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NEWSLETTER

Pam Miles
2007 President

Message from the President

Greetings,
I am so excited about everything that is happening with MPHA. I encourage all who can attend to get their registration submitted before the deadline. We plan to have Dr. J. Edward Hill as our keynote speaker. Dr. Hill is not only a distinguished speaker but also a member of the Board of Health. We will have some really interesting sessions on Thursday and fun for all on Wednesday night and Thursday night. Remember to order your MPHA T-Shirt for the Friday Morning breakfast and business meeting.

I would like to say a special **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who has worked so hard for MPHA this year. **"Ya'll are the greatest"**. SEE YOU AT CONVENTION.

Blessings, Pam Miles

ANNOUNCING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Diane Carlisle

(Sorry, no photograph available)

I am delighted to be running for MPHA President. The Health Department has received a lot of publicity recently - not all of it good. We need to change that.

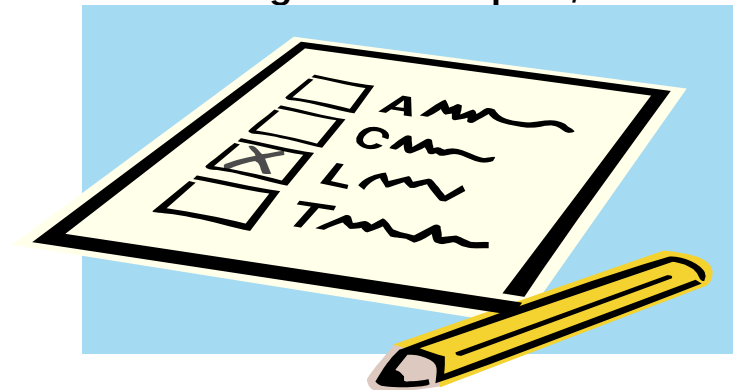
Mississippi deserves a healthy and prosperous future as we make a comeback from our crises we have experienced in the past few years. As your MPHA President I will do my best, working with and for all of you, to make the future brighter and better.

ANNOUNCING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Kevin Pearson



I have worked for the agency for over 20 years. I began my career in Finance and Accounts and have served in WIC and Home Health. I currently hold the District V Administrator position for the past three years. I am married with two teenage daughters and live in Madison. I have the experience and desire to provide leadership and management to MPHA if elected.

Be sure to cast your vote for your favorite candidate this fall at our Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, MS!



2007 ANNUAL MEETING

September 19 - 21, 2007 at the Pearl River Resort, Philadelphia, MS



Call **1.866.447.3275** today for your reservations. It is extremely important that you identify yourself with the MPHA group #**MISI07A**. Room rates for the conference are \$65 plus tax per night for the single or double room. Tuesday, **Aug 28, 2007 is the deadline** for reservations blocked by MPHA.

Remember, if you are registering for convention:

- Membership/Registration Application must be approved by your supervisor before you submit it to MPHA.
- \$85 must be entered in the window provided for MDH Employees Registration Fee
- MDH Employees are required to pay \$10 along with the submission of the Application.
- **\$20 late fee is required for any registration received after August 24, 2007.**

MPHA MEMBERSHIP is convenient!

Joining MPHA has never been easier....



You can join today by downloading an MPHA application from our own website @

www.msdh.state.ms.us/mpha

and mailing it to:

Sandra Hill
5070 E Woodrow Wilson U-213
Jackson, MS 39215-7642

- If you would like to volunteer at the registration desk on Wed, Sept 19th, please email Sandra ASAP at sandra.hill@msdh.state.ms.us

MPHA PRESTIGE AWARDS

The Mississippi Public Health Association is currently accepting nominations for Prestige Awards to be



given at the Annual Conference in September 2007. Recipients of these awards must be current members of MPHA.

MPHA LONGEVITY AWARDS

If you have been with MDH for 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years, and have not



been contacted regarding a Longevity Award, please contact Louisa Young Denson at 601.576.7856 as soon as possible.

- Recipients must be current members of MPHA.

MPHA SECTION AWARDS

Nominations are also open for various MPHA Section Awards. Please contact the section chairs for closing dates and to nominate deserving co-workers.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday night's entertainment will be "The Public Health View" and will be telecast live at the "Star".



Thursday night's entertainment will be "Dancing with the Stars". Dress like your favorite movie star or celebrity and pair up for a dance "contest" to remember.

The following page is a draft of the sessions for Convention this September.....

