for building constituency and partnerships to help enhance CDC's program activities,
- providing a variety of tools and mechanisms to serve our colleagues at CDC.

We are developing a research enterprise focused on better understanding our customers, providing direct service to the public through 1-800-CDC, supporting CDC's work with our key partners in state and local health departments with both direct assistance and consultation, and 'turning up the dial' on our evaluation capacity."
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RETIREMENTS

After over 31 years with the Federal Government, **Teresa Stephens** will retire from the Atlanta Human Resources Center on July 2, 2005.

Teresa started her Federal career in June 1970 with the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1976, she was selected as a Career Intern in their Personnel Office. Over the years, she worked as an Employee Relations Specialist and Personnel Staffing Specialist. In 1985, Teresa transferred to Fort McPherson, Georgia and continued in the Human Resources arena working at the US Forces Command and at Ft. McPherson Garrison.

In July 1991, Teresa resigned from Federal Service to spend her time at home with her new son. She enjoyed being a homemaker until 1995 when she finally came to CDC to continue her career. Over the next several years, her roles expanded vastly. She ends her career as the Director, Client Services Division, AHRC. Her invaluable contributions have contributed greatly to the success of AHRC Client Services Division.

After retirement, Teresa and her family plan to move home to Nashville, Tennessee and spend time with her extended family. She and her husband, Ken, also plan to volunteer at local Nursing Homes.

AHRC hosted a reception on July 1.
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After over 20 years of Federal service, **Gregory W. Heath,** DHSc, is retiring from CDC. Dr. Heath has accepted the position of Professor and Head, Department of Health and Human Performance, at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Professor of Medicine and Director of Research at the University Of Tennessee College Of Medicine,

Chattanooga Unit. Dr. Heath began his Federal career as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer assigned to the Center for Health Promotion and Education, Behavioral Epidemiology and Evaluation Branch, in 1985. He, then, served as an Epidemiologist/Exercise Physiologist with the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion=s (NCCDPHP) Division of Chronic Disease Control and Community Intervention (DCDCCI), until 1993. For the next two years, Dr. Heath served as an Epidemiologist/Exercise Physiologist with the Statistics and Epidemiology Branch in the Division of Surveillance and Epidemiology of the Epidemiology Program Office and the Disabilities Prevention Program. Then, he served NCCDPHP=s Division of Adult and Community Health (DACH): for two years as an Epidemiologist/Exercise Physiologist with the Behavioral Surveillance Branch; for one year as Acting Associate Director for Science; and for one-and-one-half years as Acting Chief of the Cardiovascular Health Branch. In 2000, Dr. Heath joined the Physical Activity and Health Branch of NCCDPHP=s Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity as Lead Health Scientist and Leader of the Program and Interventions TeamBthe position he holds to this day.

Dr. Heath's contributions to public health, CDC, and the American public have been numerous and significant. Examples include: Healthy People 2000 and 2010; 1996 Surgeon General=s Report on Physical Activity and Health; Disability Surveillance; and The Guide to Community Preventive Services. A luncheon was held July 6th.

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Alan Greenberg will be retiring from the CDC this summer, after 20 years of service as a Commissioned Corps Officer, and will be moving to Washington DC to assume new responsibilities as a Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the GWU School of Public Health and Health Services. In recognition of his dedicated service to CDC and HIV prevention efforts worldwide, and in appreciation of his leadership and mentorship to many friends and colleagues at CDC, celebrated a retirement party in his honor on June 29.

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After 22 years, **Bill Sappenfield** will retire from Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC and the Public Health Service on August 1, 2005. Bill started CDC in 1983 as U.S. Public Health Service Epidemiology Training Fellow. He completed his Masters of Public Health at Harvard University with an emphasis in epidemiology. He then joined the EIS and became the first EIS legacy. Robert Sappenfield, his father, served in the first EIS Class of 1951.

Bill started his EIS with the Division of Reproductive Health and completed his EIS and Preventive Medicine Training at the Mississippi Department of Health with then CDC's Division of Field Services. In 1987, he became first career assignee of CDC's Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Program to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Over the next 18 years, Bill played major roles in developing the MCH EPI Program. Before retirement, he served as an MCH Epidemiologist in three state public health agencies and at CityMatCH—a national public health organizations serving urban public health agencies. He finished his career for the last 4 years serving as the Team Leader for the MCH EPI Program.

