

**ATMCH Business Committee Meeting and Panel Discussion
November, 2000**

I. Welcome (Buekens)

Everyone was invited to introduce him or herself. An announcement was made that the newsletter is available at www.atmch.org. ATMCH has been reincorporated in Washington DC as a 501(c)3 organization. ATMCH members have built some bridges with other organizations such as the Coalition of MCH Epidemiology and The Friends of Title V Coalition.

II. Secretary's report and approval of the minutes (Gulitz)

The minutes were approved.

III. Approval of agenda (Buekens)

The agenda was approved after the addition of a section for New Business. The presentation at today's meeting will include Michael Kogan, Bill Sappenfield, and Holly Grason.

IV. Treasurer's report (Baruffi)

Thanks to the \$15,000 from MCHB and the savings from using the electronic format for the newsletter instead of printing and postage, the total available funds are \$10,257.07. As of September 30th, there are 49 members. The report was approved.

V. Elections Results (Buekens)

Lorraine Klerman was thanked for chairing the election committee. Gene DeClerq was elected for the position of president-elect and Kay Perrin was elected as secretary.

VI. Structure of Business Meetings (Buekens)

Due to requests from last year, the first hour will be devoted to business and the second hour will be for discussion and special guests.

VII. By-Laws Votes

The following two motions were offered from the executive committee:

- a) There is a need to change the fiscal year from the school year to the governmental calendar which is Oct 1st to Sept. 30th. This change will match the accounting cycle. A motion was made and approved.
- b) Confirm the addition of students to ATMCH under Article 2 of the By-Laws. After some discussion, a motion was made and approved.

VIII. Committee reports

Nominating Committee for the Lacey Award (Buekens)

Pierre Buekens will provide a slate of nominees to Arden Handler prior to the Spring meeting.

Membership (Bell/Jaros)

Suggestions were made on how to increase the membership: a) create a roster of MCH faculty and students from each school to get a fuller membership; b) consider adding MCH staff at the various schools; c) contact MCH faculty outside schools of public health; and d) encourage MCH alumni to join. Any further ideas may be emailed to mbell@uwashington.edu

Education (Chavez)

Noel Chavez will post the final draft of the competencies on the web for one more round of comments. A final report version will be approved at the March meeting.

Donna Peterson was nominated to represent ATMCH on an ASPH committee on the core competencies for the public health curriculum. Betty Gulitz has been attending these meetings and stated that the discussion of core competencies is going beyond the traditional five. However, there has been very little attention paid to MCH. Information on the competencies can be found at trainingfinder.org. Comment is open until the end of November.

Research (Alexander / Peterson)

ATMCH will have a session during the regular AMCHP meeting (11:00 – 12:30 on Tuesday). The panel discussion will include: a) “Linking Practice With Academia” – the 13 year Harvard coalition program; b) Michele Kelley’s/Noel Chavez’s project on collaborative women’s social networks during pregnancy; c) New Mexico’s community social capital program; and, d) efforts of the Rocky Mountain Coalition.

Policy (Declercq)

Holly Grason will attend the Friends of Title V Coalition meeting on Dec. 3rd.

IX. Plans for coming year

Arden Handler took over the role of presidency from Pierre Buekens. Lorraine Klerman was thanked for six years of service and Pierre was thanked for serving four of his six-year term. He will continue in the role of past president for two additional years.

Arden requested that individuals volunteer for the following upcoming activities:

- a) Doctoral training: leadership versus practice: Spring ATMCH – internal discussion
Volunteers: Milt Kotelchuck, Barbara Leonard, and Robert McDermott
- b) Globalization of MCH: APHA Fall 01 or 02- internal discussion
Volunteers: Sheila Smythe, Doug Taren, and Greg Alexander
- c) Building MCH in other places: mentoring; web-based curriculum
Volunteers: Arden Handler, Karen Helsing

- d) Developing an undergraduate MCH program
Volunteer: Greg Alexander
- e) Internal session on promotion and tenure for Spring 2002
Lou Margolis, Joseph Telfair
- f) Continuing education at APHA: Molly McNulty, Jonathan Kotch

Panel Discussion:

The following three special guests each gave a short presentation:

Michael Kogan: He provided an update of MCHB's activities related to data and information management. He encouraged the use of public data. mkogan@hrsa.gov

Bill Sappenfield: He provided an update on the Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology and discussed bridging practice and research.

Holly Grason: She provided an update on the Building Bridges for Child Health Research, Policy and Practice Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00. Members were encouraged to stay and meet with the groups that they volunteered to participate in.