

SHA UPDATE

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President's Message

Becky Barnes

We have just completed a very successful, and I believe enthusiastic, mid-year governing council meeting in Savannah, Georgia. This is probably the first time SHA has had an official meeting in Georgia. All council members fell in love with Savannah. We met at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront Hotel, which will also be the site for our joint annual meeting with the Georgia Public Health Association in September. It is a beautiful facility and a great location. All council members expressed their eagerness to return to Savannah to visit and attend the meeting with GPHA.

I want to give a special thanks to Georgia's Affiliate Representative, Dr. Joe Alderman, for being such a gracious and accommodating host. We also had the privilege and opportunity to meet two other leaders in public health in Georgia, Dr. Doug Skelton, President-Elect of GPHA, and Dr. Kathryn Martin, administrator, Chatham County Health Department (Savannah).

They were able to join members of the governing council for dinner one evening. Also, Kathryn attended the second day of our meeting and had the opportunity to hear the reports from all states and interact with council members. This interaction in the small group setting is such a benefit in my opinion. Many opportunities are offered to learn about what other affiliate organizations are accomplishing as well as what is happening in their public health departments. You may read the state reports in another section of the newsletter.

The council heard reports from all standing committees and approved a double slate of candidates for officers for 2008. The strategic plan was reviewed and updated. There is a goal to recruit Mississippi into SHA and also to work with Virginia to encourage their return.

Dr. Stephanie Bailey, Chief, Office of Public Health Practice, CDC, Atlanta, has accepted SHA's invitation to speak at the joint meeting with Georgia. The council voted to sponsor a panel comprised of members from several of the southern states to review their plans for Pandemic Flu Outbreaks. Also, if the SHA grant request is approved by CDC, Mark Fenton will be speaking on what can be done to make communities more livable.

Members, please continue to try and recruit new members. Remember, in your recruitment efforts, please send the message we need them and what they can bring to the organization. Let them know they have something to offer. This way we all gain!

Please mark your calendars for September 4-7, 2007, Savannah, Georgia, and the joint annual meeting with our new affiliate, the Georgia Public Health Association.

Becky Barnes

President, SHA



2007 SHA Annual Meeting

Now is the time to start planning to attend the 2007 SHA Annual Meeting. It will be a joint meeting with the Georgia Public Health Association and will be held in Savannah, Georgia, September 4-7, at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel. The theme for the meeting is: **Public Health: Prevent, Promote, Protect**. The Marriott is a first class hotel and Savannah is a fantastic place to visit. This is our first year to hold an annual meeting in Georgia and we anticipate a great meeting.

Don't miss this meeting!

Alabama Legislative News

Legislative News

The Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce's Executive Committee has voted to adopt a 125 million dollar funding request by the University of Alabama at Birmingham, (UAB) as its top state legislative priority this year. The university hopes to expand its 34-year-old Comprehensive Cancer Center in the city, adding 375 jobs. UAB's funding request has also been backed by the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation, the County Commission, Jefferson County Mayors Association, Birmingham City Council, and Birmingham Mayor Bernard Kincaid.

The 2007, Organization Session adjourned on January 16, 2007, and the Alabama Regular Session will convene on March 6, 2007. Democrats elected the Former Secretary of State to replace 16-year veteran for Vice Chair. Due to differences in politics and supporting different candidates in the Jefferson County race, the Alabama Education Association Chief nominated Nancy Worley to replace veteran Amy Burks. There was much controversy concerning this change, and the Party Chairman reported that it would take some time for the healing process.

The practice of transferring campaign contributions from one political action committee (PAC), to another will be up for a vote in the Senate and House. The purpose of the bill is to tell voters where a candidate is getting funds to run his or her campaign.

The Alabama Legislature has moved up Alabama's presidential primary by four months to February 5, 2008. Alabama will go from being last in the South to second behind South Carolina. Because of this, Alabama is getting more attention from likely presidential candidates of both parties.

