



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR / NEWSLETTER EDITOR

(Peggy Goodman):

Welcome to 2011!

2010 was a challenging year for many, and the recent incidents in Tucson and the Middle East touched on many public health and violence issues, including access to healthcare, mental health issues, violence in society, violence in the workplace and access to firearms and firearms rights. Let's hope that 2011 will become a year of civil and intelligent discourse and nonviolence.

This is the first newsletter since the annual meeting. As many have experienced, work volume has increased as work resources have decreased. Apologies to those who received the special "pre-meeting edition" of the newsletter DURING the meeting; there was a communications snafu with our web distributor. We were pleased to see a number of old friends and make some new ones despite travel constraints that prevented many from attending.

We have a MAJOR organizational structure issue to discuss with you, our membership, and need your suggestions and feedback.

When a core group formed the Family Violence Prevention Forum 4 years ago, our mission was to transcend the "specialty silos" so that ALL individuals interested in family violence prevention and intervention could communicate freely with one another.

At that time, APHA was trying out a new group structure called the "**Forum**". As initially defined, a Forum crosses disciplinary and Section or SPIG boundaries, requires expertise that may reside in more than one Section or SPIG, and supports APHA's mission. The Advisory Board of the Family Violence Forum began to look at the benefits and barriers to the original mission and vision during the last meeting. Here are some definitions to help you understand the structure of APHA.

Sections serve as the primary professional units of the Association and conduct activities that promote the mission and fulfill the goals of APHA.

Special Primary Interest Groups (SPIGs) are an open group of self-selected APHA members sharing a common occupational discipline or program area interest **and are eventually expected to become sections.**



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

Caucuses are groups of at least 15 APHA members or partisans of a particular position on an issue important to APHA, who pursue a desired result within the Association. A Caucus is considered to be “in official relations” with APHA, rather than a regular component of the Association. Caucuses can charge membership dues; a Caucus is responsible to manage its own finances. Caucuses can maintain their own mailing lists, listserv, and website. Caucuses have voice within the larger organization.

Based on our multidisciplinary nature, it appears that **changing from a Forum to a Caucus would allow us to reach the initial vision of the Forum to maximize the interdisciplinary relationships**, both within APHA and with other national and state organizations, e.g., the Family Violence Prevention Fund, Academy on Violence & Abuse, CDC, National Coalition Against DV, Stop the Silence, Inter-agency Council on Child Abuse & Neglect, and many others.

A chart on the next page highlights the main differences between a Forum and a Caucus. Basic governance and activities at the annual meeting would not change, although we could then gain representation in the Governing Council. We could also charge a membership fee, which would allow us to not only to maintain our networking directory, enhance the user-friendliness of our website and subsidize monthly leadership conference calls, but perhaps to rent a booth in the exhibit hall at the annual meeting, sponsor a social hour, and develop awards for outstanding presenters at the annual meeting and leaders in the specialty..

We would like to hear from you regarding this proposed change in the structure of the Family Violence Prevention Forum to the Family Violence Prevention Caucus. The current leadership has discussed numerous advantages, with no down side, but we would appreciate **your feedback.**

The survey question is:

- A. Should we become a Caucus
- B. Remain a Forum

Please e-mail me (goodmanp@ecu.edu) with your preference. It will be sufficient for you to put the word “Caucus” or “Forum” in the subject line. If you have further questions, or would like to provide a further explanation of your vote, feel free to do so. Please submit your vote by April 15, 2011.

In addition to feedback about the proposed change in structure, as the Chair of the Family Violence Forum and on behalf of the other leadership, I would like to invite all of you to give us feedback on how this group can better serve your needs



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

in the field of family violence prevention, and invite you to participate in helping the group formulate solutions that meet those needs. We have a website, <http://www.ican-ncfr.org/apha> which tells a little about who we are and what we hope to accomplish. We also have past newsletters available on the site, and hope to add a listserv and other features. In order to access these, we DO request that you join through Google Groups as this helps the Forum provide some control over site access. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you during the coming year.

The following table will provide a quick review of the structural changes of a Forum and a Caucus. The advantages, not currently available to the Forum, are highlighted in **RED**.



