

The President-Elect will serve as such for one year, and will then assume the presidency the following year - a two-year commitment in two levels of responsibility. Nominees must be FULL members of the Watsonian Society (associate and honorary members are not eligible), and current CDC employees. Nominees can be field or Atlanta based.

Recorder:

Due to unusual circumstances, a special election will be held for Recorder. Normally a 2-year commitment, this will only be for calendar year 2007. Nominees must be active or retired members of the Watsonian Society (associate and honorary members are not eligible). Nominees can be field or Atlanta based.

Self-nominations are welcomed!

Please consider serving your fellow WATSONIANS in one of these important leadership positions.

For more information on the duties of executive committee members, please feel free to contact any of the current or past officers. A list can be found on our website at <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/Officers.HTM>.

Please submit names by November 10, 2006 to STACY HARPER Watsonian Society President.

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**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Please remember to notify us ( R. Varga) of a change in your email address. Remember the WATSONIAN WEBSITE is located at <http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/default.htm>  
We hope to have Banquet 2006 pictures posted there soon.

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EVENTS

The Annual Watsonian Society Retirement Pig Roast And BBQ

Date: **Saturday - NOVEMBER 4, 2006**

Time: **3:00-7:00 pm**

Tickets: **\$10/person (pre-purchased), \$15 at the door** -- \$ Cash Bar

Location:

American Legion Post 140 aka "The Hut"
3905 Powers Ferry Road N.W.

TICKET Sellers:

Roybal Campus/Clifton Rd: Valerie Kokor (Bldg 21,) Ted Pestorius (Bldg 1)

Chamblee: Linda Webb

Corporate Center: Kathryn Koski (Bldg 10); Denise Borntreger, (Bldg 8); Michelle Rose (Bldg 8); Stacy Harper (Bldg 11)

Koger Center: Bill Ramsey

Executive Park: Dianne Ochoa

Retiree Sales: Fred Martich



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AWARD WINNERS:

Our **2006 Outstanding PHA Award** went to **Virginia Swezy**, Coordinating Center For Infectious Diseases, National Center For Immunization & Respiratory Diseases, Global Immunization Division, Polio Eradication Branch, (CDC/CCID/NCIRD) and her nomination is below:

Virginia Swezy was nominated and received the award for Outstanding PHA in recognition of her tremendous management of CDC's Stop Transmission of Polio (STOP) team from 1999 to the present, and her contributions to fostering the role of PHAs in international health at CDC.

Highlights of Virginia's extraordinary accomplishments include:

- Coordinating the recruitment, training and assignment of 745 health professionals to 51 countries.
- Broadening the scope of STOP from support for polio eradication, to include measles mortality reduction, strengthening routine immunization, and data management.
- Supporting STOP teams deployed throughout the world, to difficult and sometimes dangerous countries, as well as stressful work environments.
- Significantly strengthening the role and capacity of PHAs in international health programs at CDC, including:
 - Mentoring the many PHAs that have participated in the STOP program. This includes providing advice through the recruitment process, training, collaboration and assistance during their international assignment.
 - Providing key international experience to PHAs who have continued to work in international health at CDC, WHO and UNICEF after their STOP assignments.

- Thirteen PHAs continued work with the Global Immunization Division (GID) in Atlanta, through assignments to India, Africa, Egypt, and to the UN Foundation.
- Seven PHAs have continued international health work at CDC through the GAP, IEIP, and other programs.

Virginia's dedication to the program and each STOP member is exceptional. This nomination recognizes her outstanding management of the STOP program and her enormous contributions to strengthening the role of PHAs.

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We had two **2006 Honorary PHA Awards**.

1) **Amelda "Jean" Richard**

As her award was posthumous, her daughter, **Karen Richard Lee** accepted the award.

Justification Nomination of Amelda "Jean" Richard for Honorary PHA 2006  
(Posthumous)

Since the 1950's, a large percentage of PHAs have worked in the Chicago STD Program at one time or another in their careers. During their assignment there, many of them encountered – and all benefited from – the work of Amelda "Jean" Richard. Starting as a clerk, Jean advanced through the Chicago Department of Health (CDOH) system to achieve a leadership position as the Deputy Director for Clinic Administration, with responsibility for 5 STD clinics in the CDOH. Over more than 30 years, through her management expertise, work ethic, and commitment to high standards, Jean positively impacted the lives of people at-risk for STDs and the success of PHAs whose job it was to reduce morbidity and mortality from STDs in Chicago.

The work environment in the Chicago STD Program could be challenging. As in other city and state STD programs, resources, including clinic facilities and dollars, were never optimal, and there were differences between PHAs and CDOH staff in terms of pay, training, and career development and advancement opportunities. Not everyone was committed to providing the best patient services. These factors contributed to rifts among staff and affected staff morale and the ability of the PHAs and CDOH staff to work as a team to achieve their public health goals. But throughout her career, Jean remained absolutely non-partisan, a total team player, using as her only standard the quality of the work performed by each individual to achieve the best patient care possible. In her no-nonsense way, she held her staff and colleagues – both CDOH and PHAs –accountable for their performance. In this, she was a role model for both CDOH and PHA staff, and a critical factor in the success of the 685 series' mission and function.

Jean was a key member of the STD Program's senior management team, and provided critical support and advice over the years to the many PHAs in Chicago who shared her standards and her commitment to making program and service improvements. She "kept the trains running" by juggling the ever-present crises resulting from staff absences, resource shortages, and the daily crush of patients needing care. At the same time, she was always open to new ways of providing and improving clinical services. Jean's efforts and support were critical to the ability of CDOH to serve as an STD Clinical Training Center. She worked with the Program's Medical Director to include clinic patients in clinical studies, the financial proceeds of which went to pay for equipment, supplies and additional staff for the clinics. Starting in 1988, Jean worked closely with the rest of the

senior management team – almost all PHAs – to develop and implement the Public Health Associate Training Center in Chicago. This highly successful training center, established as one of a series to set the standard for PHA training in shoe-leather epidemiology, contributed significantly to the goals, mission and success of the PHA series by graduating scores of top-quality PHAs whose work benefited from Jean's efforts to provide the best clinical services possible with the resources at hand.

During her long career, Amelda "Jean" Richard embodied the traits of a good PHA – she was persistent in the face of many challenges, worked in committed partnership with a diverse team, and strived to do whatever it took to ensure the public's health.

## 2) **Laurence "Larry" Farer**

Larry's award was also posthumous, and as Larry's family could not be at the banquet because of a prior commitment outside the country, they will accept at NEXT YEAR'S banquet.

A note from Frances Ogaswara - she was present at the 2006 banquet, and the friend of Larry Farer's, one of our honorary PHAs.

. . . Thank you very much for inviting me to the Watsonian Society's awards ceremony and banquet. Larry would have been delighted to receive this honor. I am pleased to have been present to hear the good news. Also, I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with friends whom I don't see very often. Thanks again, Sincerely, Frances Ogasawara.