Alabama News

Alabama Public Health Association News

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Public Health Association, (ALPHA) will be held in conjunction with the Alabama Environmental Health Association at the River-view Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, from Wednesday, May 16 through Friday, May 18. All SHA members are invited to attend this meeting. The theme of the conference is "Together We Build Healthy Communities." Some of the topics to be presented at the educational conference include Plan First-Alternative Medical Care, Spanish for Health Professionals, Public Health and Pharmacy, and the MCH Objectives for 2010.

The Treasurer reported that ALPHA has approximately 500 members. Last year at this time ALPHA had 365 members. The Membership Committee was commended for its recruitment efforts.

A Strategic Planning Committee was formed to make ALPHA more visible and stronger. Items discussed were how to make the Association more visible, and how to attract new Alabama Department of Public Health employees, especially some of the younger employees. A report will be presented at the February 2007, Board Meeting.

Alabama Department of Public Health News

Scale back Alabama is inspiring Alabamians to lose weight. Most Alabama residents are eligible to win the generous grand prize of \$1,000 per person donated by Barber Dairies which will be awarded to the team of three to five members with the greatest percentage weight loss. The start date of the competition was Monday January 22, for the eight-week period that concludes with a weigh-in at an official site on March 19. Weight loss will be calculated based on percentage weight loss. To kick off the campaign, 2003 American Idol Ruben Studdard held a news conference January 4, at Vulcan Park in Birmingham, Alabama. Studdard encouraged Alabamians to lose 10 million pounds over eight weeks through a weight loss program designed to encourage

healthy weight reduction and physical activity. Ten million pounds is basically 10 pounds per person for every person statewide that is estimated to be obese. Currently Alabama's adults rank as the second most obese in the U.S.

The competition is sponsored by the Alabama Hospital Association, the Alabama Department of Public Health and Barber Dairies. The RSA Tower in Montgomery, many county health departments and Alabama hospitals will serve as official sites to allow Alabama residents to get involved in the program. Scale Back classes are also being offered once per week to provide beneficial information and support.

Alabama joins eight other states in having received "green status for its level of preparedness to receive the Strategic National Stockpile program, known as the SNS. This is a federal program of the CDC that assists states to establish pre-positioned caches of medicines and supplies that can be shipped quickly in the event of a large scale public health emergency. The SNS is a national repository of antibiotics, chemical antidotes, antitoxins, life-support medications, IV administration, airway maintenance supplies, and surgical items.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Environmental Monitoring and Emergency Planning Section hosted a national exercise involving radiological response teams from Southeastern states. The simulated exercise began with a traffic accident causing an explosion killing three and injuring 10. Simulated monitoring and surveying of the scenes, evacuation and town meetings were carried out. The event was considered a great success.

State Health Officer Donald Williamson received the Special Citation Award from the Alabama

Hospital Association, (AlaHA). The AlaHA President presented the award to Dr. Williamson for his outstanding service to the

state, as well as his continued efforts to work with hospitals in the areas such as disaster relief, trauma services and the initiation of the Children's Health Insurance Program, All Kids.

The ADPH sponsored two "Be Ready Days in September to educate and train communities and citizens on ways to prepare for disasters, and emergencies. Other items discussed were learning of volunteer opportunities in their communities and observing first responders demonstrating their preparedness and response activities. Faith-based organizations were also encouraged to include preparedness materials in their bulletins and newsletters, to post preparedness materials on their websites, and to speak to their congregations on the need to prepare.

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama established the Institute for Public Health and Pharmacy to further the interactions between the professions of pharmacy and public health. The basic goal is to increase the effectiveness of preventive health services in Alabama and this region and thereby, improving the health status of our communities.

For example, many pharmacists are certified to give vaccinations and community pharmacists are already distributing among the population to a large degree based on population density.

Arkansas News

Legislative Update

SB 191 – Permissive legislation authorizes governor to create the Department of Health. The state's Chief Health Officer to serve as director of the Department of Health.

SB 39 – Extends APERS DROP plan from 7 years to 10 years.

SB 185 – Reduces sales and use tax on food. Defines food. Leaves amendment 75 excise tax and local taxes on food. Passed Senate and House.

