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Puertas Abiertas event at the City of Knowledge, Panama.

During December 2nd and 3rd, 2005, our affiliated organization, The City of Knowledge (CofK) in Panama, held an open house activity. *Puertas Abiertas* or *Open Doors* showcased all academic and research organizations housed within the CofK to promote programs among

local and international participants. The event also portrayed local artists, handcrafts and foods. USF Health had a booth with promotional and academic material, which was manned by eight different volunteers. Our local Panama program coordinator, Arlene Calvo, Ph.D., presented on the USF health related research and upcoming academic programs. The activity was well attended and much interest was shown to our new USF programs in Panama. USF signed a collaborative agreement with the CofK in July 2004 and will be opening an office in the next few months.



LT. Governor Jennings Announces Florida Health Information Network Grant Awards

LT. Governor Jennings announced the Florida Health Information Network Grant awards on Friday, January 6, 2006 at 10:00 am in the College of Public Health Auditorium. Lt. Governor Toni Jennings announced the recipients of the Florida Health Information Network grant awards. The grants will assist local partnerships as they begin to implement a comprehensive integrated network of health privacy protected records systems. Lt. Governor Jennings was joined by Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Alan Levine. The event will take place at: 10:00 a.m., University of South Florida, College of Public Health Building - Auditorium, 13201 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa



Dr. Charles Mahan, Professor Emeritus

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I announce that Dr. Charles Mahan has been recommended for Professor Emeritus status after a distinguished career as professor and dean of the College of Public Health. As Provost Khatour wrote in her letter affirming the nomination from the Department of Community and Family Health and the College, "emeritus status at the University of South Florida is given to individuals whose careers within the University have been exemplary and thus merit recognition and remembrance upon their retirement. The University has truly been honored by your numerous contributions to the College of Public Health". Dr. Mahan officially retired last November and will be honored at an official recognition ceremony that will be held in the Fall of 2006. In the meantime, I think we can rightfully address him with his new honorific, Emeritus Professor Charles Mahan. Please join me in congratulating him on this much deserved recognition. Donna J. Petersen, Dean, College of Public Health

ASPH Education Committee Releases MPH Core Competencies Version 1.3

The ASPH Education Committee released the MPH Core Competencies Version 1.3. This most recent set is limited to the discipline-specific competencies in the five basic public health science areas and was finalized and approved by the ASPH Education Committee on November 29, 2005. Version 1.3 was approved by the ASPH Board of Directors on December 12, 2005. In this version, the discipline-specific competencies are considered final. The Core Competencies can be viewed [here](http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=3074&FL_Index=1394). The discipline-specific competencies in Version 1.3 are those considered essential for all MPH students upon graduation, regardless of area of specialization or intended career trajectory. For the complete article go to http://www.asph.org/press/fridayletter/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=3074&FL_Index=1394. From ASPH Friday Letter #1394.

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First Student Graduates with Undergraduate Public Health Minor

Wai Loon Yau is the first student at the University of South Florida to graduate with an undergraduate minor in Public Health. Wai Loon graduated this past Fall (December 17, 2005). The undergraduate minor in Public Health was approved in October 2005.

>>Students



Welcome COPH Students!

The College of Public Health held student orientation for the Spring 2006 semester on Friday, January 6th at 8:30 am. The College admitted 71 new students.

Student Service and Research Information

Feel free to check out your new bulletin boards upstairs (located next to the copy center) with student service and research opportunities. Students may also look at the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hiscevents.html> for service opportunities. For information on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>.

Students are encouraged to apply for the COPH Student Research Scholarship (SRS) awards again this year. The deadline date will be Monday, January 23, 2006, see website at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/srsawards.html> For more info on the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice "SHARP" awards go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>

This Saturday (January 14, 2006)

What a great way to start off the semester! come join us at the Children's Cancer Center Picnic Saturday, January 14 (11 am - 2 pm), at USF's Riverfront Park on Fletcher Ave.

Come have fun with children and their families who are served by Tampa's Children's Cancer Center. There will be games & sports for kids of all ages, plus light refreshments! In case of rain, we will have an indoor picnic and arts and crafts activities at Westside Conference Center, Room E, behind the COPH. Questions? Contact Ellen Kent, MPH, at ekent@hsc.usf.edu.

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>> Faculty

Faculty honored for research, service

Jay Wolfson, DrPH, JD, professor of public health and medicine, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes professorial ranked faculty who show outstanding service in support of USF, the community, and their profession or discipline. Dr. Wolfson directs the Florida Health Information Center and the Suncoast Center for Patient Safety at the USF College of Public Health. He has assumed a leadership role in issues related to indigent care funding and policies, community-based HIV/AIDS care, workers compensation reform, fraud and abuse, patient safety, and other public health concerns that come before the Legislature and regulatory agencies. One result of his leadership has been the recent creation of the Florida Patient Safety Corporation, formed by the Legislature to help reduce medical errors and improve health outcomes in Florida. In addition, he served as the appointed special guardian ad litem for Terri Schiavo, reporting to Gov. Jeb Bush and the Florida Courts. From HSC NOW newsletter for December.

Carol Bryant, PhD, co-director of the Florida Prevention Research Center at the USF College of Public Health, discussed the proliferation days, weeks and months designed to raise public awareness about certain diseases in a front-page *St. Petersburg Times* article Nov. 25.

Jacqueline Cattani, PhD, MPH, professor of public health and director of the Center for Biological Defense, appeared Nov. 1 on *ABC Action News Ch. 28*, regarding the bird flu pandemic and President Bush's plan to prepare.

Dr. Elizabeth Barnett has article published

Barnett E, Anderson T, Blossnich J, Halverson J, Novak J. Promoting Cardiovascular Health: From Individual Goals to Social Environmental Change. *Am J Prev Med* 2005;29(5S1):107-112.

>> Employment

Epidemiologist

Conduct studies and analysis of health related data for DoD military personnel gathered from a variety of sources within the Department of Defense and civilian health sectors of the United States (i.e., CDC, state and local health departments). **Requirements:** Prior military service or experience working for the Department of Defense in the study of military or veteran populations is strongly desirable. Have a good understanding of military and medical terminologies. Experience and training in the integration and analysis of large health-related databases is an essential requirement. Must be adept in the use of ICD-9 Codes. Must be able to extrapolate data into usable and timely reports on health-related matters affecting U.S. and coalition military forces. Must be a self-starter, demonstrated ability to develop collaborative working relationships, and flexible with the ability to handle multiple tasks and manage time-critical taskings. **Degree Required:** MPH. Please list 4 to 5 essential and required KSAs (Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities) for this position: Skilled in MS Word, Excel, Access, Power Point. Knowledgeable about syndromic surveillance systems (i.e., using pre-diagnostic data for outbreak detection). Skilled in statistical analysis software (i.e., SAS, SPSS or STATA) a must. Possessing a high degree of proficiency in spoken and written communications is essential. Experience in preparing briefings, information papers, and report-writing skills required. Must be a U.S. citizen able to obtain and hold a Secret security clearance (as a minimum). Resumes can be emailed to Yvonne M. Rubin at Yvonne.rubin@mitretek.org.

Alumni

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

Links of Interest

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Important Dates

January 17, 2006

USF Kicks of its' 50th Anniversary

January 23, 2006

USF Health Research Day

Abstract submission deadline is January 13th. For more information go to <http://hsc.usf.edu>. You may contact Linda Ruldoph or Dr.

Phillip Marty for details at 974-5200.