SOPHE Corner

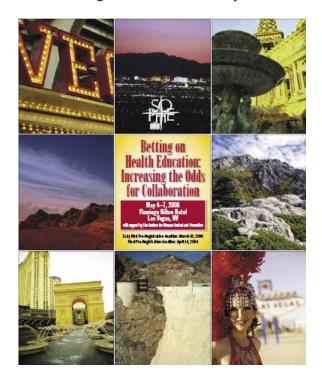
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SOPHE Mid-Year Conference – Las Vegas – May 4-7, 2006

The mid-year meeting of the Society for Public Health Education, "Betting on Health Education: Increasing the Odds for Collaboration" will be held at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 4-7, 2006. Pre-registration deadline is April 14. Hotel reservations deadline is April 8...



SOPHE is pleased to present a slate of notable guest speakers including: Larry Ashley, PhD, University of Nevada at Las Vegas; Vicki Beck, M.S., University of Southern California; Jay Bernhart, Ph.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Kelley Chunn, M.S.; Richard A. Goodman, M.D., J.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; David Osman, M.A; Sally Squires, M.A., Washington Post; and John Seffrin, Ph.D., American Cancer Society.

Student Scholarship Opportunities: Applications are being accepted for the SOPHE Midyear Conference Student Scholarships. The application deadline is April 7, 2006. All applicants will be notified by April 14, 2006. Access the application at www.sophe.org/.

Visit the SOPHE website for additional information: http://www.sophe.org/index.asp

SOPHE: Call For Abstracts!

SOPHE 57th Annual Meeting "Health as a Human Right: Health Education, Equality, and Social Justice for All". SOPHE's 2006 Annual Meeting will examine the impact of reciprocal influences of health and human rights, including the impact public health programs and policies have on human rights and health disparities, the consequences human rights violations have on health, the importance of health in realizing human rights, and the ways in which health educators can ensure that human rights are integrated into public health strategies to eliminate disparities.

Deadline: April 28, 2006: You are invited to submit a proposal for a concurrent session, a pre- or post-conference workshop, or a poster presentation at the SOPHE 57th Annual Meeting, November 2-4, 2006 in Boston, MA.

Abstract submission is online at: http://www.sophe.org/abstract

SOPHE's 9th Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit

The annual National Health Education Advocacy Summit and Congressional Briefings was held March 11-13, 2006, in Washington, D.C. During the three-day meeting 20 participants received either basic or advanced-level advocacy training, briefings on specific legislative issues (School Health, Eliminating Health Disparities, and No Child Left Behind) by experienced professionals from the government relations staffs of key public health organizations, and also conducted visits-either individually or in state delegations-with members of Congressional representatives or other Federal officials in Washington.

Third National Congress for Institutions Preparing Health Educators

From February 23-25, 2006, approximately 200 people attended the *Third National Congress for Institutions Preparing Health Educators: Linking Program Assessment, Accountability, and Improvement* meeting in Dallas, Texas. This landmark meeting was sponsored by the Society for Public Health Education and the American Association for Health Education and developed by National Transition Task Force on Accreditation in Health Education. This task force is co-chaired by Kathleen Roe, DrPH, MPH, Professor and Chair of Health Science, San Jose State University and David Birch, PhD, CHES, Professor and Chair of Health Education and Recreation, Southern Illinois University.

Representatives from health education professional preparation programs listened to and participated in discussions about the movement toward implementation of a unified system of health education accreditation and integration of the 2006 Roles and Responsibilities of Health Educators (CUP Competencies) into curricula. More than 20 plenary, skill-building workshops, roundtables, and networking sessions were conducted. Additional information on the Task Force's activities, publications, and some of the meeting presentations can be found at the National Taskforce website: http://www.healthedaccred.org/

Join SOPHE

SOPHE is a 56 year old association whose members include more than 4,000 professionals with formal training and/or an interest in health education and health promotion throughout the United States and 25 foreign countries. Members work in schools, universities, medical/managed care settings, corporations, voluntary health agencies, international organizations, and federal, state, and local government. There are currently 25 SOPHE chapters covering 35 states. The SOPHE Mission: To promote, encourage and contribute to the advancement of health of all people through education.

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