

Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH)

Minutes of Business Meeting

Meeting date: Sunday November 10, 2002

Time: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Location: **Loews Philadelphia Hotel,**
Room: Commonwealth B
1200 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA

Chair: Arden Handler

Staff: Kalpana Ramiah

I. Welcome (Arden Handler)

II. Secretary's report and approval of minutes (Arden Handler)

Minutes were approved and seconded.

III. Approval of agenda (Arden Handler)

Approved and seconded.

IV. Treasurer's report (Donna Petersen)

The Treasurer's Report reviewed the two accounts that ATMCH relies on: MCHB and Membership dues. At present, the budget was slightly over account because of some staffing issues, brochures, etc., although the membership dues announcement went out in September.

Report was Approved and Seconded.

V. Committee reports

A. Nominations (Pierre Buekens), committee for the Lacey Award

1. Jan. 15th, 2003 deadline for nominations.

B. Membership (Molly McNulty)

1. Membership Needs Survey had been distributed to 700 people – results presented at last meeting
2. Ideas presented to increase membership
 - a. Letters to Chairs of departments to distribute to faculty/students
 - b. Encouraging graduate students to participate: "Take a Footnote to Lunch"
 - c. Would welcome other ideas

C. Education (Elizabeth Gulitz)

1. Committee is looking for more members
2. Discussions have started for planning internal sessions at AMCHP
3. Education committee plans to write to former members to reactivate their involvement

D. Research (Karen Peterson/ Edith Kieffer)

1. Discussions about abstracts, sponsoring a session at the AMCHP Conference; ATMCH is new to the process of abstracts for this conference, and didn't have time this year to propose a session there, but will propose sponsoring a session next year
 - a. Topics proposed included disparities, data bank linkages, cutting edge issues (i.e. oral health) and other topics of national interest
 - b. "Research to Practice" and being viewed as the 'think tank' to the MCHB grantees were emphasized when thinking of proposed research sessions
2. New idea was offered: distribute timeline for abstract deadlines, etc. to ATMCH members
3. Student Research Symposium – blue flyer handed out at meeting
 - a. Started at Johns Hopkins
 - b. March meeting in Arlington
 - c. Individual schools would be willing to support students going due to MCHB not giving funding for this purpose

VI. Plans for coming year (Arden Handler and Gene Declercq)

A. Mentoring Project

1. Gene Declercq has been chosen as first mentor

B. APHA 2003 Continuing Education (Molly McNulty)

1. Proposal last year didn't meet deadline, but will be re-introduced this year
2. Topic will be how to teach MCH
 - a. Competencies and 2 areas of specialty (i.e. analysis and policy)

C. APHA 2002 ATMCH session

1. Topic for 2002 (Mon. Nov. 11th): "Teaching Global Health"
2. Topic for 2003: Along with APHA theme (Behavioral Lifestyle and Social Determinants of Health) "Teaching Research into Practice"

D. AMCHP Meeting

1. Internal Education Session (Elizabeth Gulitz)
 - a. Session needed for March 2003 AMCHP meeting;
 - b. Several ideas are already generated
 1. Joint degree programs and different academic 'cultures'
 2. Children as victims of war
 3. IOM report on educating public health workforce (Sheila Smythe, who was a member of the Committee that wrote the report volunteered to help)

4. Increasing awareness of MCH in schools of Public Health

E. Special Announcement: Claire Brindis, Dir. For Reproductive Health

1. Conducting a Resource Project to increase awareness of Adolescent Health in schools of Public Health; anyone interested, please contact her.

F. Report from the Secretariat (Kalpana Ramiah)

1. Reminder about membership dues and roster of today's meeting

VII. Relationship with other Organizations (Arden Handler)

1. Discussion of relationship with National Action Alliance (12-15 organizations)
 - a. relationship has improved
 - b. new projects underway – ATMCH may take lead on project dealing with teaching health competencies
2. Columbia University Oral Health Grant (ATMCH is expert reviewer for content)
3. NAPNP – KYKS – agreed that ATMCH will not endorse campaign, but will distribute information
4. Head Start Early Education – Jonathon Kotch attended representing ATMCH
5. ASPH MCH Division – Module for teaching about folic acid

VIII. Recognition of New Officers

1. New Officers introduced – President and Secretary will be elected on one year cycle, and Treasurer and 2 at-large members the alternating year
2. Recognition of Arden Handler's work on behalf of ATMCH

IX. Strategic Planning (Donna Petersen)

1. Review of history and mission of ATMCH, membership composition and organizational structure
2. Donna Peterson formed 3 breakout groups: Education, Research and Name Recognition
3. Groups reported findings (see report from Donna Peterson at next meeting)

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.