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NOTES FROM THE PREZ

My Fellow Watsonians,

Some of you may have heard me say this at the banquet, but I want to thank you via this format as well: It's been one helluva year!

As my year of President of the Watsonian Society winds down, and I pass the reigns over to Ted Pectorius on December 31st, I want to express to you what an incredible honor it has been to serve you. I have attempted in every move to keep in mind what was best for the Society and for the Public Health Advisor Series. We've faced some incredible challenges over the past few years with the Futures Initiative, including the various roll-ups, stand-ups, soft stand ups, and all the other ups and downs of change. I've been able to serve on several committees looking at the Public Health Advisor Series, and plans for new hires. I hope these efforts continue.

My favorite moments of the past year are the incredible accomplishments of the Executive Committee to help the entire Society run in an efficient manner. This has included changing the membership database to make it more user-friendly, and easier to look up dues status. Kathryn Koski has been the point person on that project, and has made life for us all a LOT easier. The EC, and Kathryn especially, have also been great friends and ears to me to make sure I'm on the right track. The candor, thoughtfulness, and support have been invaluable. Without them, the society would be lost. I also truly appreciate the volunteers for the various events. Every time I put out a call for help, I was inundated with assistance. I would love to thank each and every person that helped, but they are too numerous to mention!

There are a lot of moments I'll remember from this experience, but here are a few I'll share:

Being asked by Dr. Gerberding to serve on CDC's 60th Anniversary Committee to represent the Watsonians. I further volunteered to help make SOME of the 270 banners representing each job series at CDC used the day of the celebration, but somehow that volunteering got turned into ALL of them. My call for help went out to write on the banners, and I had visions of us sitting for 4 to 5 hours making banners, and then me going home to do an all-nighter with the remainder of them to get them ready in time. So many people turned up at the Famous Pub, that we were DONE IN UNDER 2 HOURS! That "get the job done" attitude came into play, and folks just buckled down. That was the most fun I'd had in MONTHS!

Speaking with the Director of TB, Dr. Ken Castro about the 60th anniversary committee meetings, and explaining to him that at every turn, other members of the committee would turn to me and ask: is that OK with the Watsonians? And Dr. Castro saying: yeah, you Watsonians are like the TEAMSTERS!!!

Another funny moment from the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Bill Watson, Dr. Dave Sencer, Bob Kohmescher and I got into the elevator, and Bob turned to the rest of us and said: "Well, it's not often that I'm the YOUNGSTER in the group." Thanks Bob, and check your birth certificate!

Another favorite: Jerry Shirah ONCE AGAIN complaining that the aspirins that he bought at the convenience store when he was having a heart attack and saved his life WERE TWO WHOLE DOLLARS!!! Dang, Jerry, I'll write ya a check!

Kathryn Koski and Stephanie Dulin tending bar at the Pig Roast and getting WAY more tips than me.

Jerry Naehr grilling my boyfriend (Todd) at the first event he attended. Neither Todd nor Jerry will tell me what they talked about. But I ALWAYS tell people that sometimes, since I grew up with 2 sisters and NO brothers, that being a Watsonian is like having several hundred big brothers there to protect me.

And although I do have 2 sisters, I also have dozens of Watsonian sisters. I felt that before I became involved in the society, that there weren't other women out there like me.

Dang, you've got to be cut of a certain cloth if you're a female PHA. You have to be able to swear like a sailor, drink like a fish, and work like a dog. Or, at least put up with those that do.

When many people learn that I was the first female president of the Watsonian Society, they will ask me how I got elected. My first response is: I learned to drink copious amounts of beer. Of course, I realized that not all PHAs drink, but that in NO way detracts from their importance as a colleague, and we won't hold it against them.

And lastly, the most important thing I'll remember is everyone coming to my rescue every time I needed help. Thank you again for your patience with me over the last year. I have learned a ton from this experience, and I hope that you each have **and take** the

in San Francisco, California, as Regional Director for the Centers for Disease Control of five western states, including Washington, California, Arizona, Oregon and Alaska, as well as Hawaii and the territories of Guam and American Samoa. Dad stayed 18 years in San Francisco, retiring in 1982 after 30 years of civil service. In 2004, Dad was honored when the CDC requested his expertise in addressing the outbreak of the SARS epidemic.

Dad became a key figure in the successful incorporation of Foster City, California, in 1972, where the family lived from 1968 to 1982. He served as Planning Commissioner in 1972, one of the first City Councilmember's from 1972 to 1974, and was named the third Mayor of Foster City in 1973. Our house was always bustling with various fundraising and political meetings until the wee hours of the morning.

Upon his retirement, Dad returned to South Carolina to personally design and build his dream home. He chose Edisto Beach, where he made his ascent to the top of his 4th floor 'widow's walk' to raise and lower his American flag. After five years, he returned to Castro Valley, California, at the request of Mom to be closer to the grandchildren.

Although, Dad was a member and leader within many organizations and clubs, The Foster City Lions Club had a very large place in my Dad's heart. He joined in 1968 and was President from 1981 to 1982. He was an active member until his death and was always up for a good cause, be it the Holiday Tree Drive, Helen Keller Fellow Eye Foundation, Friends of the Library, The International Youth Exchange Program. One of his fondest activities was working on the Lions Club Fourth of July Program; and we remember our kitchen steaming with gallons of Uncle Paul's Rib Kickin', Finger Lickin' good Bar-B-Que sauce which was lovingly referred to as the "Rocket Fuel" for the evening fireworks event!

Dad, we know your "love" was your mahogany boat you built in Tampa in 1956. Thanks for the lessons in casting for shrimp, crabbing at Edisto, catfishing at midnight in Lake Shasta and fishing for cod and salmon out of Half Moon Bay. Thanks for all the fresh abalone from your diving and rock-picking excursions at Ft. Bragg. A loving and loved Husband, Father, Brother, Son and friend, we will miss you greatly. Thanks for making us laugh and strive to be better human beings.

A private memorial service shall be held for family. If desired, donations may be made directly to the *American Cancer Society*. Thank you.

Paula Nelson

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**VAN JENKINS'** mother died October 4, 2006 at an Athens Georgia Nursing Home where she had been a resident for the last two years. A graveside service was held at the Union Cemetery on highway 106 near Ila, Georgia. Rachel Burt Jenkins celebrated her 102nd birthday on September 21, 2006. She was a career school teacher (retiring in the late 1960s ). Steadfast in her beliefs; she was always ready for a challenge. She lives on in our loving memories.