In August, Bill will be moving with his family to Tallahassee, Florida to become the State MCH Epidemiologist for the Florida Department of Health.
Please join us in celebrating Bill's retirement from the CDC.

Date: Friday, July 22 Time: 2:00-4:00
Place: Columbia Building, 1064/1065

In preparation for his retirement a memory book is being created. If you have thoughts and memories you'd like to contribute please send them to Claire Moore .

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After 30 years of distinguished service, **Captain Richard I. Gerber,** BSN, MBA, is retiring from Federal Service effective June 30, 2005. Rich began his Public Health Service career as a Commissioned Officer on July 1, 1975 at the PHS hospital in Staten Island, NY working in a variety of hospital components, including burn unit, trauma, coronary care, dialysis, emergency room and intensive care. In November 1976, Rich served in a similar capacity on a detail to Beirut, Lebanon, with a subsequent PHS hospital assignment in San Francisco. In 1981, Rich joined the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), working in the Audit For Fraud and Abuse Department. Rich transferred to the HCFA Regional Office in Atlanta in 1983. In 1987, Rich joined the ATSDR as an Environmental Health Analyst, working closely with the National Academy of Sciences. In 1989, Rich re-joined HCFA as a Project Officer, managing the Peer Review Program. In 1991, Rich joined PHIPPO as a consultant working with the Prospective Costing System program.

In 1993, Rich joined the National Center For Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT) as Chief of the Program Services Section. In 1995, Rich became Deputy Branch Chief, Program Development Branch, DDT. Rich was instrumental in the development of the Division's Management Information System (MIS), as well as a partnership with the Columbia University School of Public Heatlh that resulted in the establishment of a chronic disease curriculum in the MPH program.

Rich enjoys cooking and is looking forward to having more time to travel with his wife, Val. A reception was held in Rich's honor on June 30.

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After nearly 28 years of Federal service, **Lennie Waugh** has decided to transition to the "19th hole" in the retirement mode. Lennie began his Federal career as a Presidential Management Intern in the Human Resources Management Office with the Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky, and subsequently transferred to the VA Medical Center in Atlanta in 1981. After several years working in Human Resources (HR) for the VA, Office of Personnel Management, and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta, he joined the Human Resources Office at CDC in 1998. Lennie served as an HR consultant to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) until September 2004, when he was appointed as a Public Health Analyst with NCCDPHP, Division of Diabetes Translation. One of his most noteworthy contributions, as a founding member of a team was the development and implementation of a succession planning initiative. The program is a collaborative partnership with graduate schools of public health, beginning with the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, to develop future public health professionals for CDC. He also served as a member of the newly established "Workforce Development and Succession Planning (WDSP) Committee" and played a vital role in the development of a Pilot WDSP Program for NCCDPHP. After retirement, among many planned activities, Lennie will continue to serve as an Instructor for the USDA Graduate School, expand his photographic avocation, reduce his golf handicap and spend more time in the fairway instead of the woods.

A luncheon was held at the Violette Restaurant
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After 22 years of distinguished service with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **Suzanne M. Smith**, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.A., has announced that she will retire on August 1, 2005.

Since October 2005, Dr. Smith has been lead for "Team B," Office of Strategy and Innovation, Office of the Director, tasked with challenging and stimulating CDC during this period of dramatic internal and external changes. Prior to this assignment, Dr. Smith was the Acting Director, Public Health Practice Program Office, where she was responsible for leading CDC activities to strengthen and build the capacity of the public health system.

During the course of Dr. Smith's 22-year CDC career, she has earned the respect and affection of many colleagues both inside CDC and in the wider community beyond. She has held a variety of scientific, programmatic, and leadership roles, working with governmental and Tribal public health colleagues, healthcare systems, universities, disease and injury prevention programs, and aging services. She is a graduate of Penn State University (B.A.), the Medical College of Pennsylvania (M.D.), Emory University (M.P.H.), and Harvard University (M.P.A.), where she was a Kennedy Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Smith is board-certified in internal medicine, infectious diseases, and preventive medicine, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

In 2002, she was awarded the Outstanding Alumna/ae Achievement Award from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Smith is a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service, and her commitment to public health will be missed by all.