Governor Beebe has requested the Joint Budget Committee to introduce three bills concerning state employee compensation. The bills include 1) Pay plan with 2% COLA; 2) Implementation of a merit increase system providing merit increases for satisfactory, above average, and exceeds standards performance; and 3) Increase in the career service recognition payments by three hundred dollars.

Agency News

The following is a list of items the agency is focusing on in the current legislative session:

- Proposed Public Water System Increase
- Act to Require a Fact of Death Record be Filed with Vital Records
- Regulation of Sewage Disposal Professionals
- Rural Health Services Revolving Fund
- Rural Physician Incentive Revolving Fund
- Immunization Registry
- Nursing Home Influenza Vaccine
- Immunization Requirement Authority
- Statewide Trauma System
- Primary Seat Belt Law
- Graduated Driver's License

Association News

The Association's annual meeting will be held May 9-11, 2007 at the Hot Springs Convention Center and Austin Hotel. Two new sections have petitioned to join APHA: Health Disparities and Infectious Diseases.

The theme for the annual meeting will be:

Unlocking the Science of Public Health:

- ***Evidence-based Decisions***
- ***Prepared Workforce***

Georgia News

Association News

Donna Adams Morgan serves as Interim Executive Director. J. Fred Agel, President, GPHA is performing most of the duties of Executive Director, as well as President, GPHA.

At the mid-year meeting in Savannah, Georgia, SHA leadership was pleased to have dinner with Doug Skelton, President-Elect, GPHA and Kathryn Martin, Chatham(Savannah) County Health Department Administrator to discuss and share public health issues and regional challenges in public health.

2007 Joint Meeting Southern Health Association/Georgia Public Health Association (SHA/GPHA)

The Georgia Public Health Association is pleased to remind all affiliate and individual members that the 2007 Joint Meeting Southern Health Association/Georgia Public Health Association will be held at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel September 4-7, 2007 in Savannah Georgia. Georgia looks forward to providing an educational, entertaining meeting for all. More information will follow. Be sure to check: <http://gapha.org/>. One of the benefits in attending joint SHA/Affiliate meeting is sharing with fellow Southern public healthers many common interests and providing information and education programs that often prove to be very helpful in the work place.



The theme and logo for this year's joint meeting is the "**Public Health: Prevent, Promote, Protect.**" Learn more about the National Association of County & City Health Officials' logo at: <http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/marketing/LocalPublicHealthBrand.cfm>

Division of Public Health, GA Dept. of Human Resources News

The Division of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency entrusted by the people of the State of Georgia with the ultimate responsibility for the health of communities and the entire population. At the state level, GDPH is divided into numerous branches, sections, programs and offices, and at the local level, GDPH functions via 18 health districts and 159 county health departments. DPH is part of a larger state agency, the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR). For more information on DPH, email gdpinfo@dhr.state.ga.us

Legislative News

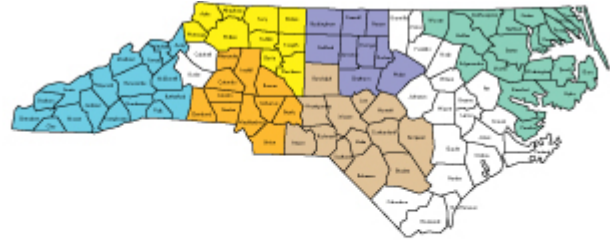
This is the first of a two year cycle for the Legislative Session. At the beginning of the 2007 legislative session, the Georgia House of Representatives will be made up of 106 Republicans and 74 Democrats. The Georgia Senate will be made up of 34 Republicans, 22 Democrats and a newly elected Republican Lieutenant Governor.

(Submitted by GPHA SHA Representative – E. Joseph Alderman)

North Carolina News

The NC Public Health Incubator Collaboratives (NC PHICs) is the overall program title that represents collective groups of local health departments working together to leverage funds and infrastructure to develop regional governance and reach public health project goals.

This highly innovative regional model of collaboration enables local autonomy while leveraging shared resources and best practices. As a member of one of North Carolina's six Incubator Collaboratives, each local health department can focus on the public health needs of its community, while working together to address regional challenges.