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DR. JAMES WALKER, LONG TIME TB CONTROL DIRECTOR FOR WEST VIRGINIA

We regret to announce the passing of James H. Walker, M.D., 89, of Charleston who died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006. He was known to many in the U.S. TB control community as

the Director of Tuberculosis Control for the West Virginia Department of Health. Dr. Walker was with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources for 40 years and there was a dramatic decline in the occurrence of tuberculosis in the state during his tenure. At the time he joined the program in 1954, almost a thousand new cases of the disease were reported annually, with a case rate of 41.5 per 100,000. Last year, the state reported a case rate of 5.1, well below the national average rate of 10.5. Dr. Walker spent many of his vacations on the Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico working to curb tuberculosis among the Navajos. He also served in West Virginia as medical director of Handicapped Children's Services, was a pioneer of cardiovascular surgery in West Virginia, chairman of West Virginia Occupational Pneumoconiosis, clinical professor of surgery at the School of Medicine, West Virginia University, from 1980 to the present, and a member of the Board of Trustees at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, from 1963 to 1989. He was a native of Charleston, W.Va., and was born Jan. 20, 1917. He received the Navajo Tribe Certification of Recognition for Outstanding Service. Dr. Walker received numerous other awards. Dr. Walker's military service was active duty in the Medical Corps of the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Helen L. Walker, their son, two stepsons, two sisters, and two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905 or West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, or CAMC Foundation, Charleston.

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#### Death of Retired CDC Employee

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Mr. William (Howard) Green, Sr.** who passed away suddenly on October 23, 2006. Howard Green retired officially from CDC in February 2005 after thirty-four years of service. Prior to his retirement, Howard served CDC as the Deputy Director of the Financial Management Office for over 10 years.

Howard began his career with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1971 as a Budget Analyst in the Budget Branch of the Financial Management Office. During this period, he served as the financial expert for several programs including the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Epidemiology Program Office (EPO), International Health Program Office (IHPO), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Office of the Director (OD), Office of Program Support (OPS), and the Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO).

Howard was a native of Huntsville, Alabama. He received his B.S. degree in Business Administration/Management from the Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama in 1971. While in college, Howard worked for 3 ½ years as a co-op student in the Personnel Management Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA in Huntsville, Alabama.

Howard served as mentor, coach, and advisor to countless leaders and employees throughout his career at CDC. He was known by many as a man who inspired people into greatness during their careers and gave generous professional and personal counsel, advise and encouragement to those around him.

Howard was also a very active and dedicated member of Friendship Baptist Church in College Park, Georgia, where he served as the Deacon Ministry Leader.

Howard is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Manervia Green of Fayetteville, Georgia; parents George and Lela Green, Sr; children William Howard Green, Jr. (Tica), Rita McDowell, Michael Simpson (Ronnetta), Kevin Green; seven grandchildren, one great grandchild; and a host of loving family members and friends.

The celebration of life for Howard will be held on Saturday October 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 4141 Old Fairburn Road, College Park, Georgia. Internment - Forest Lawn Cemetery. Gus Thornhill Funeral Home is managing final arrangements (1315 Gus Thornhill Jr Drive, East Point, Georgia - 404.768.2993).

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A FRIEND to many PHAs will be missed

ajc.com > Metro > Obituaries - 'Fuzzy' Cawthon, 56, bar owner

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Published on: 11/01/06 By KAY POWELL

In a bar, a bar was born. That bar grew into Fuzzy's Place, where owner "**Fuzzy**" **Cawthon** served up a blend of fun, food and music for nearly 30 years.

"It's one of the last local watering holes left in Atlanta owned by a local guy," said Brad Johnson of Atlanta. "It draws a cast of characters because Fuzzy was a character."

Business people crowd Fuzzy's Place at lunch for a menu developed by legendary chef Joe Dale. By happy hour, there is a mix of people in the bar. Seven nights a week when the live music begins about 8 p.m., the crowd is younger.

The atmosphere is low-key and the decor is unpretentious. The music room has a garish classic Chevrolet mural behind the stage, which showcases jazz singer Francine Reed with Java Monkey or the Breeze Kings with Tommy Brown or, every Wednesday night, Mike Veal.

That's just the way Mr. Cawthon wanted it.

"He was very much a character, a free spirit," said his brother, Chris Cawthon of Grayson. "He wanted a place to hang out with friends and have a cocktail and draw a paycheck."

The memorial service for Jefferson Michael "Fuzzy" Cawthon, 56, of Atlanta is at 11 a.m. today at Fuzzy's Place, 2015 N. Druid Hills Road. He died of a heart attack Oct. 24 at the Decatur residence of his mother, Martha Jo Cawthon. The body was cremated. Wages & Sons Funeral Home, Stone Mountain, was in charge of arrangements.

In the 1970s, Mr. Cawthon and his friends gathered at Alexander's Eagle on Buford Highway. Chatting with bartender Jerry Rooks, they decided to open a bar of their own in 1977.

and serve as the guiding document for formulating national, regional, and local strategies for ending health disparities. This effort will address the emphasis placed by nearly 2,000 leaders on Secretary Leavitt's priority for national leadership and community solutions. These leaders came from across the United States and attended the "National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health," convened in Washington, D.C., in January 2006.

During the period of the detail, Ms. Cobb-Souza will serve as a member of the senior management team in the Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), Office of the Secretary, HHS, advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, and provide overall leadership for development of the Action Agenda. As part of Ms. Cobb-Souza's leadership role, she will serve as the OPHS/OMH liaison with state and local elected officials and their national organizations, and work in concert with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, in the immediate Office of the Secretary, HHS.

Ms. Cobb-Souza will make a valuable contribution to OPHS/OMH. The activities she will accomplish during this detail will foster achievement of a number of HHS and CDC strategic objectives related to health system leadership, public engagement, partnerships and alliances, innovation, resource development, and efficiency and effectiveness.

During Ms. Cobb-Souza's detail, items that would normally be sent to her attention for action should be directed to **Dr. Walter W. Williams, M.D., M.P.H.**, Director, OMHD/OSI.

Bradley A. Perkins, M.D., M.B.A.
CAPT, USPHS
Acting Chief, Office of Strategy and Innovation
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I am pleased and proud to announce that four CDC employees (three current and one former) have been recognized by President George W. Bush as recipients of prestigious Presidential Rank Awards for 2006. **Janet L. Collins, Ph.D.**, Director, NCCDPHP, and **James D. Seligman**, Chief Information Officer, have been awarded Presidential Rank Awards in the Distinguished Senior Executive category, while **Edward L. Hunter**, Deputy Director, CDC Washington Office, and **Ronald O. Valdiserri, M.D., M.P.H.**, former Deputy Director, NCHSTP, have been recognized in the Meritorious Senior Executive category. Dr. Collins, Mr. Seligman, Mr. Hunter, and Dr. Valdiserri were among only 297 executives representing 33 agencies and departments upon whom the President has conferred this year's awards.

Through her outstanding leadership and vision, Dr. Collins has achieved extraordinary accomplishments in the area of adolescent health and disease prevention and has made major contributions to the management and operation of two of CDC's largest National Centers. Under her guidance, these Centers have achieved measurable improvements in program performance, staff productivity, customer and employee satisfaction, and progress toward CDC's goals and strategic imperatives. Dr. Collins has a 16-year career with CDC managing public health science and programs and providing exceptional leadership to the agency and to the public health community as a whole.

