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IPHA NEGOTIATES FLU VACCINE SUPPLY WITH AVENTIS— CONSORTIUM MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE ENTIRE ORDER

In light of the influenza vaccine shortage announcement, IPHA began researching alternative options for Consortium members. After much negotiation with Aventis Pasteur, IPHA originally signed a contract for half of the Vaccine Consortium's original order. This week, Aventis informed IPHA that the Association's Vaccine Consortium members will now receive the full order originally requested in the consortium project. Initial shipments are being made this week with the second half shipments scheduled within the next two weeks. Any vaccine that the consortium members are unable to use will be redistributed by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

On October 5th, the nation's supply of flu vaccine was cut in half because British health authorities suspended Chiron Corporation's license to manufacture influenza vaccine. The supply emergency arose when Chiron's Liverpool, England manufacturing plant was shut down by United Kingdom regulators for contaminated vaccine. Chiron Corporation was to deliver about half of the U.S. supply of vaccine, or up to 48 million doses. Aventis Pasteur, the only other influenza vaccine manufacturer, will provide 58 million doses to the United States.

The announcement comes roughly a month before flu season starts and raises concern about whether there will be enough vaccine to protect children, older Americans and others who are at greatest risk. According to Health and Human Services Secretary, Tommy Thompson, "about 60 million doses of influenza vaccine combined with an ample supply of antiviral medicines – poten-



tially enough for more than 40 million people during the flu season – puts America in a strong position to keep people safe during the upcoming flu season." The 60 million doses of influenza vaccine include the 58 million doses from Aventis Pasteur and 2 million doses of FluMist nasal spray.

The Illinois Public Health Association had originally contracted with General Injectibles and Vaccine, a distributor of the Chiron Corporation's fluvirin vaccine, for the Association's Annual Vaccine Consortium. As a result, IPHA was notified that our members would receive no vaccine this season.

In response to the limited supply of vaccine, the federal and state governments asked healthy Americans between ages 2 and 64 to forgo their shots, so they could go to those who are most at risk of developing complications. With the shortage of vaccine, it is important that every dose of flu vaccine be targeted to high-risk individuals.

IPHA will be working in the coming weeks to develop educational materials for the general public. These materials will offer suggestions on how those who will not receive the flu shot this year can reduce their risk of getting the disease. The Association will continue to work on behalf of the Vaccine Consortium to ensure that all members receive top priority with regards to vaccine delivery.

For more information on the IPHA Vaccine Consortium, please contact the office at 217-522-5687.

View the
Upcoming Events Calendar on
IPHA's website!



SAVE THE DATE



64th Annual IPHA Annual Meeting

Investing in Public Health...

People, Prevention, Policy, and Partners

April 5-7, 2005

Renaissance Hotel and Prairie Capitol Convention Center

Springfield, IL

Information regarding the meeting will be posted on the IPHA website, www.ipha.com, as it is developed. Please visit the site regularly for updates!

IPHA ANNOUNCES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Members of the Illinois Public Health Association are invited to nominate individuals to be considered by the Nominating Committee for election. The Nominating Committee is comprised of: Chair, Gina Swehla, Jeff Workman, Sharon Spinks, Barney Turnock, and Margaret Beaman.

The Executive Council positions available are:

- President-Elect (One year term as President-Elect, followed by one year term as President, and one year term as Immediate Past President)
- Secretary (Two year term)
- Executive Council-At-Large Member (Three year term)

The Standing Committee positions available are:

- Nominating Committee (Five members elected to a one year term)

QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for election a person must:

- Be a current member of the Illinois Public Health Association
- Possess a keen interest in public health and be willing participate in quarterly meetings

DUTIES

President-Elect:

In preparation for assuming leadership, the President-Elect shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and Executive Council, serve as Chair of the Association Executive Committee, learn Association objectives, functions, and reports of all Committees. Once in office, the President, as executive officer, shall perform the usual and customary duties that pertain to the office of President. Including, but not limited to: presiding at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee and Executive Council, calling regular or special meetings of the Council, presenting the Annual Budget to the Council, making appointments to IPHA committees, and serving as the Association spokesperson.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall attend all quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee and Executive Council, keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and Executive Council, prepare correspondence as directed by the Executive Council and certify official documents required in conducting the business of the Association.

Executive Council At-Large:

The At-Large member shall attend all quarterly meetings of the Executive Council and serve as a voting member of the Association's Executive Council.

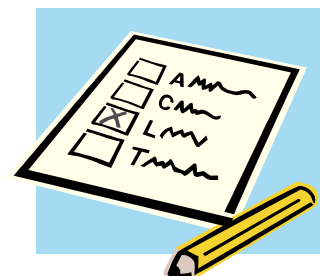
Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee members shall meet as necessary and shall report to the Executive Council. Members are responsible for overseeing the election process including the validation of all ballots before tabulating the results.

If you are interested in serving in the coming year, please submit a written nomination listing the person's name, contact information, and the office of nomination. Please submit your nomination along with a short biography to the IPHA office at 223 South Third Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Nominations will be accepted until 4:30 PM on November 15, 2004. Voting will take place in Mid March. Newly elected candidates will be confirmed at the IPHA Annual Meeting.

For more information about IPHA, please visit the Association's website at www.ipha.com, or contact the office at 217-522-5687.