Dr. Smith will become a Clinical Professor, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, School of Public Health and Health Sciences, working on a professional development project with the Chronic Disease Directors.

A celebration will be held in her honor on Thursday, July 28, from 2-4 p.m. in Auditorium A (Roybal Campus). Employees who wish to send cards, e-mails, letters or memoranda, or wish to contribute toward a retirement gift for Dr. Smith may send these items and donations to Ms. Monica Smith.

I hope that all of you can join us for this very special occasion in celebration of Dr. Smith's accomplishments and in wishing her all the best in her new position at the University of Massachusetts.

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SHARE --Services to Help All Regular Employees

TRIO! Bella Fleck, Stanley Clarke and Jean-Luc Ponty
October 16, 2005 Sunday
From: 08:00 PM To: 10:00 PM
Location: Symphony Hall - Woodruff Arts Center –

Tickets $43, email Tony to reserve
Web site: http://intralink.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#trio

(For details about this event)
Contact: Tony McDonald - 404-498-6217
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Phantom of the Opera
Sunday, September 18, 2005
From: 06:30 PM To: 09:00 PM
Location: Fox Theatre - Tickets $51,
- Email Tony McDonald for reservations URL link has more info
Web site: http://intralink.cdc.gov/ecp/groups/share/shnews.html#phantom
(For details about this event)

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Chief, Maternal and Infant Health BRANCH, Division of Reproductive Health
Please share this announcement broadly. Although posted as a 601 health scientist due to the new CDC interpretation of OPM standards, this position has historically been filled by a 685 public health advisor. It's a great opportunity to join a diverse, strong scientific branch with both domestic and global activities seeking to improve maternal and infant health.
685 are encouraged to apply!

http://vaps.hrmo.cdc.gov/viewdetail.asp?AnnouncementNumber=1-05-3372&QuickHireAnnouncement=N

POSITION: Supervisory Health Scientist GS-0601 -14
OPENING DATE: 6/29/2005 **Apply for: MP1-05-3372**

CLOSING DATE: 7/13/2005

LOCATION: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Reproductive Health, Maternal and Infant Health Branch, Atlanta, GA

WHO MAY APPLY:***
Current or former competitive service Federal employees with permanent tenure. Candidates for employment programs such as 30% disabled veterans, Persons with Disabilities, and ICTAP eligibles. Preference eligibles or veterans who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.

DUTIES:
The incumbent will serve as the Deputy Branch Chief of MIHB on the development, direction, and coordination of management policies, activities, and operations related to the conduct of CDC program assigned. The incumbent develops and analyzes various science and public health budget initiatives, from legislation through implementation, in order to ultimately contribute to the improvement of agency. The incumbent develops goals and objectives that integrate organization, research evaluation of projects and program objectives. Establishes, revises, or reviews policies, procedures mission objective, and organization design for the staff, as necessary to eliminate work problems or barriers to mission accomplishment, promote team building, implement quality improvements, or in response to concerns with regulatory compliance and/or customer requirements. Plans work by subordinate teams/units, sets and adjusts short-term priorities, and prepares schedule based in consideration of difficulty of requirements and

assignments such that the experience, training, and abilities if the staff are effectively utilized to meet organization and customer needs. Provides team leaders, staff, and/or contractors with direction and advice regarding polices, procedures, and guidelines. Reviews and structures organization to optimize use of resources and maximizes efficiency and effectiveness of the organization. The incumbent directs, coordinates, and oversees work through team leaders. Advises staff regarding policies, procedures and directives of higher-level management or headquarters. Ensures reasonable equity among units of performance standards developed, modified, and/or interpreted and rating techniques developed by team leaders. The incumbent furthers the goal of equal employment opportunities (EEO) by taking positive steps to assure the accomplishment of workforce diversity and affirmative action objectives and by adhering to nondiscriminatory employee practices. Establishes, develops and maintains effective working relationships with other division staff, CIO's, state and local health departments, key influential persons from academia and non-governmental organizations. The incumbent researches and determines or recommends appropriate actions or interpretation of issues that impact CDC, DHHS, national and international health organizations. Recommends appropriate steps to achieve Branch objectives. Provides guidance and support in developing appropriate funding instruments, e.g., contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and purchase and task orders. The incumbent provides guidance to ensure that all funding instruments are properly developed and monitored.