Mr. Seligman, in his 30-year career with CDC, has sustained extraordinary accomplishments in improving the management and operations of an \$8 billion federal agency with an enormous range of public health programs, research science, stakeholders, and partners within its purview. Currently, he has direct leadership responsibility for more than 500 government staff, 1,000 contractors, 450 information systems, and fiscal resources in excess of \$500 million per year in the areas of information technology, general management, and business systems. As CDC's first and only Chief Information Officer to date, his leadership, innovation, and vision have contributed significantly toward CDC's ability to improve quality of life for all Americans.

Mr. Hunter has consistently demonstrated outstanding dedication, extraordinary judgment, and superb knowledge of program administration in a highly technical field that has been well recognized by government, public health officials, and the Federal Statistical System. He served as the Acting Deputy Director of CDC Washington—where he has been an essential broker between this agency and HHS, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress—in addition to being Associate Director for Planning, Budget and Legislation, NCHS.

During his 15 years with the agency, Dr. Valdiserri achieved an amazing range of scientific and programmatic accomplishments in the areas of public health surveillance, prevention research, and programs to prevent and control HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases (STD), and tuberculosis. Dr. Valdiserri provided national leadership through his contributions to peer-reviewed literature in the area of HIV prevention and took a lead role in communicating HIV and STD issues to the media—all of this while working to support two federal advisory committees providing valuable policy direction to CDC. During his time with the agency, he held several other leadership positions as well, including Director of the Division of Public Health Laboratory Systems and Deputy Director for HIV in the former National Center for Prevention Services.

The selection process for this honor is rigorous. Awardees—career members of the Senior Executive Service, Senior Level, and Scientific and Professional corps—are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards of private citizens, and approved by the President. In recognition of their achievement, “Distinguished” rank recipients receive a lump-sum payment of 35% of their base pay while “Meritorious” rank recipients receive 20% of their base pay.

As these awards honor those who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service, please join me in congratulating each of these outstanding professionals on a job well done.

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

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I would like to announce that **Ruth M. Martin, M.S.**, Chief Management Officer (CMO), Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention (CCEHIP), has decided to take an 18-month leave of absence from CDC, beginning December 2006.

Ms. Martin has made many contributions to CDC, most notably in the improvement of CDC's business service performance measures, in enhancing our employment environment for persons with disabilities, and in sponsoring a leadership and management development initiative within CCEHIP. As the first CMO for CCEHIP, Ms. Martin is known for her effective leadership of the business activities of her coordinating

center and has worked hard to improve the information flow and mutual engagement of CCEHIP's Centers, Divisions, and Branches with the business offices of the Office of the Chief Operating Officer. In addition, Ms. Martin has been a major contributor as the Co-Chair of the Health Impact Planning Steering Committee and in the FMO Business Process improvement effort. Ms. Martin will be sorely missed.

The permanent position of Chief Management Officer for CCEHIP will be announced for competitive selection to the Senior Executive Service in the near future. In the interim, I am pleased to announce that **Louise Galaska, M.P.A.**, who is currently the Deputy Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, will serve as the Acting CMO for CCEHIP effective November 12, 2006.

Ms. Galaska began her career as a Public Health Advisor in 1978 in CDC's Sexually Transmitted Disease (then Venereal Disease) control program. She worked in STD and HIV prevention and control programs in Chicago (twice), Minnesota, and Florida. In 1984, she was assigned to the Wisconsin Department of Health and served as the Director of the Tuberculosis Control Program for the state of Wisconsin. In 1988, Ms. Galaska was assigned for the third time to the Chicago Department of Health, where she served for four years as the Director of the STD/HIV Control Program for the City of Chicago. From 1993 to September 2001, she served as the Deputy Director of CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.

Ms. Galaska received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Barat College in 1976 and her Master of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1990.

I know that I can count on your enthusiastic and full support of Ms. Galaska in this important role at CDC.

William H. Gimson, M.B.A.

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Cordero To Be Dean of Public Health 10/30/2006

After twenty-seven years in public health, **José Cordero, MD, MPH**, director of the NCBDDD and US Assistant Surgeon General, is taking on a new challenge. He will join his alma mater, the University of Puerto Rico, as the Dean of the School of Public Health.

"José's outstanding efforts in the field of birth defects for more than twenty-seven years and his remarkable leadership as director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities have helped bring to the forefront complex issues--birth defects, autism, disability and inherited blood disorders," said CDC Director, Julie Gerberding MD, MPH. "CDC will miss him. But I'm glad to know that he is going to be at the University of Puerto Rico, training the next generation of public health workers. They could not ask for a better teacher."

A New Challenge; Teaching a New Generation

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to teach a new generation about the wonders of public health," said Cordero. "I look forward to working with students and others starting out in public health. I want to share all I have learned at the CDC with the young people entering our field."

When asked about what he would miss most about CDC, Cordero replied “the people,” without even a moment’s hesitation. “CDC is blessed with such a wonderful staff. There is no doubt in my mind that I am going to miss them.”

A native of Puerto Rico, Cordero obtained his medical degree from the University of Puerto Rico. He completed residency training in pediatrics at Boston City Hospital and a fellowship in medical genetics at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Cordero joined CDC as an EIS officer in 1979 after obtaining a master’s in public health from Harvard University.

#### EIS Officer

His first assignment as an EIS officer was with the Birth Defects Branch. He spent more than 15 years working on birth defects, disabilities, and other child health issues.

“I was most impressed with work José did as a relatively young EIS officer,” recalls Alison Kelly who worked with Cordero as associate director of policy at NCBDDD. “He looked into an outbreak of disease that resulted from soy-based infant formula that didn’t contain all the necessary nutrients and children were getting very sick. His investigation was able to pin the problem and very quickly lead to the Infant Formula Act of 1980, which made sure this would never happen again to another baby.”

#### New Era for Immunization

In 1994, Cordero was appointed deputy director of the National Immunization Program (NIP), where he made important and long-lasting contributions in many areas of one of the nation’s most successful public health programs.

“NIP opened my eyes that it is possible to address health disparities and effectively close the gap,” said Cordero. “Childhood immunization initiatives were able to reach national goals overall for all racial and ethnic groups.”

“It has been a wonderful time to see what can be accomplished when there is political will and public and private sector work together towards a common goal, ensuring that the youngest and most vulnerable are protected against deadly diseases.”

#### Center Director for Birth Defects .....

With the creation of NCBDDD in April 2001, Cordero became the director and has served in that capacity since.

Under his leadership, there have been tremendous strides in reducing birth defects. One of the many successes is the decline in the rate of neural tube defects since fortification of grains in the United States.