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

	Forum (5)	CAUCUS (18)
Governance		
Must be APHA Member	Yes	No
Governing Council approves group	No	No
Officially recognized in APHA Constitution & Bylaws	Yes	Yes
Represented in the Governing Council	No	Yes
Have Liaison Group to Executive Board	No	No
Executive Board Member acts as a liaison to group	Yes	Yes
May nominate APHA members for Boards/Committees	Yes	Yes
Annual Meeting		
Poster-Sessions	Yes	Yes
Scientific Sessions	Yes	Yes
Budget for Social Events	No	No
Program Planning Training	Yes	Yes
Discounted Rate for Booth	No	Yes**
Leadership Recognized in Annual Meeting Program	Yes	Yes
Additional Resources		
APHA funds Annual Operational Budget	No	No
Listserves sponsored by APHA	Yes	No



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

SPEAKING OF THE COMING YEAR... it's never too early to start thinking about the annual meeting, "*Healthy Communities Promote Healthy Minds & Bodies*", **October 29-November 2 2011, in Washington, DC**. We hope you've submitted abstracts for presentation at our oral and poster sessions.

FORUM BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY, 11/9/10

- Forum leadership – Peggy Goodman continues as Chair, and Pat Speck is Chair-elect. Derrick Gordon is continuing as Program Director and Peggy Goodman is continuing as Newsletter Editor. We do not have a Secretary or Treasurer. All interested members are urged to contact Peggy (goodmanp@ecu.edu), Michael (michaeld55@aol.com) or Pat (pspeck@uthsc.edu) if they are interested in Forum leadership/activities). Forum leadership communicates monthly via conference call and through e-mail as needed during the rest of the year, as well as organizing activities for the annual meeting.
- Forum sustainability – APHA provides the Forum with meeting time and space for scientific sessions (poster, oral, invited) and a business meeting. Since no dues are collected for Forum membership, we currently have NO funding for other activities, such as a booth in the Expo Hall, a social hour for networking, or awards for best poster/oral presentation. Fund-raising ideas and donations to the Forum are welcome. Please also see our discussion about conversion to a Caucus, with membership dues, as discussed above. The Forum leadership will send out a survey to its members and will be making the decision about becoming a Caucus this year. Please participate in the survey when it arrives in your email.
- APHA continues to develop e-communities/list-servs. At this time, the Forum bases its website at ICAN (<http://www.ican-ncfr.org/apha>) which allows for broad member access. At this time, controls have been put in place through Google groups to ensure that only Forum members have access to the site.
- Currently, our prime "product" is our directory and its purpose is to facilitate networking among Forum members internationally. Continued fine-tuning of



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

the directory to make it as user-friendly and efficient is essential, as well as preventing abuse of the directory/member contact information.

OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE...

Please contact your Member of Congress and ask them to continue funding programs that protect women and children from violence and abuse.

The House of Representatives is expected to make drastic cuts to domestic programs for Fiscal Year 2011. These proposed cuts would mean:

- *Violence Against Women Health Initiative* under HHS Office of Women's Health (which funds ongoing work to improve health care providers' response to domestic and sexual violence) would be eliminated;
- *Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)*, which funds domestic violence shelters and the National Hotline, would be cut by \$7 million, and the new initiative for children would be eliminated;
- *Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention Program*, which funds the Family Violence Prevention Fund's prevention work to tap into the critical role men can play in helping youth develop respectful attitudes and behaviors toward women and girls, would be cut.

RECENT ARTICLES OF INTEREST (INFORMATIVE, CONTROVERSIAL, AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING):

Abuse, neglect, and exploitation: considerations in aging with lifelong disabilities. Ansello EF, O'Neill P. *J Elder Abuse Negl* 2010; 22(1-2): 105-30.

An approach to assessing elder abuse and neglect in the dental office. Osei AD. *Tex Dent J* 2009; 126(7): 592-4.

Clinical report—the pediatrician's role in child maltreatment prevention. Flaherty EG, Stirling J. *Pediatrics* 2010; 126(4): 833-41.