Please see full announcement for additional details.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT Indian Health Service
NO.NP-MPP-05-0037
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OPENING DATE 06-30-05 CLOSING DATE 07-29-05
Indian Health Service GS-0685-12 GS-0685-13, Public Health Advisor

Office of Public Health Support/ Division of Epidemiology/ Albuquerque, NM
AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources
RELOCATION: Relocation Expenses will be paid.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: GS-12: Incumbent will perform the same duties as the GS-12, however, the duties will be performed with lesser independence and under close supervision. **GS-13:** The incumbent of this position serves as a public health advisor to Tribal Epidemiology Centers with direct responsibility for overall program direction and guidance in project administration for management of grants and cooperative agreements. The Tribal Epidemiology Centers (Epi Centers) are established on cooperative agreements between the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal organizations to serve the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations in the region. Core functions of the Epi Centers include surveillance and enhancement of surveillance of disease conditions, injury and risk factors, epidemiologic analyses, interpretation and dissemination of surveillance data, investigation of disease outbreaks, development and implementation of disease control and prevention programs, working with agency, national and local entities on emergency preparedness, and coordination of activities with other public health authorities in the region. Facilitates positive communication and efficient dissemination and explanation of guidance and information between the IHS and the Epi Center. Provides expert guidance to Epi Centers for interpreting and applying federal and IHS grants and cooperative guidelines, policies, and operational procedures. Provides technical advice and assistance to Epi Centers in preparing and revising continuation applications for funding, program workplans, budgets, and service delivery contracts consistent with program guidelines. Facilitates

coordination and cooperation with the Division's project office and the IHS grants management office. Serves as effective advocate to IHS for the unique needs and concerns of the Epi Center and assures Epi Center input into national program activities, policies, and procedures. Fosters a partnership approach in resolving operational problems. Assists in monitoring progress and anticipating problems with program implementation through regular communication with the Epi Center director and professional staff concerning program components and the ongoing review of program data. Provides technical advice and assists Epi Centers to establish and manage a complex program around public health issues. Assistance involves developing strategies to integrate data from a multitude of sources, promoting the utilization of nationally and professionally recognized guidelines. Provides technical advice and assists the Epi Center to develop and implement quality surveillance systems for monitoring the accuracy of AI/AN specific data. Assists the Center in establishing a broad based local coalition to advise and support the Epi Center. Assistance involves the identification of potential coalition members and definition of coalition roles and responsibilities. Participates in setting long term goals and short term objectives for each Epi Center including the establishment of annual program plans with identified priorities and specific activities to be accomplished by projected timetables. Contributes to the development of program policies, procedures and training programs. Completes expert reviews of applications for cooperative agreement funding and serves as a technical resource to the objective review panel and prepares panel summaries of panel deliberations; annotates requested program budgets indicating specific recommendations for changes and line items that need to be restricted. Performs other duties as assigned.
For all job details please see full announcement at:
http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=31554166&AVSDM=2005%2D06%2D30+16%3A10%3A04&Logo=0&jbf522=0685&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/series_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=0&SUBMIT1.y=0

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The **Houston Department of Health and Human Services has an opening for a Bureau Chief** for its Bureau of Tuberculosis Control in the Division of Communicable Disease. This highly rated program has a staff of approximately 100 employees with an annual budget of approximately $5 million. Funding sources are city funds, state general funds, and direct CDC cooperative agreement funds. The Bureau Chief supervises and coordinates the activities of Bureau employees using consultative and educational expertise and support in this specialized public health area. A doctoral degree in public health or closely related field along with four years of supervisory and administrative experience in a major health agency is preferred although a Master's degree with additional experience can be substituted. Salary is dependent on qualifications but range is upper 60's to 70's.

Further information can be found at http://www.houstontx.gov/jobs/102698.pdf or contact Dr. Cathy Troisi, Assistant Director of Communicable Diseases.

Email resumes (include the following information: position: Bureau Chief, Tuberculosis control, PN# 102698, and your social security number) to hrresume@cityofhouston.net and to Dr. Troisi.
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