Just as important is the behind the scenes work that has led to almost every state having a birth defects surveillance system. “Ninety percent of babies born today are monitored through the birth defects surveillance system. The infrastructure of public health is strong and will help causes of birth defects. We have a system that will alert us if another tetragon is introduced into the environment,” said Cordero.

In 2001, only 65 percent of newborns were being screened for hearing loss. Over the next five years during Cordero’s tenure, the Center’s EHDl program collaborated with other federal agencies, states, and public/private organizations to promote and expand this public health initiative, especially focusing on the development of surveillance and tracking systems. Today, over 90 percent of newborns are screened for hearing loss, and in states with developed surveillance and tracking systems, the average age of identification of hearing loss is between 1-4 months of age.

...and Developmental Disabilities

He is also very proud of the work that has been done in developmental disorders. “Just a few years ago, developmental disabilities did not receive the same attention. Now, the problem of developmental disorders is considered a public health issue. For example, almost everyone in the nation has heard about autism.”

“I have always admired José’s resourcefulness and can-do attitude even in the face of insurmountable challenges,” said Coleen Boyle, PhD, director of the NCBDDD. “He always figured out a way to make things happen.”

During his time as the Center’s director, Cordero oversaw the launch of the “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” campaign to identify developmental milestones in children. “José believed that we could make a difference in a child’s life by helping educate parents and health care providers about early identification,” said Katherine Lyon-Daniel, PhD, associate director of communication sciences at NCBDDD. “Under his leadership the campaign has made tremendous strides in increasing awareness in both parents and providers.”

“As an institution, NCBDDD will continue to grow and ensure the health of babies, children, and will enhance the lives of people with disabilities, genetic disorders and chronic conditions,” said Cordero. Cordero has also been instrumental in the work of the disability programs at CDC including providing better access to health care for people with disabilities, screenings, and other day-to-day issues.

#### Hereditary Blood Disorders; Rubella Elimination

There are many extraordinary achievements in Cordero’s career at CDC. In particular, his work on hereditary blood disorders and how it has helped people with this very serious disorder.

“It used to be that the survival of individuals with hemophilia was very, very short because they had early, severe complications from bleeding into the brain or severe joint problems from bleeding,” said Cordero. “CDC’s program developed a network of about 130 centers throughout the country to provide consultation and training on hemophilia. Now, the survival for individuals with hemophilia is getting closer to what it is for the general population. This group’s work serves as a wonderful model of how we can address the problem of secondary conditions to improve the health of individuals with chronic diseases.”

A former President of the Teratology Society, a professional research society devoted to the prevention of birth defects, Cordero has promoted the eradication of rubella (German measles), a major cause of birth defects that can be prevented through vaccination.

#### Next Steps

A proud new grandfather to Nicolas, Cordero will be moving to Puerto Rico with his wife, Mili. They have been married for 33 years and have four grown children: José, a kindergarten teacher at Paideia; and daughters, Ana, a professional musician living in New York; Joann, a graduate student pursuing a master’s degree in occupational therapy; and María, a mechanical engineer with UPS.

Flying planes, bird watching and watching many sunsets in beautiful Puerto Rico are some of the activities he hopes to spend more time on. “I’m looking forward to becoming a tourism promoter for Puerto Rico for all my friends at CDC.”



departments on environmental health issues. He later served on the team that helped create the Center for Environmental Health, the precursor to NCEH. While at NCEH, Mr. Delaney managed extensive operational relationships with a variety of federal agencies on the Agent Orange/Vietnam Experience studies. He also negotiated the administrative and operational arrangements between the State Department, China's Ministry of Health, and the Beijing Medical University on a study that looked at the effectiveness of folic acid in preventing neural tube defects. The arrangement helped establish CDC's first assignees to China.

Mr. Delaney's work has been recognized over the years with numerous accolades, including two Awards for Distinguished Service from the Department of Health and Human Services, a Superior Service Award for leadership in establishing a key public health program in the People's Republic of China, a CDC/ATSDR Honor Award for Program Administrative Services, and acceptance into the federal government's Senior Executive Service in 2004. He has contributed to work published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, and he has co-authored three articles published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. A graduate of the National Public Health Leadership Institute, Mr. Delaney was also nominated for the 1988 Charles C. Shephard Science Award.

In addition to his career achievements and contributions to public health, Mr. Delaney has served as a mentor for dozens of young CDC employees. Specifically, he has been a champion for the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program at CDC and served for several years as a Career Development Group Adviser for new PMFs. Many of those former fellows now hold key leadership positions at CDC.

Mr. Delaney's incredible institutional knowledge, dedication to public service, and commitment to public health will be sorely missed. Please join me in wishing Bob and his family well as he begins this much-deserved phase of his life, which will also include his first stint as a grandfather. At Mr. Delaney's request, there will be no formal retirement ceremony, however, he welcomes visits or calls from his many good friends and colleagues across the agency

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After more than 26 years of service in the U.S. Public Health Service, **Dr. Edward A. Brann, Capt., USPHS**, will retire from CDC on January 1, 2007. Please join us for a retirement celebration for him on Monday, November 13, 2006, from 2:00pm-3:30pm at Executive Park, Building 12, Conference Room 1002A/B.

Dr. Brann has been the Director of the Division of Human Development and Disability, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, since the formation of the Division in November, 2001. He has steered the division through its formative years, overseeing a near doubling in the size of the division budget and incorporating the inclusion of several new activities, including Tourette's Syndrome, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, muscular dystrophy, Fragile X Syndrome, and emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities.

Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Brann was the head of CDC's child development studies activities from 1993 – 2001. He was the head of the Agent Orange Projects from 1988-1990, after serving for many years as the Principal Investigator of one of the three component projects of those studies. He also served several years on the health

economics team at the Conservation of Human Resources Project at Columbia University.

In retirement, Dr. Brann plans to remain in Atlanta, dust off his tap shoes, install a dance studio in his basement, and practice, practice, practice until he gets good again or until his knees give out.

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After 16 years of service as the Chief of the Biotechnology Core Facility Branch in the Division of Scientific Resources, our esteemed colleague, **Dr. Bob Wohlhueter**, retired from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on September 30, 2006.

Dr. Wohlhueter came to CDC in 1990 to serve as Chief of the Biotechnology Core Facility after successfully founding the Department of Human Genetics Microchemical Facility at The University of Minnesota. Bob's contribution to biotechnological innovation at CDC cannot be measured. During his 16 year tenure, he guided tremendous expansion in the Biotechnology Core Facility. Under his leadership, the facility grew to a branch of 28 scientists working in activities ranging from DNA and peptide synthesis, sequencing, molecular diagnostic technologies, real time PCR, microarrays, bioinformatics and proteomics.

We wish Bob the very best in his retirement knowing that for Bob post-CDC life will by no means be post-science life. After retirement Bob plans to spend several months at home completing many tasks on his "honey do" list and then depart for China to the Zhejiang University Medical School in Hang Zhou, where he will teach a course in biotechnology and hope to finally get a handle on his Chinese language skills.

