

**Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH)
Business Meeting Spring 2006
Minutes**

Meeting Date: Sunday March 5, 2006

Time: 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Crystal Gateway Marriott
Jefferson Room
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA

Chair: Jose Gorrin-Peralta

Staff: Kalpana Ramiah

I. Welcome and Approval of Agenda – Jose Gorrin-Peralta

- a. Welcome from Jose Gorrin-Peralta
- b. Agenda approved

II. Approval of minutes – Ellen Daley

- Minutes from Business Meeting in Fall 2005 approved

III. President’s Report – Jose Gorrin-Peralta

- a. Participation in US Breastfeeding Committee (USBC)
 - 1st national coalition meeting in January 2006 in Virginia, included state and territorial groups; helped establish networks; federal govt. behind this effort
- b. Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (organization is 10 years old)
 - Meeting was held last week in Boston
 - Formed new committee aimed at promoting better pregnancy-related practices in re: C-Section, V-BAC, etc. – will employ evidence-based birth practices in the US

IV. Treasurer’s Report (Treasurer unavailable)

- a. Budget looks fine
 - \$28,000 reserve from dues, and \$20,000 from MCHB
 - As noted from last meeting, will keep \$15,000 in reserve

V. Committee Reports

a. Nominations

- Lacey Award: Mary Barger (Boston University) won the award
 - Gene Declercq noted that Mary is an exemplary teacher
- Elections
 - President-Elect – Russ Kirby, UAB
 - Secretary – Ellen Daley, USF
 - Treasurer – no one identified yet
 - Member-at-Large
 - a. 2-year slot up in November: Kay Perrin
 - b. 1-year slot, (this slot was Holly Grason’s that just ended, -- filled by Anne Wallis)
 - Committee Chairs
 - a. Education Committee –Mary Barger agreed to co-chair
 - b. Anyone interested in any of the other committees should talk to Kalpana Ramiah

b. Education – no report

c. Research –

- Skill building workshop at AMCHP (CDC funded project aimed at organizing all public health evidence-based materials)
- Workshop convened earlier today
- AMCHP would like to advertise this program to its membership; slides will be on AMCHP and ATMCH websites and on state health dept websites
- URL: <http://library.umassmed.edu>

d. Membership –

- 103 members paid up (8 students); 120 last year
- Membership includes MCH Journal and PH Reports
- Great deal for students – getting some inquiries

VI. Plans for Coming Year

a. Case Studies Project (Marti Coulter)

- ATMCH has just received funding for 1st case study; we have 6 months to prepare it

- Activity for Fall ATMCH business meeting: present the case and use it to train MCH faculty how to use case studies
- Any interest in participating on this sub-committee preparing the case study, contact Marti Coulter or Kalpana Ramiah
- Possible Resources for Case Studies:
 - Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (5 case studies available on-line)
 - MCHB website
 - BU School of Public Health – CD Manpower Case Study
 - Andy Rucks – UAB professor in MCH program
 - UIC – Integrated case-based seminar, connected with State MCH program
- b. Activities at APHA this year – no session planned this year, but possibly one for 2007

VII. Other business

- a. Introductions from attending membership
 - Helen Wallace – one of the founders of ATMCH
 - Discussed upcoming issue of legalized abortion and challenge to Roe vs. Wade
 - ATMCH should be part of that discussion, to protect the abortion rights and human rights of poor women in the US
 - a. In the past, ATMCH has written letters from the President re: emerging issues
 - b. APHA, AGI other organizations for these discussions
 - c. Need to encourage Exec Committee to write a letter when it's needed
- b. Report from Tulane SPH (Jeannette Magnus)
 - Power Point presentation on public health, MCH effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans
 - Discussion re: lessons learned

- Need Emergency Preparedness Curriculum
 - a. MCH populations need to be addressed in disasters
 - b. Kalpana: ASPH has Center for Public Health Preparedness – contact her for more information
- Rosters of faculty/staff in departments & projects
 - a. Lists of out-of-town relations
 - b. Other e-mail addresses for reaching people later
 - c. Data back-up somewhere else

VIII. Special Session – AMCHP

- a. Guests included Jeffrey Lobas, MD, EdD, MPA (President), Peter Sybinsky, PhD (CEO) and Nan Streeter, MS, RN (President Elect)
- b. Review of Strategic Plan of AMCHP, Purpose and Membership, and Leadership
- c. New Committees
 - Health Care Finance
 - Workforce Development
 - Emerging Issues
- d. Threats to AMCHP – funding issues, lack of MCH identity within states, “disease of the month” funding approach fragments programs and funding (e.g. epilepsy, autism, etc.)
- e. Discussion re: AMCHP and ATMCH – What can we do for each other?
 - 1st step is getting together to discuss what we have in common
 - WHO has identified this decade as the Workforce Development Decade – major implications for both organizations

Final Point – Laura Kavanagh noted MCH Leadership Grants information available through grants.gov.

IX. Adjourn