Coping style as a mediator between pregnancy desire and child abuse potential: a brief report. Rodriguez CM. *J Reprod Infant Psychol* 2009; 27(1): 61.



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

Domestic violence and sexual assault agency directors' perspectives on services that help survivors. Macy RJ, Giattina MC, Montijo NJ, Ermentrout DM. *Violence Against Women* 2010; 16(10): 1138-61.

Domestic violence and mental health. Howard LM, Trevillion K, Agnew-Davies R. *Int Rev Psychiatry* 2010; 22(5): 525-34.

Elder abuse in contemporary society: programs, policy, and politics. Teaster PB, Anetzberger GJ. *J Elder Abuse Negl* 2010; 22(1-2): 3-5.

Exploring the impact of intimate partner violence on breastfeeding initiation: does it matter? Cerulli C, Chin N, Talbot N, Chaudron L. *Breastfeed Med* 2010; 5(ePub): 225-6.

External barriers to help-seeking encountered by Canadian gay and lesbian victims of intimate partner abuse: an application of the barriers model. St Pierre M, Senn CY. *Violence Vict* 2010; 25(4): 536-52.

Factors Related to Reading Performance in Children Exposed to Domestic Violence. Blackburn JF. *J Child Adolesc Trauma* 2009; 2(4): 253.

Longitudinal Treatment Effectiveness Outcomes of a Group Intervention for Women and Children Exposed to Domestic Violence. Basu A, Malone JC, Levendosky AA, Dubay S. *J Child Adolesc Trauma* 2009; 2(2): 90.

Perpetrators of intimate partner sexual violence: Are there unique characteristics associated with making partners have sex without a condom? Purdie MP, Abbey A, Jacques-Tiura AJ. *Violence Against Women* 2010; 16(10): 1086-97.

Pregnancy complications in women with childhood sexual abuse experiences. Leeners B, Stiller R, Block E, Gorres G, Rath W. *J Psychosom Res* 2010; 69(5): 503-10.

Risk factors for dating violence among adolescent females presenting to the pediatric emergency department. Erickson MJ, Gittelman MA, Dowd D. *J Trauma* 2010; 69(4 Suppl): S227-32.



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

BOOKS OF INTEREST:

Confronting Violence: Answers to Questions About the Epidemic Destroying America's Homes and Communities, 3rd Edition. Gellert, George, APHA.

Intimate Partner Violence : A Health-Based Perspective. Mitchell, Connie, Oxford University Press.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST:

2011 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, April 11-13, 2011, Chicago, IL.

Academy on Violence & Abuse 2nd Scientific Conference, "The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding", April 14-16, 2011, Bloomington, MN.

Second International Conference on Violence Against Women, "Complex Realities and New Issues in a Changing World", May 29-June 1, 2011, Montreal, QC, Canada.

National Network to End DV, "HIV/AIDs and DV", July 14-15, 2011, San Francisco, CA.

APHA Annual Meeting, "Healthy Communities Promote Healthy Minds & Bodies", October 29-November 2, 2011, Washington, DC.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"The time is always right to do what is right." – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The directory is the main tool for members to contact each other throughout the year. Please check to ensure we have your most current contact information and add keywords (e.g., stalking, research) to your profile to help others with similar interests network with you.



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

Membership Application (Note: there is no charge to join a Forum!)

1. Personal Information:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Title

2. Address / Contact Info:

Agency

City, State, Zip

3. Contact Information:

Phone

Email

4. What APHA Sections/SPIGS/Caucuses/Forums do you belong to?

Sections

SPIGS

Caucuses



APHA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, Number 1

March 2011

Forums

5. What particular area(s) of Family Violence interest you? (Circle any that apply)

Child Abuse/Neglect

Intimate Partner Violence

Elder Abuse/Neglect

Education

Fatal Injury

Mental Health

Policy

Sexual Assault

Program & Services

Research/Evaluation

Substance Abuse

Prevention

Other (please

specify)

6. To which other professional organizations to you belong? (Please list up to 3).

7. What topics or projects would you suggest for the group?

Please e-mail this page to Lidia Escobar (manetla@dcfs.lacounty.gov)