The North Carolina Public Health Incubator Collaboratives

 Western NC Partnership for Public Health	 South Central NC Partnership for Public Health
 Northwest NC Partnership for Public Health	 Southern Piedmont NC Partnership for Public Health
 Central NC Partnership for Public Health	 Northeastern NC Partnership for Public Health

Since 2004, the Incubator Collaboratives have engaged in over 40 local/regional public health initiatives, and procured an additional \$5 million in funds collectively through successful grant-writing, improved capacity, enhanced efficiency, and successful community-based public health interventions. Such impacts have been made in:

- Teen smoking cessation and pregnancy prevention through teen advocacy
- Addressing health disparities through faith-based initiatives through 22 of North Carolina's poorest counties
- Health care information advances through the use of standardized electronic health records
- Providing services to the uninsured by piloting small business family practice health care providers to focus on low-income workers in small businesses to promote their health and reduce their reliance on expensive emergency room services.

More than 30 different projects have begun under the NC Public Health Incubator Initiative. For more information on these and other projects, please visit our website at www.unc.sph.edu/nciph/incubators. If you have a best practice or model program to share with the Incubators, please let us know. In addition, visit our web site regularly to see what projects are making progress in NC. For additional information on the NC Public Health Incubator Collaboratives, please contact Lisa Macon Harrison or R. Erin Ridings at 919-966-0341, or erin_ridings@unc.edu.

Kentucky News

The Kentucky Public health Association will host its 59th Annual Conference March 26-29, 2007 at the Executive West Hotel, Louisville, KY. The theme for the Conference is "Today's Investment in Tomorrow". The Program Committee has most of the program finalized. Program and Topics can be viewed at www.kpha-ky.org.

KPHA membership is growing. We presently have in excess of 900 members and hoping to go over a 1,000 members by conference time.

The Kentucky Public health Association in conjunction with the Kentucky Health Departments Association conducted a legislative workshop on November 14, 2006. This workshop is always scheduled in one of the legislative committee rooms at the Capitol Annex. A number of Legislators made presentations specifically Health and Welfare and Appropriations Committee members.

KPHA is presently working on a number of position statements. We have approved three papers dealing with "the Built Environment", "Preserving Local Control of Public Health Laws" and a paper dealing with "Prohibition of Sale of Raw Milk". Under review are papers dealing with "Colon Cancer Screening Awareness", "HPV Vaccine", and Electronic Reporting of Disease during a Disaster". When the Board approves these papers we will publish a bound copy and provide to all General Assembly members.

KPHA has initiated a Courtesy Rx Drug Card "Unbridled RX". This card is free to anyone who wants to go to www.kpha-ky.org and click on Courtesy Rx button and enter name and birthday and print a card. For those filling prescriptions for the months of September and October (when we started tracking activity) savings were in excess of 30%. Also KPHA started a member's only benefits page that has a number of other benefits including travel and other discounts. One must be a member and have a special ID number to access this page whereas the Rx page can be accessed from our web site regardless of where you are. One does not have to be a Kentucky resident.

We will be hosting the fourth annual Dudley J. Conner golf tournament on June 25, 2007 at the Bardstown Country Club at Maywood golf course to raise funds for the scholarship program. Last year we had 119 players show up to take part in this effort. We were able to raise in excess of \$6,600.00 for the one-day event.

We have asked Governor Ernie Fletcher to declare March 25-31, 2007 as Public Health Week in Kentucky. A proclamation is in the process of being prepared and we have asked for a public signing in the Rotunda of the Capitol just prior to our annual conference scheduled for March 26-29, 2007.

South Carolina News

ASTHO Vision Award goes to All-Health Team

by Clair Boatwright, Media Relations

DHEC's All-Health Team earned a first place award from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' 2006 Vision Awards ceremony in Atlanta. "This much-appreciated honor was achieved through the combination of a great concept combined with hard work and dedication on the part of our staff and the children who compete for the monthly awards," said Dr. Lisa Waddell, M.D., deputy commissioner for DHEC's Health Services. "The All-Health Team program recognizes and rewards youth, their teachers and adult leaders for their efforts to promote preventive health in their schools and communities. The best time to instill good health habits is early and this program not only encourages good health in children, it allows students to reach out and teach good health habits to community members as well as with their own families."

