



>> TAKE NOTE !

DOH RECEIVES CDC GRANT TO FURTHER INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

TALLAHASSEE— The Florida Department of Health (DOH) announced today its award of a \$120,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fund implementation for the 2004-2008 Florida Injury Prevention Strategic Plan program. The strategic plan was created in 2003, under the leadership of DOH's Office of Injury Prevention to reduce the number of injuries in Florida. Dr. Karen Liller serves on the advisory council and as a goal team leader. "The Public Health Injury Surveillance and Prevention Program grant will advance DOH's mission to protect Floridians, and develop a world class injury prevention program," said DOH Secretary John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H. "Needless death, disability, pain and suffering caused by preventable injuries must be reduced and eliminated." Injury was the third leading cause of death to Floridians in 2004. Unintentional injuries were the leading cause of death for Florida residents ages one to 44 and were the third leading cause of death in infants less than one-year-old. Unintentional injuries include, but are not limited to, those that result from motor vehicle accidents, falls, fires, poisonings, drowning, suffocations, choking, animal bites, and recreational — and sports-related activities. The grant will fund the implementation of the strategic plan for the next five years. For more information visit the DOH Website at www.doh.state.fl.us

From the Florida Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice

As noted in an earlier newsletter, the Florida Public Health Association held its annual educational conference in Sarasota on July 27, 28, and 29. Dr. Michael Reid, the College's liaison to the FPHA Board, participated in the board's activities. He also directs the Public Health Leadership Institute of Florida. There are 10 elected officers of the Association. The 2005-2006 elected officers are: **President** - Linda Keen; **President Elect** - Nick Chapman; **1st Vice President** - Lea Heberlein-Larson; **2nd Vice President** - Sheri Brammer; **Secretary** - Yvonne Hale; **Members at large** - Paula Mooty, Suzanne Crowe, David Galvin; **Southern Health Association** - Warren McDougle; **Treasurer** - Mike Napier. All of the elected officers are graduates of the Leadership Institute except Ms. Keen. Yvonne Hale is a doctoral student in the College and Lea Heberlein-Larson is an MPH graduate of the College.

In addition, at the FPHA awards luncheon, graduates of the Leadership Institute received the following awards:

Meritorious Service Award

Nick Chapman

Presidential Award

Liz Bumpus

Paula Mooty

Homer D. Venters Award

Sue Tharp

The following USF College of Public Health students received scholarships from FPHA:

Barbara Clark-Alexander

Joyonna George

Kristin Houseknecht

EPB's Seminar Series to Begin August 31st

The Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics will begin the Fall Seminar Series 2005 on August 31, 2005 at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Auditorium C. The one hour presentations will provide a number of topics and will be of interest to our students and faculty and is open to the entire USF community. The Seminar Series is designed to be interactive and informal sessions to encourage interchanges as well as broaden our knowledge in novel and exciting areas of interest. Participants include a diverse group of epidemiologists and biostatisticians from a variety of backgrounds, and range from graduate student to senior faculty. We look forward to your participation in the Fall Seminar Series 2005!

Students

**Student Service Opportunities:**

COPH students can check out student service opportunities at the HSC Service Corps display in the snack area, or at the web site of events and projects at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hscvents.html> or the online calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/servicecorps>. Students may also to contact ekent@hsc.usf.edu or 974-6622 for further info on becoming involved with the HSC Service Corps in 2005-2006! !

Also, a wonderful new opportunity is now available for public health students to help out and learn at the same time! Volunteers are needed to provide child care for young women who will be attending an eight week Sexual Health & Integrity course at Catholic Charities on 2021 E. Busch Blvd in Tampa, on Thursdays, between Aug 11-Sept 29. Specifically, volunteers are needed for both the 11:00 am class and the 7:00 pm class on Thursdays for 8 weeks beginning on Thursday, August 11, 2005 through Thursday, September 29, 2005. Each class will last for about an hour and if you can only do the morning or evening classes, that's fine! So, if you are interested in volunteering just an hour or so of your time, just once a week, please contact Jacqueline Johnston at jjohnst1@hsc.usf.edu or by phone at 813-786-5726. (Driving time is only ~ 10 minutes from the COPH!)

Announcing the 2006 Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards

Prizes of 1500 Euros (or other currency equivalent) will be available in twelve of the Emerald subject areas. If you (or anyone you know) will have successfully completed a doctoral award between 1 June 2004 and 1 March 2006 (the closing date for applications) then check out the full entry requirements at

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/awards/2006.htm>
The winners will also see their work feature in the Emerald Research Register, the sponsoring Emerald journal and via the EFMD website.



>> Faculty

Dr. Karen Liller Publishes an Article

K.D. Liller and I. Pintado: Kids and Communities Count: Reaching Migrant Children and Families with the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks (NAGCAT). Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health 11(3):365-372, 2005.

Dr. Karen Liller Nominated for Award

Dr. Liller has been nominated for the Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2005 Health Care Heroes Award in the non-acute care health professional category.

>>Resources

BOSTON UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FREE ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much (www.mdalcoholtraining.org), a new and improved curriculum for physician educators to train primary care clinicians in screening and brief intervention for unhealthy alcohol use, using a patient-centered, evidence-based approach that emphasizes cross-cultural efficacy.

