

## Draft Meeting Summary

### Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH) Business Meeting Fall 2006

**Meeting Date:** Sunday November 5, 2006  
**Time:** 2:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Boston Convention and Exhibition Center  
Room: 251  
415 Summer Street  
Boston, MA 02210  
**Chair:** Jose Gorrin-Peralta  
**Staff:** Kalpana Ramiah

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- I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda (Jose Gorrin-Peralta)
  - A. Agenda approved
  - B. Presentations:
    - i. MCH Timeline and Power Point presentation (Laura Kavanagh – MCHB); Developed with Greg Alexander, Holly Grason and Colleen Huebner (excellent slideshow, with *Lean on Me* and *Teach Your Children* soundtrack)
      1. Please use it, provide feedback
      2. MCH library collection will be digitized and provided at that website (<http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/timeline/>)
    - ii. In second part of the meeting, recognition of Gene Declercq (see notes below)
    - iii. Charlie Mahan: Credentialing issues reviewed (moved up from Item VIII)
      1. Following above presentation, Dr. Mahan noted that there are slides on the ASPH website, but there's no music, and they're not very funny
      2. Pamphlet provided explains history and process of credentialing public health professionals
        - a. Public health is the only health entity without national credentialing examination
        - b. Attempts of the past 20 years to create one have failed
        - c. Following organizations formed National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE): American Public Health Association (APHA), Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO), Nat'l Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR)

- i. Questions about sub-specialty exams (no plans yet, maybe MCH will develop its own exam), and students from non-accredited schools taking exam
- iv. CDC presentation on Women's Health and Preconception Care (Kay Kelso from CDC)
  1. Review of disparities and pregnancy outcomes, infant mortality rates not improved in the last 10 years, consensus has been growing over 20 years that something like this connection should take place
  2. CDC held June 2005 conference, 450 attended with 70 communities presenting abstracts
    - a. Advisory Board of 52 members formed – leaders in preconception care
    - b. Published supplement in MCH journal (33 articles on policy and practice)
    - c. Introduction of "Reproductive Life Plan"
    - d. Now have speakers' bureaus, curriculum materials, money for doctoral dissertations to do their dissertations on preconception care
    - e. Discussion of ATMCH role in curriculum development and MCH Journal supplement for text references
  3. Concern expressed that the integration of women's health and preconception care along with a "Reproductive Life Plan" may serve to set back women's status several decades by putting women's health back into an exclusively reproductive role

## II. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approved

## III. President's Report

- A. Relationship with AMCHP/ATMCH Executive Boards – both organizations will be working closely together
  - i. Will help address 50% reduction in MCH workforce in next 5 years
  - ii. AMCHP has survey of workforce needs – they need help analyzing it
  - iii. Holly Grasson and Charlie Mahan from ATMCH will be on AMCHP workforce development sub-committee
  - iv. Change in By-laws to have AMCHP Executive Committee member on ATMCH Executive Committee

## IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. ATMCH gets funds from MCHB annually and from member dues
  - i. This year, down \$5,000 from MCHB.
  - ii. Please recruit colleagues; we need an increase in membership which will help with budget shortfall and grow the organization

## V. Committee Reports

- A. Nominations/Welcoming New Officers (Gene Declercq)
  - i. President-Elect: Russ Kirby
  - ii. Members-at-large: Anne Wallis and Joan Kennelly
  - iii. Treasurer: Holly Grason
  
- B. Research (Jonathon Kotch and Leslie Davidson)
  - i. A survey was developed to help set the agenda for the Research Committee: how ATMCH will help MCH teachers/researchers
  - ii. AMCHP session: academic collaboration between ATMCH & AMCHP; abstract is accepted.
  
- C. Membership (Alice Richman)
  - i. Currently at 113 members (93 faculty/community, 15 students, 5 honorary)
  - ii. Held first Faculty/Student Breakfast today – very successful
    - 1. Will repeat it next year
  
- VI. Plans for coming year
  - A. Collaboration with AMCHP Case Studies Project
    - a. Marti Coulter described development of case study
      - I. Worked with doctors from Illinois and Hawaii DOH
      - II. ATMCH contracted with Debbie Allen, who did a great job
        - 1. Topic is program and policy development of medical homes for children with special needs (a priority area for MCHB)
      - III. Will be presented at APHA next year as a 1/2 – day training session on the use of case studies
  
- VI. Special Session: Women’s Health (Hani Atrash)
  - A. This session was moved up to the beginning of the program (see notes, page 1)
  
- VII. Panel Discussion “Collaborating with Community Partners: Opportunities to Enhance MCH Education” (Russ Kirby)
  - A. Many excellent examples given:
    - i. Intimate partner violence program, NYC, partners with PPNYC and NYC Alliance against Sexual Assault
    - ii. Needs Assessment program in MCH – students paired up with community program coordinators
    - iii. Center for Study of Family Violence – started out as requirement for program evaluation; Family Justice Center with Department of Justice funding; pulled all agencies together that deal with treatment of women, students involved, did focus groups
    - iv. Needs assessment – President of Neighborhood Association given a faculty line, takes students out to where kids and women congregate in the community

- v. Agency in Detroit dealing with Latinos; technical assistance on data collection dealing with DM and obesity – has lead to change in clinical practice

VIII. Update on Credentialing (Charlie Mahan)

- A. This session was moved up to the beginning of the program  
(see notes, page 1)

IX. Announcements

- A. UC Berkeley MCH Programs
  - i. 1-year (MD's, sabbaticals)
  - ii. 2-year (mid-level career)
  - iii. 42 credits
- B. Topics for future discussions
  - i. Changes in IRB processes and how it affects our students
- C. ASPH announces MCH research grants (Laura Kavanagh)
  - i. Effects of interdisciplinary training, \$300,000/ year for 3 years
  - ii. Boston University – MCH Dept looking for Asst/Assoc Professor
  - iii. Also positions open at Johns Hopkins and USF
- D. AMCHP representative – thank you, especially for workforce development issues
  - i. AMCHP always looking for interns
  - ii. Also looking for new Executive Director
- E. Gene Declercq – thank you to Jose Gorrin-Peralta
  - i. And a big thank-you to Gene, with a plaque

X. Adjourn