Dr. Waddell and Joann Minder, All-Health Team's program manager, accepted the trophy and the \$2,500 award given by Glaxo-SmithKline on behalf of DHEC and its inaugural partners, Columbia's WIS-TV and Lexington Medical Center.

The Vision Awards recognize outstanding state health department programs and initiatives that use a creative approach to address public health needs or problems.

"This innovative program serves as an outstanding example to the public health community and will encourage replication of such initiatives in other states," said Jason Hohl, of ASTHO.

The All-Health Team continues today as a public-private partnership between DHEC and WIS-TV in Columbia. Each month the Partnership recognizes and rewards youth in South Carolina for their outstanding efforts to promote preventive health in their schools and communities. For more information visit the Web site at www.scdhec.gov/allhealth, or contact Joann Minder at (803) 545-4501, or e-mail minderjm@dhec.sc.gov.



"WHERE IN THE WORLD IS PUBLIC HEALTH"

The South Carolina Public Health Association is proud to present the annual meeting of its membership and associates. This year, the theme is **"Where in the World is Public Health."** Hopefully, as you leave the conference you will have a better understanding of what public health is, its role in meeting health needs of the citizens of South Carolina as well as the broader perspective of global issues effecting our world.

To address the theme this year, we proudly invite you to attend and hear national speakers address global and local topics in public health.

It is not too early to make room reservations for the annual meeting. Springmaid will honor conference rates May 18th – May 24th. A special rate of \$115++, with a 2-night minimum, for the Memorial Day weekend is being offered. Deadline for making reservations at the conference rate is April 23rd!

South Carolina News Cont.

Publications receive national recognition

by Cristi Horne, Communication Resources

DHEC has won two national awards in the 2006 national competition sponsored by the National Public Health Information Coalition.

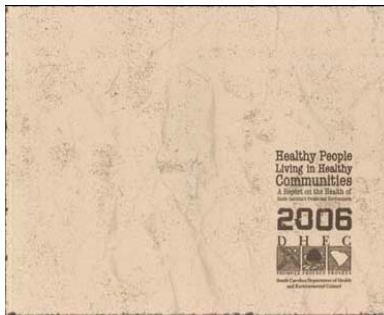
DHEC won the award for Best Annual Report for its 2006 Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities. The judges, public relations practitioners and communications professors from the Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia areas, gave the report a nearly perfect score.

They said of the entry, "A lot of work went into this report and it shows. Good job!" and "The visuals and texture of the report was very interesting."

This year the agency report category was one of the hottest competitions. DHEC won second place in the agency report category last year, following two back-to-back awards for the top prize in the competition for 2003 and 2004.

Adam Myrick received the second place award for Best News Release. He wrote about the success of the congregation at Cheraw's Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church in improving its health through involvement in the "Search Your Heart" program in coordination with staff in DHEC's Region 4.

The NPHIC Awards program is open to public health agencies at the state, county, municipal, tribal and territorial levels. The NPHIC is an organization of communications professionals at federal, state, tribal, territorial and local public health agencies. Thom Berry, director of DHEC's Division of Medial Relations, is a founding member and former president of the organization.



Front and back covers of the top national award for agency reports for 2006. The coffee stain is an eye catching part of the award –winning design.

Address Change

Please make a note of the following address change for the Southern Health Association. The telephone number (615-754-0779) and email address (sha@southernhealth.net) remain the same.

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Report of 2006 APHA Annual Meeting by Ted Hanekamp, APHA Liaison

The 134th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association was held November 4-8, 2006 in Boston, MA with the theme: *Public Health and Human Rights*. The attendance was over 13,200. There were more than 900 scientific sessions and over 650 exhibits.