18 NEW AMERICORPS MEMBERS JOIN IPHA

The Illinois Public Health AmeriCorps program welcomes eighteen new AmeriCorps members to the corps for the 2005-2006 program year. These members are from all over Illinois and the nation and will be strengthening the field of public health over the course of the next eleven months at health departments throughout the state. Below is a listing of members and the health departments they are serving:

- Alaina Elbe- Adams CHD, Quincy
- Janelle Cervantes- Cass CHD, Virginia,
- Judson Allen- Champaign Urbana Public Health District, Champaign
- Sarah Gripper- IPHA, Springfield
- Ada Ford- Jackson CHD, Murphysboro
- Christy Wahle- Jo Daviess CHD, Galena
- Margaret McCurdy- Lake CHD, Waukegan
- Debra Mellen- Lee CHD, Dixon
- Sharyn Eklund- Logan CHD, Lincoln
- Jene' Ruppert- Macoupin CHD, Carlinville
- Dan Reilly- McHenry CHD, Woodstock,
- John Meyer- McLean CHD, Bloomington

- Ngozi Onyema - Oak Park Dept. of Public Health, Oak Park
- Lynnette Herrera- Rock Island CHD, Rock Island
- Julie Roberts- St. Clair CHD, Belleville
- Alicia Jensen- Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health, Springfield
- Roger Hill- Stephenson CHD, Freeport
- Tia Speat- Winnebago CHD, Rockford

IPHA AmeriCorps members are stationed individually at local health departments. Members serve for eleven (11) months at their host site and incur 1700 hours of service during this time. Members are allocated a living allowance while they serve, along with health insurance and childcare subsidy (if applicable). Once the member completes their 1700 hours of service they are awarded a \$4,725 education award to put towards continuing their education or paying back student loans. For more information of the IPHA AmeriCorps program please visit our website at www.ipha.com



PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL CHAIR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Shelly Ebbert, IPHA President-Elect, is serving as the 2004-2005 Chair of the Association's Membership Committee. Strengthening all levels of Association membership is one of the key focus areas of the new strategic plan and the committee will address how to best meet the goals for this area. As a first step, the committee will convene a planning session and outline the objectives for membership growth and individual member involvement. Finding ways to engage both sustaining affiliate "employee members" and the individual members in the activities and work of the Association is central to the committee's work. Members are encouraged to communicate their interest in assisting the membership committee or to share ideas for membership development by contacting the Association via e-mail at ipha@ipha.com.

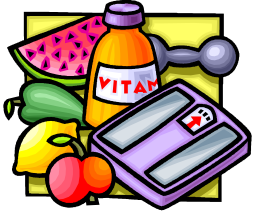
IPHA Wants Your Story!

Viewpoint Online is a **monthly** publication of the Illinois Public Health Association. The regularly published version of *Viewpoint* will be distributed hard copy two times per year.

We want to hear from our members about local success stories, events and other "news." IPHA also welcomes your ideas on how we can make this an effective tool for communication.

To submit an article for inclusion in *Viewpoint Online*, please e-mail your story to Krissy Roseberry at krroseberry@ipha.com.

IPHA FUNDED FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT TARGETING TEENS



The Illinois Public Health Association was recently awarded funding for a special project from the Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health. The pilot project will serve as a critical and innovative approach to bridging the health curriculum for adolescent girls with existing Teen REACH programs already serving this population.

An important element of the Association's strategic focus areas includes promoting evidence-based best practice models, such as the Heart Smart for Teens curriculum, to improve the public's knowledge of their role in public health through the practice of healthy behaviors. Through this project, the Association will have the opportunity to expand the current curriculum to include additional personal health issues for young adolescent girls and provide a series of interactive health education sessions to improve their understanding of and practice of good health behaviors.

The goals of the project include:

- Goal 1:** *Increase the knowledge of disease and associated risk factors*
- Goal 2:** *Increase physical activity*
- Goal 3:** *Increase knowledge of nutrition and healthy food choices*

Goal 4: *Increase the knowledge of mental and emotional health*

IPHA will partner with Healthcare Alternative Systems (HAS), Inc. to implement the pilot project in their Teen REACH program. The populations served by this agency are predominately Hispanic/Latino and African-American. This pilot project will target approximately 100 young girls, ages 9-17, and will be delivered as a 12-week course for one hour per week. IPHA will also collaborate with partner agencies and contract with a public health educator to deliver the weekly class sessions.

Topics will address focus areas such as osteoporosis, breast, cervical and skin cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, cardiovascular disease, age/weight-appropriate fitness activities, weight, vitamins, nutrients, balanced meals, eating disorders, alcohol, tobacco, understanding food labels, cooking demonstrations, self-esteem, body image, stress, depression and healthy relationships.

Upon completion of this pilot project, it is the goal of the Association to expand the project's curriculum and afterschool programming concept to include additional sites in FY2006. As the project continues to show a positive impact on the lifestyle, knowledge and behavior choices of the young girls, this best practice model has even greater potential for expansion and additional funding opportunities in subsequent years.

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UPDATE

The IPHA Executive Council met on September 21, 2004 at Starved Rock Lodge in Utica. President Conny Moody presided over the meeting. Topics of discussion included the 64th Annual Meeting, membership and section development, implementation of the strategic plan, IPHA's new electronic legislative tracking and response system, Association project updates, section reports, and ideas for activities for the 2005 National Public Health Week.

Minutes from Executive Council Meetings can be found on the Association website at www.ipha.com.

Future IPHA Executive Council Meetings::

- December 14, 2004 — Chicago
- March 22, 2005 — Springfield
- June 21, 2005 — Springfield

