



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### LEARNING HOW PUBLIC HEALTH FINANCE AFFECTS PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND PREPAREDNESS - SPECIAL ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICE

Policy-makers and key stakeholders want to know more about how America's public health system is financed and how funds are managed. Contributing to the learning process, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has sponsored a special issue of the Journal of Public Health Management & Practice (JPHMP).

The issue (March/April 2007) takes a major step toward building a field of study in public health finance and advancing public health systems research. The insights and analyses of prominent public health officials, researchers, and practitioners provide strong evidence for pursuing innovative funding mechanisms to strengthen the country's public health system.

Direct link to full issue of journal: <http://www.jphmp.com/pt/re/jphmp/current-toc.htm?sessionId=FkqPh2v2r5fHn7fVQGHjRQypChTQw1G5tVmWTIRxnkglMQfnBJv!-1480123504!-949856144!8091!-1>

## **SPECIAL ISSUE OF HEALTH PROMOTION JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA - SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH INEQUITIES**

This issue of the journal is available for a short time online. Please go to the following website: <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/journal.php>

Of particular interest to ANAPHI representatives is the article written by Lily O'Hara and Jane Gregg from the University of Sunshine Coast. Their article is entitled "The war on obesity: a social determinant of health." Please go to the following website to read the complete article: <http://www.healthpromotion.org.au/journal/articles/article15.php?PHPSESSID=bd3f906d43fc42814b4e21390284c778>

## **REMINDER - CARRICK INSTITUTE DISCIPLINE-BASED DEVELOPMENT FORUM** (Thursday 15 & Friday 16 March 2007—Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart)

**Focus of the Forum:** Trans, Multi and Inter-disciplinary Learning, Teaching and Curriculum Design.

### **Forum Agenda**

- Lessons from the United Kingdom Learning & Teaching Student Network experiences
- Pedagogies of trans-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary education
- Science, ICT and Law Discipline-Based Development pilot project "works in progress"

*Please access the following website for more information:*

<http://www.carrickinstitute.edu.au/carrick/go/home/dbi/cache/offonce/pid/82;jsessionid=4D8F0A79F9BEAB486B8A2EFBF9C3640C>

## **WEBSITE OF INTEREST**

At the November face to face full member one website of interest for ANAPHI representatives were discussed. This websites details are as follows:

**SUPERCOURSE** - <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/>

[Supercourse](http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/) is a global repository of lectures on public health and prevention targeting educators across the world. Supercourse has a network of over 41300 scientists in 171 countries who are sharing for free a library of over 3124 lectures in 26 languages. The concept of the Supercourse and its lecture style has been described as the [Global Health Network University](#) and the [Hypertext Comic Books](#).

## **New ANAPHI Logo**

As you may have already seen at the beginning of this newsletter, the ANAPHI now has its own logo. This logo was selected from a choice of 15 different logo's by the Executive committee in yesterday's teleconference. It is hoped that the logo will become a recognisable symbol both nationally and internationally. Along with the new stand alone website, its is hoped that ANAPHI will become a network which is widely known and utilised.



## DoHA CONTRIBUTION

### *PHERP Quality*

Following the consultation with ANAPHI members last November on PHERP quality, the Department engaged Human Capital Alliance (HCA) to undertake further work on the 'Development of Competencies for Public Health Postgraduate Education'.

The foundation competencies are being defined to guide curriculum development efforts and outcomes particularly of PHERP-funded universities offering Masters in Public Health. This exercise builds on previous work already undertaken by PHERP. To properly progress the development of these competencies and achieve a consensus on their appropriateness, further consultations with public health employers, practitioners and experts are essential.

HCA is now seeking assistance from Universities, employers and other vital stakeholders in this area to provide valuable input into this process by participating in an electronic Delphi Conference. A number of academics representing all PHERP funded universities have already been contacted by HCA to participate in this process.

### *Quality Working Group*

The Quality Working Group was convened on Thursday 22 February 2007 to discuss the Delphi Conference and the PHERP Quality Research. In addition, an update on the 'Indigenous Public Health Curriculum Development Project' was provided by Professor Ian Anderson.

As the draft report entitled "Quality Systems Survey: A Survey of PHERP Institutions" has been submitted to the Department, the QWG members have decided to reconvene later this month. This will enable members to consider the findings of the draft Report and to undertake further work on a framework for PHERP performance indicators.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the 'Quality Systems Survey'. In particular, I would like to thank both Chantelle Fernando and Vivian Lin for conducting such a comprehensive and valuable survey.

### *Staffing Changes*

We recently welcomed Margaret Kirkpatrick to our Section who will be working with us for the next two months. Kerry Dent has also recently transferred to another section of the Division.

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## IMPORTANT DATES!

- The next ANAPHI newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, 28th March 2007. All contributions for this newsletter will need to be sent to the ANAPHI Secretariat, Penny Bisset, by COB Friday, 23rd March.
- The next ANAPHI Executive teleconference is Wednesday, 18th April at 3pm (EST).