The Committee on Affiliates sponsored the Affiliates Leadership Day on November 4th, and the leadership and governing council representatives of many affiliates participated. The reception, sponsored by over 30 affiliates, was well attended. The Milton and Ruth Roemer Award for creative and innovative local public health work was presented to Anthony B Iton, MD, JD, MPH.

At the Opening Session, the keynote speakers were Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH, President and CEO of *CARE USA* and Paul E. Farmer, MD, PhD, founding Director of *Partners in Health*. Receiving awards for Distinguished Public Health Legislator were U. S. Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, U. S. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, and Representative Major Owens of New York. Also among those receiving awards was the Kentucky Dental Public Health Partnership, which received The APHA/GlaxoSmithKline Partnership in Public Health Award. President Patricia D. Mail, PhD, MPH, CHES passed the gavel to incoming President Deborah K. Walker, EdD, who presided over the Closing General Session, which featured John Edward McDonough, DrPH, MPA and Vincent DeMarco, JD, MA, who discussed *Expanding Health Care Coverage: Are Mandates an Option?*

The Governing Council analyzed, discussed and approved 23 policy statements. They are available on-line at the APHA website, www.apha.org. Elected as President-Elect was Linda C. Degutis, PhD, MSN; and elected to the Executive Board were Olivia Carter-Pokras, PhD, MHS; Lyndon Haviland, DrPH, MPH; and Georgio Piccagli, PhD, MPH. SHA Governing Council member, Stephen R. Keener, MD, MPH became the Chair-Elect of the Committee on Affiliates (CoA). The Region IV Representative to the CoA is Terri Sasser, MPH, Affiliate Representative from Mississippi. The Region VI Representative to the CoA is Cheryl Ferguson, MPH, Affiliate Representative from New Mexico. These are your representatives to the Committee on Affiliates if you need to communicate with the Committee.

The next Annual Meeting will be held November 3-7, 2007 in Washington, DC and will feature the theme: *Politics, Policy & Public Health*.

Florida News

ORGANIZATION NEWS

Florida Public Health Association's (FPHA) annual educational conference, scheduled for July 31-August 3, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt in Tampa, offers a "big show" for public health professionals. This year's conference theme, "***Under the Big Top: Florida Public Health – The Greatest Show on Earth,***" promises to bring big ideas for understanding and improving public health. Locations approved for the 2008 and 2009 annual education conferences are scheduled as follows:

- 2008 at the Omni Champions Gate in Orlando
- 2009 at the PGA National Resort & Spa in West Palm Beach (bring your golf clubs!)

A strategic plan for FPHA used successfully for several years is recommended for all state organizations. This year's updated strategic plan prioritized the following three goals/objectives:

- Increase and maintain membership;
- Enhance FPHA's impact on public health issues; and
- Increase member satisfaction.

The Strategic Plan can be located at www.fpha.org.

In 2006, FPHA improved member satisfaction survey responses. For the past three years, members received mailed surveys; this year they were sent via email with the survey to be completed online.

Additionally, all 2005 members who did not renew their dues received an exit survey. The FPHA Board will address issues identified by former members that could be useful in retaining memberships.

A new FPHA Student Section was created after students showed an increased interest to be more involved at the Annual Meeting and throughout the year. They presented a petition for a new section to the Board; it was approved July 2006. Student members are busy coordinating activities and planning a session for the 2007 annual meeting.

In 2006, renewal notices for 2007 were sent via email instead of mailing a hard copies to members. The Membership Committee saw this method as a way to save money as well as obtain quicker responses.

The Website Editor now provides quarterly reports to the Board about the number of "hits" on FPHA's website. From this data, the Board will know more about areas of interest on the site, who is visiting the site and when it is being viewed. The Board can make better decisions on ways to improve the website for future use.

The Florida Public Health Review (our online journal) could use more public health articles for publication. If anyone from the SHA affiliates wants to send an article, please go to the link on the FPHA website for ***The Florida Public Health Review*** and you will receive guidelines for article submission. We also encourage everyone to check periodically and read new articles.

FPHA completed the 2006 year with 950 members and 25 health agencies with group memberships. We look forward to seeing these numbers increase in 2007.

Florida News Cont.