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Please join us in celebrating the retirement of **Bob Frey** after 36 years of government service! Bob Frey is a native of Buffalo, New York. He joined the Marines Corps in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1961. He went on to earn a PhD in social psychology in 1971 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, remaining as a visiting assistant professor for two years. For the next three years, he conducted behavioral science research at the American Institutes for Research. He re-entered federal service in 1976 at the Department of Transportation and moved to the Coast Guard in 1978 as a personnel research psychologist. In 1989 he joined the Statistics and Data Management Branch in what later became the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) as a Statistician. As statistical work supporting CDC's HIV and AIDS prevention activities has evolved, Bob's responsibilities have evolved with them. He has been responsible for furnishing the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development with up-to-date statistics on HIV and AIDS case reports which are used for resource allocation. He has served as the primary resource for the use of population data from the Census Bureau for DHAP. Throughout, Bob's primary responsibility has been to produce reporting delay adjustment weights and instruct colleagues in their proper use in order to assure the validity of CDC's statistical reports on HIV and AIDS diagnoses. He has received numerous awards for his service, including the CDC award for statistical research and services as part of the HIV ANALYSIS GROUP. In 2000, his wife Betsy suffered complete kidney failure and discovered she had been born with only one kidney. Bob subsequently received a CDC citation for donating one of his kidneys to his partner in life. They are looking forward to living full time in Pine Mountain, Georgia, where they have spent many happy vacations and have built a new home. Bob's last day of federal service was on October 31.

Provides technical assistance to collaborators on evaluation procedures and develops/modifies data collection instruments. Plans work to be accomplished, sets and adjusts priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work. Represents GAP, NCHSTP, CDC and the US Government at a variety of international forums and with key US constituencies. Develops and delivers presentations of current and planned GAP activities. Shares technical expertise. Develops and delivers scientific papers and other technical documents related to the GAP mission.

This position is and HHS wide eligibility announcement. It may be announced for non-federal employees in the future.

Behavioral Scientist/Epidemiologist, Associate Director of Science – GS-601/101 – 13/14

Kampala, Uganda Behavioral Scientist - Announcement number: HHS-CDC-T3-2007-0141

Epidemiologist - Announcement number: **HHS-CDC-T3-2007-0142**

Opens: 10/26/2006 and closes 11/08/2006

This position serves as the GAP Associate Director of Science (ADS) for CDC Uganda and supervises the 20-person Behavioral Unit. As ADS the position is responsible for overseeing all clearance and ethical approvals for CDC programs, scientific accuracy and ethical conduct of CDC-supported studies, programs, manuscripts and documents, in close collaboration with the GAP ADS in Atlanta. The ADS provides technical assistance in data analysis and technical writing; provides senior technical assistance for CDC partners in the development of prevention activities; functions as the primary technical advisor on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STI) and tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control activities with primary responsibility for the implementation of one or more comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention program elements; provides technical support to the host country Ministry of Health STD/AIDS Control Program; and develops prevention strategies, supervises and monitors program implementation and evaluations, and identifies program priorities.

This position is and HHS wide eligibility announcement. It may be announced for non-federal employees in the future.

Behavioral Scientist/Epidemiologist – GS-101/601 – 13/14

Nairobi, Kenya

Behavioral Scientist - Announcement number: **HHS-CDC-T3-2007-0071**

Epidemiologist - Announcement number: **HHS-CDC-T3-2007-0074**

Opens: 10/26/2006 and closes 11/08/2006

This position serves as the Section Chief/GAP Technical Advisor for HIV Prevention for CDC GAP and leads and directs an interdisciplinary team which manages programmatic intervention strategies and studies of the behavioral aspects of HIV prevention. The position develops prevention strategies; supervises and monitors program implementation and evaluations; identifies program priorities; participates in the design and implementation of HIV/AIDS behavioral interventions; collaborates with scientists at other governmental and nongovernmental agencies or organizations to identify issues relevant to the implementation of behavioral research; assists in providing technology transfer of prevention research findings to community based and other

organizations; prepares program announcements as needed; oversees the work of approximately 10 cooperative agreement recipients implementing behavioral HIV prevention interventions; and participates in the preparation of the annual report and the annual Country Operational Plan for programming of President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief funds in collaboration with other U.S. government agencies working in the country .

This position is and HHS wide eligibility announcement. It may be announced for non-federal employees in the future.

Coming Soon----Future Announcements include:

Public Health Advisor, GAP Associate Director for Operations - GS - 685 -13/14

Duty Stations: Bridgetown, Barbados; Nairobi, Kenya; Kisumu, Kenya; Gaborone, Botswana; Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; Pretoria, South Africa; Harare, Zimbabwe
The Public Health Advisor in this position serves as the principal management and administrative person for all GAP program activities in the country or city of assignment. Responsibilities include administration and management, program planning and evaluation, formulation and implementation of policy and programs, management of resources, property, contracts, memorandums of agreement, and procurement activities. Acts with full authority in the absence of the Country Director on all matters involving nonscientific program operations and field activities. Responsible for providing program and operational support to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief with particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS prevention and related program activities. The position provides advice and assistance on the implementation, direction, and evaluation of the management of program activities funded through collaborative agreements and contacts. The CDC office consists of civil service, fellows, visiting scientists, behavioral scientists, data managers, and local project employees.

Medical Officer or Epidemiologist GS - 602/601 - 13/14

Duty Stations: Bridgetown, Barbados; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Georgetown, Guyana; Lilongwe, Malawi; Maputo, Mozambique; Windhoek, Namibia; Kigali, Rwanda; Kampala, Uganda; Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam

This position works as an integral member of the GAP office in the country of assignment; initiates, conducts, and coordinates complex HIV/AIDS epidemiologic program activities in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, its national AIDS committee, nongovernmental, multinational, and bilateral organizations; and provides medical and epidemiologic advice and consultation as a national and internationally recognized expert in HIV infection program areas.

Apply for the positions above through the HHS Careers website <http://www.usajobs.gov>. See attached detailed instructions.

For more information on the jobs you may contact Ethleen Lloyd .

This message is intended for personnel at the GS-12 thru 15 grade levels and Commissioned Corps Officers.

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**Recruitment - AI Program Manager for CARE Vietnam**

Position: Avian Influenza (AI) Program Manager  
Duty Station: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, with travel to project sites as required  
Duration: Initial one year contract with potential for extension  
Start Date: September 2006

CARE Vietnam is seeking a highly experienced and qualified AI Program Manager to join CARE Vietnam as a senior manager and oversee its varied portfolio under the AI program.

The AI Program Manager will provide overall quality assurance, support and supervision to a team of national project managers, specialists and partners working across a range of AI interventions.

