



The FAPHN VOICE

FAPHN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FAPHN Annual Business Meeting and Conference is scheduled for Monday, July 30 and Tuesday, July 31, 2007. The location is the beautiful Tampa Grand Hyatt located at 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, Florida. The FPFA (Florida Public Health Association) annual conference begins right after our conference on Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

The Tampa Grand Hyatt offers airport pick-up shuttle service to get you to the hotel and return you to the airport on your schedule.

GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY

INTERNATIONAL PLAZA SHUTTLE PROGRAM seven days a week with pickup and drop off at entrance of Nordstroms (west side). Hotel telephone is (817) 874-1234.

Driving directions are found on page 7 of this issue.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HURRICANES ANYMORE!!

Submitted by Kathleen Marr, RN Collier County Health Department

In Hurricane savvy Florida we have unfortunately grown accustomed to the potential onslaught of Mother Nature each summer. It seems as if everyone automatically begins preparing each June just in case another storm heads our way again! Every county has their own specific recommendations, so if you are **new** to the Sunshine state or just need an annual refresher, please pick up a Hurricane Guide or contact the local Emergency Management Office for additional information. (continued on page 2)

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SPECIAL ISSUE

Special points of interest:

- Reserve your space for the conference! Call (817) 874-1234!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Stephanie Vick



Dear FAPHN Members,

So much to do.....so little time. It seems as though 2006-2007 business year just started, and now it is coming to an end. I believe this has been a productive year and that your Board of Directors has served you well. I have been fortunate to work with some outstanding nurses during my 28 year career, but none more passionate and skilled than those that have comprised the Board this year. What has been just as important is the support and participation that we have experienced from the general membership. Your interest and willingness to assist has been a key to moving our organization forward toward our common vision.

I participated, as President of FAPHN, in the Florida Center for Nursing's Summit this year. The

Nursing's Summit this year. The Summit agenda focused upon the nurse shortage and the prediction that the shortage will grow—as well as contributory factors. **Lack of nursing faculty, an aging workforce and expanded opportunities for nurses** all came to the forefront as potential contributors to the projected shortage. I was proud to participate as a voice for public health nursing and I believe that we can be a part of finding a solution for this dilemma, as a specialty group and as an organization. This was just one example of a time when it was not only me as your President but some of you as members who participated and strengthened our presence. I thank you for your interest and support.

This year we've made greater efforts to spread the knowledge about FAPHN as an organization. I provided guest commentary to the Florida Nursing Association's newsletter, we sponsored **two regional** educational presentations, distributed membership information packets to other organizations such as Community Health Centers and I introduced you (as an organization) to Florida's new Governor and Secretary of Health/Surgeon General. New FAPHN Board members were given Board of Directors' training and

familiarization to Board responsibilities shortly after last year's election. In addition, strides were made to base our operations upon generally accepted business practices such as the development of a Strategic Plan and Business Plan. It was a great year! I thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to lead this wonderful organization.

I especially thank each and every one of our Board Members for their dedication and commitment (lots of hard work). I welcome our new President, Sharon Surrency who demonstrates a true commitment to FAPHN, has a unique perspective and has a desire to lead FAPHN to continued great success.

Finally, thank you FAPHN members. Our organization would not exist without your continued support. You are the reason for each initiative undertaken by the Board. Your cumulative knowledge and experience and commitment to public health nursing are the building blocks for our success. It was a pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vick, MS, BSN, RN

President 2006-2007

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These resources will give you best practice guidelines for developing a personal disaster plan for you and your property before, during and after a storm. Remember that Florida is also very vulnerable to other severe

weather events such as tornadoes, lightening, wildfires, and flooding. Make sure you develop an all hazards plan that will protect in any Emergency. A great website to help you get started is: floridadisaster.org.

Here, in Collier County we are encouraging our residents to

include managing the potential effects of a terrorist event or a long term Pandemic Influenza in their planning. You can learn more about managing these events at Collier CHD websites:

collierprepares.org and colliergov.net/EM. Be proactive in your planning..it could save your

HEALTH RECEIVES CUT!

BY Urvaksh Karkaria, The Times-Union

This article to follow was written by Urvaksh Karkaria of The Times-Union newspaper. FAPHN Editors agreed to include the article as it was written as it demonstrates the major difficulty facing most county health departments.