STATE NEWS

Florida experienced a peaceful change in leadership in state government. Governor Charlie Crist, former Florida attorney general, took office in early January and the transition period began for state governmental agencies. In his platform, Governor Crist issued his prescription to keep Florida Healthy, which includes the following goals:

- Make health care affordable;
- Increase access to care;
- A commitment to prevention; and
- Improve the quality of care through innovation.

Goal #3 may have the greatest impact on Florida's health departments. The governor plans to refocus the Department of Health to be headed by the State Surgeon General as a leading advocate for wellness and disease prevention. **The Secretary of the Department of Health will act as the State Surgeon General**

The role of Surgeon General, as described in the Governor's prescription for a healthy Florida, will act as the leading voice on wellness and disease prevention as well as advocate for healthy lifestyles, prevention of substance abuse, suicide, mental illness and improve personal responsibility in disaster preparation.

On January 17, 2007, Governor Charlie Crist appointed Ana M. Viamont-Ros, MD, MPH, Secretary of the Department of Health and **Florida's first Surgeon General**. When introducing the appointee, Governor Crist said, "Dr. Viamonte-Ros' experience in family and community health care and outreach to minority populations will be a valuable asset to the Department and Florida's citizens."

Dr. Viamonte-Ros completed post-graduate residencies at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC and Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She graduated from the University of Miami, the University Of Miami School Of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. Most recently she served as clinical director for a private organization providing health care to corrections facilities in two states.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Florida Public Health Foundation actively seeks legislative funding this session to carry out Legislative mandates. Last year's session granted the Foundation "preferred status," allowing contracts with Florida's Department of Health without requiring bids on each contract. We have sponsors in the Senate and the House for funding in 2007. This support is critical for the Foundation to remain a viable organization.

In 2006, an amendment on the state ballot required tobacco funds received by the state to fund anti-tobacco education programs statewide. In previous years, these funds were diverted to fund other, non-health programs.

Southern Health Association Calendar

SHA Governing Council Meetings

September 4, 2007Savannah, GA

SHA Annual Meeting September 4-7, 2007 Savannah, GA

State Association Meetings

Alabama.....Mobile.....May 16-18, 2007

Theme: Together We Build Healthy Communities

Arkansas.....Hot Springs.....May 9-11, 2007

Theme: Unlocking the Science of Public Health: Evidence-based Decisions; Prepared Workforce; Amplified Customer Service

Florida.....Tampa BayJuly 31—Aug 3, 2007

Theme: Under the Big Top: Florida Public Health—the Greatest Show on Earth

Georgia.....Savannah.....September 4-7, 2007

Theme: Public Health : Prevent, Promote, Protect

Kentucky.....Louisville.....March 27-29, 2007

Theme: Public Health: Today's Investment in Tomorrow

North Carolina.....Research Triangle Park.....Sept 26-28, 2007

Theme: Taking the Lead with Changes, Challenges, and Great Expectations

South Carolina.....Myrtle Beach.....May 23-25, 2007

Theme: "Where In the World Is Public Health:"

Tennessee.....Franklin.....Oct 31—Nov 2, 2007

Other Meetings

APHA.....Washington, D.C.....Nov. 3-7, 2007

Theme: Politics, Policy and Public Health

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MISSION: To serve as a regional advocate for Public Health and for the growth and development of its leadership

Southern Health Association Membership Application

(Mail to SHA, 1590 North Bass Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122)

Name _____ OfficePhone _____

Email _____

Organization/Agency _____

Position _____

Dues Paid

Mailing Address _____ 1-Year 2-Year

_____ New Member ___\$20 ___\$40

_____ Individual ___\$25 ___\$45

Is mailing address: (Office ___ Home ___) Fellow ___\$40

Retiree ___\$10

Student ___\$10

Donation (Please fill in amount) _____

Functional Area:

___ Administrative

___ Direct Care

___ Environmental

___ Management Support

___ Educational/Health Promotion

U.S. Congressional District Residence _____

Are you will to serve on a committee? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, give preference _____

_____ Are you a member of your state PHA?

___ Yes ___ No

Sponsor: optional) _____

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