Alcohol and Health: Current Evidence (www.alcoholandhealth.org), a newsletter summarizing the latest clinically relevant research on alcohol and health, including related Journal Club and Grand Rounds slide presentations. From ATPM News Now #371.

CCPH Publishes Guide to APHA Annual Meeting

Community Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) has published a listing of sessions at the American Public Health Association 2005 conference related to community-campus partnerships, including service-learning and community-based participatory research. CCPH has prepared this guide as a resource to members who attend the APHA conference. The guide can be found [here](#). From ASPH Friday Letter #1372.

Links of Interest

[Meetings / Courses / Training Opportunities](#)

[Calls for Applications / Proposals](#)

Administration

Welcome a New HR Staff Person

Please welcome Kenneth Williams, a new member of the human resources team in the Dean's office. Kenneth recently retired from the Air Force and hails from Atlanta, GA. He is married and has two sons. Kenneth replaces Michel Ferrell.

PERT Certifiers for Spring 2005 (12/22/04-05/06/05) - Certification Deadline is Friday, September 2, 2005

The **SPRING 2005** PERT effort reports are currently under review and will be released as soon as they have been verified by HR and Research Compliance. At this time you will need to make sure that you can access GEMS - Self Service without any problems. The instructions for accessing GEMS - Self Service is noted below:

Access to Pert reports

You may access the PERT system and your effort report via:

Through GEMS/GEMS Self Service:

<https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu/gemspro/signon.html>

You will need your userid (**11 digit emplid**) and password.

If you don't remember your ID and password, or if your password has expired, you can get the information by contacting the IT helpdesk

<<http://itsupportservices.custhelp.com>> or send request to helpdesk@admin.usf.edu or by contacting Betty Persky.

The default password for new users is: last four digits of SSN PLUS birth year PLUS a period (for example, **99991960.**). *Please remember it could take up to 24 hours to have password reset and obtain access to your PERT report. If you having problems accessing GEMS, please contact Betty Persky at 974-4609.*

2005 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES ANNOUNCED

Review your Current Mailing Address in GEMS Today! The 2005 Benefits Open Enrollment will take place from October 3 through October 28, 2005. During the Open Enrollment, employees may enroll or make changes to health, life, dental, vision, cancer, supplemental hospital, accident and disability insurance benefits as well as flexible spending accounts. In order to insure that you receive your 2005 Open Enrollment materials in a timely manner, please make sure you have your current mailing address in GEMS. You may update your address by: Completing a W-4 form and submitting it to the Payroll Office/SVC 2172, or; By going online to GEMS Self-Serve at: On Campus: <https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu/gemspro/signon.html> or Off Campus: <https://gems.fastmail.usf.edu:4430/gemspro/signon.html>.

If your password was issued or reset before April 19, 2005:

The format is as follows: the last 4-digits of your Social Security Number THEN your 4-digit year of birth THEN a period. Example: **12341943.**

If your password was issued or reset after April 19, 2005:

Your User ID is your full 11 digit Employee ID. The first time you log in, your default password is the combination of the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, an equal sign, your 4-digit year of birth. Example: **1234=1943**



>>Classifieds

Wanted: Part-Time Senior Health Educator

Osceola County Health Department. Candidate will coordinate cardiovascular disease education program activities in target zipcodes of Osceola county. Including group level interventions, cardiovascular disease awareness and prevention classes in both English and Spanish; contracting with community providers, participating in community events, coordinating media advertisement, conducting community surveys, monitoring and compiling all data for program reporting requirements. Ideal candidate is bilingual in English and Spanish. Must be able to read, write and speak both languages fluently. At least two years of similar experience and a 4 year college degree. Please contact Sandy Garrick for more information (407) 343-2055.

Consumer Produce Safety Commission seeks Statisticians

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, an Agency of the U. S. Government, has several openings for statisticians in the Division of Hazard Analysis which has a major role in describing and analyzing the hazards associated with a wide variety of consumer products. You may access the vacancy announcement for this position by using this hyperlink:

http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=32113426&AVSDM=2005%2D07%2D18+11%3A09%3A14&Logo=0&jbf574=SK00&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&s=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/agency_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=110&SUBMIT1.y=19

Alumni

Update on Maureen Weir, MPH

Maureen Weir, a recent graduate of the MPH Program at the University of South Florida College of Public Health has been selected as the Coordinator of Community Health Education and Health Education and Training at the Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center, Inc., in Land O'Lakes, Florida. Congratulations Maureen!

Kerry-Ann Wright (GH) begins podiatry school at Barry University this fall.

Justin Doan (EPI '04) is a pharmacoeconomic scientist with Takeda Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Chicago

Please submit news/information to Peggy Smith at msmith3@hsc.usf.edu

Important Dates

COPH Summer Graduates Honorary Luncheon

August 9, 2005

USF Summer Commencement

USF Commencement for Summer 2005 graduates - on Saturday, August 13, 2005 in the USF Sun Dome... 2p.m. for College of Public Health graduates - as well as Business Administration, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Marine Science, Medicine, Nursing.

COPH New Student Orientation

College of Public Health New Student Orientation for our Summer and Fall 2005 students on Friday, August 26, 2005. The program begins in the Auditorium at 8:30a.m. The Orientation Agenda will be posted in August.

COPH Fall Field Experience Student Orientation

Orientation for Students participating in a Field Experience this fall will be held on Thursday, September 1st from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in the COPH Distance Learning Studio