

**Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH)  
Business Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: Sunday, March 25, 2001

Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Grand Hyatt Hotel  
Washington DC

Chair: Arden Handler

Staff: Sandra Maldague

**I. Welcome**

Arden Handler introduced Sandra Maldague as the new staff person from the Association of Schools of Public Health. She replaces Karen Helsing. Karen was acknowledged and thanked for her hard work. Everyone introduced themselves around the table.

**II. Secretary's report and approval of minutes**

Minutes were distributed and a motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was distributed and a motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.

**IV. Treasurer's Report (Maldague)**

A proposed budget was prepared by Sandra Maldague and distributed for discussion. After lengthy discussion, the following three motions were made and approved.

- Keep \$8, 000 in reserve for operating expenses.
- Request \$15, 000 additional funds from HRSA to supplement the \$15,000. reoccurring funds; the additional money will be used to pay a consultant to upgrade the ATMCH website and to increase general operating funding for the ASPH staff.
- A portion of the money collected from the membership dues will be used to increase the membership.

**V. Report from the Nominations Committee (Buekens)**

Donna Peterson accepted the nomination to be Treasurer. Nominations from the floor were requested. No additional individuals were nominated from the floor, so Donna Peterson will serve as the new ATMCH treasurer. Her term will begin at the end of the Fall meeting.

Donna Peterson was chosen for the Lacey Award this year. She will receive a certificate and plaque at the Annual Loretta Lacey Award dinner that follows the business meeting.

Three motions were made and passed related to the Lacey Award:

- a) The full membership disagreed with the idea that the past president will abstain from the vote for the Lacey Award given that there are four members of the committee. Instead, the membership decided that the work of the Loretta Lacey Award committee, including protocols for voting, will be organized at the Chair's discretion.

- b) The nominees for the Lacey Award are no longer required to be from a School of Public Health. However, the nominee must be an ATMCH member and working in academe.
- c) The nomination and selection process need to be moved to no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>, so the awardee has adequate time to plan to attend the Spring ATMCH meeting.

#### VI. **Report from the Membership (Handler)**

It was reported that there are twenty new members, which is the largest increase ever. To be a member in good standing, dues must be paid by October. Anyone who does not pay by April will be considered inactive. Inactive members will:

- be sent an email and letter reminder,
- continue to receive the newsletter,
- not be eligible to receive the password to the ATMCH website once it is developed,
- not be eligible to receive a registration fee discount for the AMCHP meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed regarding sharing the ATMCH membership list with non-commercial organizations. The membership list may be shared with non-commercial organizations after the president polls the Executive Committee. Also a disclaimer will be added to the membership form about sharing of information.

#### VII **Report from Education (Chavez)**

It was reported that the MCH competencies are posted on the ATMCH website. This committee is available to work on a new project.

#### VIII. **Report from Peter VanDyck**

- Betty James Duke will serve as the Acting Director of HRSA. C. Earl Fox and Doris Barnett have left HRSA.
- It was reported that MCHB is updating the Pregnancy Diary. It will be available in English and Spanish in a few months.
- About 30-35 new SPRANS performance measures have developed. In the near future, all MCHB SPRANS grants will be evaluated by a select number of these performance measures.
- Data from two large research projects will be available in 2002:
  - a) SLAITS (State and Local Immunization Integrated Telephone Survey) which is a sample of families who have children with special needs between the ages of 19 to 35 months
  - b) Living With Illness Survey that is available in twelve languages and includes demographic and illness prevalence rate data.
- MCHB is forming a committee to design the National Child Health Survey. The data collection will begin in Fall 2003.

- The Office of Women's Health is expanding to include lifespan issues. Development is underway for a new Bright Futures curriculum to focus on women's health throughout the lifespan.
- LifeTime Cable broadcast a 60-minute show sponsored by MCHB about the need for prenatal care. From the production, three public service announcements were produced in English and Spanish. The calls generated from the public service announcements are dispatched to the toll free Healthy Start locations in each state.
- There is no new money allocated for MCHB, which means fewer grant funded opportunities in the coming year.

#### X. **Report from Research (K. Peterson)**

It was reported that there will be a panel discussion at AMCHP sponsored by the ATMCH Research Committee on how best to link research to practice. The panelists will be from: Harvard (Karen Peterson), Rocky Mountain States (Doug Taren), and University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health (Noel Chavez).

#### XI. **ATMCH Plans**

- **APHA 2001 (DeClercq and Taren)**

There will be a panel discussion at APHA sponsored by ATMCH related to the development of undergraduate programs and degrees in public health. The discussion will not focus on maternal and child health issues per se, but rather all aspects of public health. Representatives from the following schools will be included in the panel: Boston, Hopkins, and University of North Carolina. The internal ATMCH discussion at APHA is being organized by Doug Taren and Sheila Smythe and is focused on the globalization of the MCH curriculum.

- **APHA 2002 Continuing Education (Kotch)**

It was reported that APHA requires a needs assessment prior to developing continuing education programs. The member survey will serve as the beginning of the needs assessment data. A similar survey will be developed for non-members.

- **Curricula Postings on the Website and other issues (Handler)**

We will request additional funds from HRSA to expand the posting of course curricula on the ATMCH website. A motion was made and passed for Arden to select a committee to draft a statement regarding the protection of intellectual property for curricula posted on the ATMCH website. Gene DeClercq, Noel Chavez, Holly Grason, and Jonathan Kotch volunteered to be on this committee.

- **Joint Survey with ASPH of MCH programs (Handler)**

Due to the number of surveys that are sent to the deans and administration, ASPH is reluctant to conduct any additional surveys involving Schools of Public Health at this time. It was suggested that any surveys sent by ATMCH be sent to the ASPH MCH delegate instead of to the deans.

#### XI. **Additional Issues**

- Co-sponsorship of other organization's events (Handler)

ATMCH receives numerous requests to co-sponsor conferences. A motion was made, seconded and passed that at the discretion of the president, ATMCH will co-sponsor related conferences as long as the request does not involve resources, financial support, and a time commitment from the ATMCH members.

- Friends of Title V Coalition (Handler)

It was reported that thanks to the effort of ATMCH members, advocacy for the expansion of Title V \$\$ for education and research was included in the information package that was sent to Congress and the White House a few months ago.

Currently, Holly Grason is the only ATMCH member located in the D. C. area who is involved to the MCH issues that come up in Congress. ATMCH needs to recruit additional individuals to become involved in the legislative process. Pat O'Campo volunteered to help with this.

- MCHB Research Meeting (Handler)

It was reported that on Monday at 4:00 pm at the AMCHP conference the issue of decreased funding for MCH research would be discussed with Dr. Gontran Lamberty of MCHB. ATMCH members were encouraged to attend.

- ATMCH History

It was reported that on the ATMCH website there is little information related to the history of the organization. Several attempts have been made to increase the paragraph related to the history, but it has become a low priority item. The current paragraph on the website was written after an interview with Dr. Al Chang, but several members commented that the information was not correct. It was decided not to make this into a major project but rather to distribute the paragraph to current members to obtain their input.

## XII. Special Session on Doctoral Training in MCH

Milt Kotelchuck, Robert McDermott and Barbara Leonard led a discussion on MCH doctoral training. The topics of discussion focused on:

- the similarities and differences between and among PhD and DrPH programs
- the curricula of the various programs
- the skills needed for practice versus academe
- the impact of doctoral programs on the MPH degree within colleges
- the need and availability of internships

The discussion ended with some thoughts about perhaps writing a working paper related to the discussion or to initiate some further discussion at a conference.

## XIII. Work Group Meetings