The AI Program Manager will have strong program management skills, will be able to lead and coordinate the CARE AI team and will have technical experience in public health. He/she will notably have experience in health campaigns, IEC and behavior communication change, community mobilization and training. He/she will have demonstrated experience in community programming and advocacy. Previous work experience in Vietnam and/or the Asia region will be highly regarded.

The major responsibilities for the position are:

- Provide AI technical and programmatic leadership to ensure the quality implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CARE Vietnam's AI program.
- Undertake oversight of project planning and management as directed, including ensuring achievement of project objectives, budget and reporting, and maintaining relevant documentation in accordance with donor requirements and CARE policies and procedures.
- Provide AI related training and capacity building to CARE staff, partners, local government and communities.
- Represent CARE on AI related working groups and provide policy feedback.
- Work with senior managers and advisers to develop staff and partner capacity.

Main duties will include, but are not limited to;

#### **Program Planning and Management**

- Oversee the planning and management of AI projects and coordination between various AI interventions to ensure coherence, synergies and benefits.
- Ensure cross-sectoral cooperation with other CARE Vietnam's departments (notably Rural Development) for an integrated programming approach.
- Assist in the development of a monitoring and evaluation plan for the AI program (and project components) and ensure effective and efficient data collection and analysis.
- Support national project staff in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of AI projects in compliance with objectives, deliverables, and timelines.
- Assist project staff with the drafting and appraisal of quality project reports and relevant documentation.

#### **Partner Liaison and Representation**

- Assist and support the Chief of Party of the AI project when requested.
- Under the guidance of the ACD programs and the Community Health Coordinator, represent CARE Vietnam and liaise with government and other partners in the South on AI related matters.
- Ensure that lessons learnt from CARE's AI program activities are appropriately shared with key partners and other interested groups.
- Provide timely feedback to the CD, ACD Programs and Community Health Coordinator regarding AI strategic planning and policy issues.

#### **Technical Assistance**

- Provide technical assistance to the project team, partners, and government counterparts in AI related project topics, such as human and animal health issues, community mobilization, IEC, BCC, training and surveillance.

- Lead and support the development of new AI concept papers and proposals that comply with CARE Vietnam's AI programming priorities and intervention strategies.

**Training and Capacity Building**

- Coach, guide and support project staff and local partners to ensure effective implementation of project activities and achievement of objectives.
- Lead trainings and develop capacity building strategies and activities towards replicable models and roll-out of AI prevention and surveillance activities.
- Oversee Training of Trainer initiatives and ensure quality standards.
- Promote cross-project learning opportunities between CARE project teams.

**Administration and Human Resource Management**

- Ensure effective project team structures, clarity of roles and responsibilities among the project teams, and effective coordination between specialists and team members.
- Assist the ACD Programs, HR and administration staff to provide orientation and management support to new AI program staff.
- Promote gender equity and diversity throughout the organization.

**Matching Indicators or Qualifications:**

1. University and/ or advanced degree in fields relevant to public health (a focus in epidemiology or health prevention/education is considered as an advantage).
2. A minimum of three years project/programme experience working in the field, preferably in S.E Asia.
3. Experience designing and implementing public health campaigns and initiatives, preferably related to AI, community mobilization, training and capacity building, and M & E.
4. Partnership management experience.
5. Project and budget management or supervisory experience. Experience with USAID project implementation procedures a plus.
6. Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
7. Previous experience with international NGO or aid management organizations.
8. Good representation, liaison, coordination and negotiation skills.

Enquiries and applications which address Matching Indicators to be sent to CARE Australia  
 If there is anybody who may be interested please contact me (Carol Sherman) at

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CTS GLOBAL, Inc.
(a division of Comforce Technical Services)
Position Vacancy List as of November 1, 2006

Senior Medical Advisor, Cote D'Ivoire (repost)

Under this task order, the contractor will provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of PEPFAR/Cote d'Ivoire. Provide services & deliverables through performance of technical assistance to PEPFAR, the Government of Cote d'Ivoire & PEPFAR funded partners in the areas of prevention, care & treatment in the health sector, including PMTCT, promotion of blood & injection safety to reduce HIV transmission, as well as comprehensive HIV care & treatment w/prevention & care of Opportunistic Infections (OI) such as TB, ARV therapy & palliative care for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

The contractor must have: a M.D.& **Ph.D. in medical or biological science** OR specialized certificate OR degree in public health, business, economics, epidemiology. **Level IV (fluency) in English & French.** Minimum of eight years of progressively responsible professional experience including public health field and practical involvement in national and international project / program development, coordination, monitoring and evaluation. At least five years in a supervisory position care & treatment or program settings demonstrating management

experience. Must possess excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrate cooperative working relationships.

Senior Laboratory Scientist, Angola

Under this task order, the contractor will provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the Director of the National Institute of Public Health (INSP). Serve as a key advisor to the Director of INSP on programmatic, fiscal, technical and/or scientific issues for Public Health Laboratory services and supervises operations of the molecular biology laboratory. Analyzes laboratory processes and/or agency programs; with a primary focus on joint international collaborations on HIV /AIDS and Avian Influenza Initiatives. Communicates with colleagues, across Institute, and other contacts outside the agency to gather and analyze information about collaborative programs. Writes peer reviewed reports, letters, contracts, and other documents with recommendations for said research projects, policies and activities.

Contractor must have: Master's degree in Microbiology or Molecular Biology. **Level IV Portuguese**. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above. **Please submit CV in Portuguese.**

Senior Laboratory Scientist, Rwanda

Under this task order, the contractor will serve as focal point for all technical assistance related to laboratory activities. Incumbent assures technical quality on laboratory services related to voluntary testing and counseling (VCT) and the assurance of safety of the blood supply, all HIV disease monitoring, CD4 counts technologies and molecular diagnostics. Incumbent builds laboratory capacity by instituting protocols for biohazard protection for laboratory workers, measuring and improving in quality control and quality assurance, and secures accreditation for relevant Rwandan laboratories from recognized international agencies once capacity is sufficiently built.

Contractor **must** have: doctoral-level training (**PhD DrPH** or equivalent) in the health sciences and at least two years of post-graduate experience in a laboratory setting. Experience in the generation of laboratory data with epidemiologic or clinical value (i.e. in the context of a public health laboratory, hospital laboratory or oversight of laboratory informatics systems). Experience administering US government grants, contracts and cooperative agreements. **Fluency in French.**

Senior Program Advisor, Tanzania (Local Hire Only)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of influenza activities. Provide technical and programmatic assistance in support of influenza activities conducted in conjunction with other US Government agencies, etc e.g., the Tanzania MOHSW, Epidemiology Unit, the Ministry of Livestock and Development, and other in-country partners. Works closely with the AI surveillance officer in the MOHSW, Epidemiology Unit to monitor and assist activities, in conjunction with USAID supported surveillance activities. Advises on the implementation of a table-top simulation of influenza emergency preparedness and response plan with the National Institute of Medical Research

Contractor must have: **Masters in Public Health** with minimum of 2 years experience in infectious disease epidemiology with a working knowledge of virology, **with emphasis on influenza**. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

Clinical Laboratory Coordinator (Clinical Trials), Botswana (repost)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide clinical laboratory support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the HIV Prevention Research Unit (HPR). The primary objective is to provide contractor services and deliverables through performance of clinical laboratory services required for the conduct of HIV prevention research, including FDA-compliant clinical trials.