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
8:00 – 9:30	<p>Laura Hall Downey Dr.Ph Putting the Public Back into Public Health</p> <p>1.Describe the importance of engaging the public in public health efforts, including public health assessment, program planning and research</p> <p>2. Explain how community-based participatory methods can assist public health practitioners and researchers in obtaining broad community involvement in public health efforts. 3. Understand how one rural community used these methods to engage residents in the public health assessment and planning process</p>	<p>Amy Keywood, RD, CDE</p> <p>The Picture of Health: Model what you teach</p> <p>1.Promote effective and appropriate food choices for a health balanced diet</p> <p>2. Understand the role and benefits of exercise in maintaining a health lifestyle</p> <p>3. Identify small changes to your daily routine that will improve your health</p>	<p>Valerie Loeschen LCSW Yikes They are Following Me – How our Families of Origin Affect our Working Relationships</p> <p>1.Obtain an overview of Bowen’s Family System Theory</p> <p>2.Understand the Bowenian concept of differentiation</p> <p>3.Apply Bowen FST to the workplace (with a special attention paid to maintaining a health self when working with a narcissist)</p>	<p>Margaret Morton, RN And Just What is MRSA?</p> <p>Objectives TBA</p>	<p>RTC for Family Planning</p> <p>Alternative and Complementary Therapies in Women’s Health</p> <p>1.List at least four complementary therapies & discuss potential benefits or complications 2.Name five vitamins commonly used as supplements and discuss their potential benefits 3.discuss at least four folk remedies</p>
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Angela Robertson, Mississippi Alcohol and Drug Abusers: HIV risk and Barriers to HIV testing</p> <p>1.To provide information on alcohol and other drug patterns and risk behaviors of abusers in AOD treatment and attending court mandated driving under the influence classes</p> <p>2. To identify problems with the current HIV risk screening procedures used in publicly funded AOD treatment programs and to discuss methods</p>	<p>Amy Keywood, RD CDE</p> <p>The Picture of Health: Model what you teach</p> <p>1.Promote effective and appropriate food choices for a health balanced diet</p> <p>2. Understand the role and benefits of exercise in maintaining a health lifestyle</p> <p>3. Identify small changes to your daily routine that will improve your health</p>	<p>Mike Cashion</p> <p>Food Allergens in the Restaurant Industry</p> <p>1.Discuss what the industry in doing operationally for internal and external customers</p> <p>2 .Public Education Opportunities</p>	<p>Dr.T.David Elkins Resiliency and Coping: How Humans Respond</p> <p>1.Discuss how humans cope with Trauma</p> <p>2.Describe various coping mechanisms</p> <p>3.Discuss literature on which mechanisms help and hurt</p>	<p>RTC for Family Planning</p> <p>Alternative and Complementary Therapies in Women’s Health</p> <p>1.List at least four complementary therapies & discuss potential benefits or complications</p> <p>2.Name five vitamins commonly used as supplements and discuss their potential benefits</p> <p>3.discuss at least four folk remedies</p> <p>Repeat or Part 2???</p>
3:00 – 4:30	<p>Bente Johnson</p> <p>Forensic & Minimal Fact Interviewing</p> <p>1.Basic forensic interviewing skills</p> <p>2.Why a forensic interview might be needed</p> <p>3.Difference between forensic interviewing and minimal fact interviewing</p>	<p>Shawn Zehnder Lea Mississippi Hospital Association Improving Collaboration and Partnerships between MS Hospitals and Health Departments</p> <p>1.To explain the improvement of partnerships between MS Hospitals and Health Depts.</p>	<p>SCHPLI Group Delmer Roark Chad Bridges Glory Newman Vickey Maddox Melanie Pinter Take this Job and Luv It</p> <p>1.Improve Employee Morale</p> <p>2.Reduce Job Related Stress</p> <p>3.Increase Productively and Retention of Employees</p>	<p>Kip Bowen The Power of Positive Thinking</p> <p>1.Become aware of how our thoughts generate our feelings and subsequent behaviors</p> <p>2.Identify common types of irrational thinking and non-supportive beliefs</p> <p>3.Learn Methods for positive thinking and a happier view of life</p>	

Door Prizes / Silent Auction

Items Needed!!!

Got a favorite shop in town? You know, the one that always has the latest things!!!!!!



Tell them about our convention and ask for a door prize or silent auction item. It gives them a free opportunity to advertise to hundreds of people from all over the state and you get to brag on your hometown.



Or a fabulous restaurant or Bed & Breakfast where you **just love to go** who would donate a nights' stay?



For door prize donations contact Judy Izard at 601-894-2271 or Esther Poe at 601-825-2141 and for Silent Auction items contact Karen Herrington at 601-847-2755.



MPHA is having a FUND RAISER!

We are still taking **prepaid orders** for MPHA 2007 Convention Tee-Shirts.



We thought it would be fun for everyone to wear them during convention for the Friday morning Breakfast meeting. The tee shirts will be delivered to your District or Central Office MPHA contact person for distribution to you the first week of September 2007.

- **Order deadline Aug 3, 2007**
- **For your convenience, a prepaid order form is attached.**

The MPHA Executive Committee would like to say **"thank you"** in advance for your support!

MPHA T-Shirt **PRE-PAID ORDER**

(first name)

(last name)

(mailing address)

(city)

(state) (zip)

(work location ie: CHD, WIC Warehouse, District, Central Office)

(work phone number)

Check size, enter quantity, and circle Color(s) desired:

small \$12()qty___ color: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

medium \$12()qty___color: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

large \$12()qty___ color: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

XL \$12 () qty___ color: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

XXL \$13 () qty___ color: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

XXXL \$14 () qty___ color: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

AMOUNT PAID TODAY: \$ _____

*****All order forms must include payment*****

Check/Money Order/Cash accepted until Aug 3, 2007 deadline

Mail order form and pre-payment to:

Sandra Bomar, District V Office, P O Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700