Must have significant experience managing clinical trial labs – in all aspects: Understand the planning, budgeting and procurement process associated with lining up reagents, equipment, and supplies. Clear understanding of how lab tech schedules should be structured to ensure that there is sufficient coverage for running 20+ assays & monitoring runs & temperatures required in the clinical trails. Know the importance of and be well versed in GCLP (Good Clinical Lab Practices) and would be expected to manage the HPR Labs according to GCLP standards.

Contractor must have: a Medical Degree, Masters, or Doctoral degree in a laboratory science. Be eligible for license in Botswana. Have at least 3 years experience in a senior management position, directing a clinical laboratory. Knowledge of ethical conduct of human subjects research. Knowledge of safety procedures for working with biohazardous materials. Knowledge of computer data management.

Statistical Analysis and Data Management Oversight, Botswana (repost)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the HIV Prevention Research Unit (HPR). The primary objective is to provide contractor services & deliverables through performance of statistical analysis & data management oversight for the conduct of research. Collaborate with investigators in the design & implementation of research, including clinical trials, surveys, observational studies, & operations research. Provide management direction for all data collection, data management, and data analysis activities for HPR research. Provide management direction for system development, training, & maintenance, including all software used for data collection. Provide management direction in the design & implementation of data quality management procedures and reporting. Identify, characterize, and identify methods to resolve, and monitor resolution of, problems with: data validity, completeness, coding, timeliness, or data system efficiency. Collaborate with trial statisticians in preparing DSMB reports. Provide clean and complete datasets for timely analysis by investigators & statisticians. Operate data collection and management procedures in compliance with FDA Good

Contractor must have: a **Doctoral** degree in biostatistics, statistics, or related statistical field. 3 years+ experience in a statistical leadership position involving data management for biomedical health research (clinical trials, observational studies). Demonstrated experience in development of computer software systems for data collection & data quality management. Ability to communicate statistical ideas in plain English & to work well with interdisciplinary research teams. High degree of competency in SAS, or similar statistical analysis software. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, & abilities listed above.

Local Avian Influenza Surveillance Officer, Nigeria (Local Hire Only)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of GAP, and the Avian Influenza Division Implement surveillance initiatives and recommends priorities to the AI Team Lead, and the FMOH for program activities. Implement surveillance-related systems in conjunction with FMOH, WHO, and other donors. Implement surveillance strategies to decentralize surveillance from the federal to the state level. Interact with individual state ministries of health to implement national plans for influenza surveillance at the state level.

Contractor must have: MBBS or Doctoral degree in Medicine or Epidemiology. Professional training and extensive knowledge in communicable disease surveillance programs. At least five years experience in the communicable disease surveillance programs that entailed responsibility for the evaluation of program activities. Experience in use of measurement methods required for M&E of large populations and health programs, including quantitative and qualitative research. Knowledge of WHO's Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) is preferred. Fluency in Level IV English. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

Local Avian Influenza Laboratory Specialist, Nigeria (Local Hire Only)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global AIDS Program, Nigeria and the Avian Influenza Division. Provide technical expertise to assess laboratory systems of implementing partner laboratories conducting avian or seasonal influenza testing for human surveillance. Evaluate quality and consistency of laboratory standards practiced, make recommendations for improvement, and provide the necessary technical assistance or training to implement these recommendations. Regularly provide laboratory support to the AI lab, including receiving, logging, testing and reporting results for specimens collected through rapid response or surveillance activities.

Contractor must have: MS degree or higher degree in Chemistry, Microbiology, or related laboratory science degree. Four years work experience in a multi-disciplinary hospital or health department laboratory. The incumbent should possess training in laboratory management and laboratory systems with specialized training in testing and viral diagnostic tests supporting related to viral isolation, and identification. Knowledge of advanced laboratory procedures, diagnosis and management related to viral isolation and identification. Skill in providing leadership, direction, and technical expertise in the laboratory systems to include being able to analyze and interpret the spectrum of laboratory medicine services related to viral identification. Possess basic computer skills with experience/training for word processing and spreadsheets. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

Avian Influenza Surveillance Officer Seconded to Ministry of Health, Nigeria (Local Hire Only)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of GAP, Nigeria and the Avian Influenza Division. This position will be housed at the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) to assist the Government of Nigeria in building its capacity to implement AI preparedness and response infrastructure.

The contractor must have: A doctoral level degree in: Medicine, Public Health; Epidemiology; Behavioral Sciences or strongly related discipline. Professional training and extensive knowledge in communicable disease surveillance programs. The incumbent should have at least five years experience in public health surveillance programs at the federal, state or international levels that entailed responsibility for the evaluation of program activities. Experience in use of measurement methods required for M&E of international populations and health programs, including quantitative and qualitative research. Incumbent should have two years of supervisory experience. Experience in use of measurement methods required for M&E of large populations and health programs, including quantitative and qualitative research. Knowledge of WHO's Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) is highly preferred. Fluency in Level IV English.. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

Avian Influenza Surveillance Officer Seconded to Ministry of Health, Nigeria (Local Candidates)

Under this task order, the contractor will independently provide support services to satisfy the overall operational objectives of GAP, and the Avian Influenza Division. This position will be housed at the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) to assist the Government of Nigeria in building its capacity to implement AI preparedness and response infrastructure. Provide technical expertise to assess quality of laboratory systems at the federal and state level conducting avian or seasonal influenza testing for human surveillance. Move AI activities from federal to state level and work with individual ministries of health to implement national plans for influenza laboratory diagnostic testing at the state level. Evaluate quality and consistency of laboratory standards practiced at the federal and state level, make recommendations for improvement, and provide the necessary technical assistance or training to implement these recommendations

The contractor must have: A Masters of Science degree or higher in: Chemistry, Microbiology, or related laboratory science degree. Four years work experience in a multi-disciplinary hospital or

health department laboratory. Should possess training in laboratory management and laboratory systems with specialized training in testing and viral diagnostic tests supporting related to viral isolation, and identification. Knowledge of advanced laboratory procedures, diagnosis and management related to viral isolation and identification. Skill in providing leadership, direction, and technical expertise in the laboratory systems to include being able to analyze and interpret the spectrum of laboratory medicine services related to viral identification. Experience must reflect the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above.

Qualified candidates, please submit your CVs (indicating position title) to COMFORCE. If you have already submitted your CV for a position, please be patient. If you are qualified and a phone interview is requested, you will be contacted. Elyse will be at American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference in Boston from 11/4 to 11/8 Booth 815, please stop by and visit!

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