“Mayor John Peyton’s plans to pull the plug on \$1.9 million in funding to the Duval County Health Department threatens to hobble the agencies services and hike the fees the public pays for birth certificates and immunizations.

The nixing of city dollars, 3.3 percent of the health agency’s \$58 million budget, comes on top of an up to \$1.4 million reduction in state funding.

The 850-employee health department operates 18 clinics and provides medical service to about 50,000 mostly low-income residents annually. The agency also issues birth and death certificates and provides septic tank inspections and other services.

The city’s proposed cutbacks threaten the expansion of public health services to a growing population, health department Director Robert Harmon said Tuesday.

“We have too high a violent injury rate, we have too high an HIV/AIDS...and infant mortality [rate],” he said. “It threatens the progress that we could be making on these public health issues.”

The health department is a state-funded organization that the city has helped finance for about a decade, said Misty Skipper, Peyton’s spokeswoman.

“We are facing a very difficult budget year with about a \$65 million shortfall that we had to make up,” she said.

Peyton’s plan has the backing of the City Council president.

“We, as a city, have to look at our core government functions,” Daniel Davis said. “In the current budget climate we can’t continue to subsidize state departments.”

The 19-member council has final approval over the city’s budget.

Harmon sympathizes with the city and the fiscal constraints it faces, but balks at the price his agency could pay.

“I could understand a 10 or 15 percent budget cut,” Harmon said. “I have a real problem with the 100 percent budget cut for public health services.”

Duval’s medically neediest residents could soon have a problem with those cuts, too.

To counter the loss of city dollars, the health department will likely trim medical services and further escalate user fees. The agency last year sought a fee increase that is expected to add about \$760,000 to its coffers over the next four years and help alleviate previous cuts in city funding.

The city’s share of the health department’s annual budget has tumbled about 30 percent over the past three years.

Harmon hinted at scaling back of the agency’s outreach services, where nurses provide home visits to the old and

immobile, and investigators comb the community to identify and offer treatment to those with sexually transmitted diseases.

To keep the lid on expenses, the department will slow hiring, impose travel restrictions and seek state, federal and private foundation grants.

The planned city cuts also threaten the continuation of a \$1.5 million annual Medicaid grant-money the health department is using to boost services at three of its primary clinics. The reason: the grant includes, and is contingent upon, the health department receiving about \$442,000 in matching funds from the city annually.

“The [city] is proposing to stop that matching funding beyond [June 2008],” Harmon said.

While funding cutbacks hurt, it could have been a lot worse if not for the health department’s long-term plan of diversifying its revenue stream, said former health department director Jeff Goldhagen.

“Over the last 15 years,” Goldhagen said, “we’ve built a system where the health department could stand independent and function independent of the county’s resources.”

**WANTED
FAPHN MEMBERS
TO NOURISH FAPHN BY
PARTICIPATION ON COMMITTEES
ARE YOU THAT MEMBER?**

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE OF THE YEAR: This award is presented to a nurse who has developed a program of excellence addressing a significant community health problem beyond the normal scope of daily responsibilities, or who has responded in an unusual or critical situation in an exemplary manner transcending the usual and customary performance of those responsibilities.

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE LEADERSHIP: This award is given to a public health nurse who, within the last two years has either planned, developed and/or executed a unique or experimental program addressing a significant public health problem or has been recognized by the community, including local, state, or national organization for a professional contribution in the field of public health.

FAPHN SCHOLARSHIPS: The scholarship fund was established to promote excellence in nursing and public health practices and is awarded to a nurse currently in advanced study of nursing administration, education, research, or service/practice or is studying toward an advanced degree in public health.

JULY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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**SAVE THE DATES!!! MAKE YOUR PLANS
AND SAVE MONEY ON REGISTRATION!!!**



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FAPHN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

Street Address (HOME): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Office) _____ (Cell) _____

Position Title/Credentials: _____

E-Mail: (Personal): _____ **(Professional)** _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____



BENEFIT OF 3 OR MORE APPLICANTS JOINING FROM SAME EMPLOYER: 10% DISCOUNT!!

CHECK MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: Annual dues \$50.00 [one year from date of joining or renewal]

_____ **Active R.N.:** FULL dues. Eligible for FAPHN Board position and voting privileges

_____ **Retired R.N.:** HALF-Price Dues: Eligible for same benefits as Active R.N.

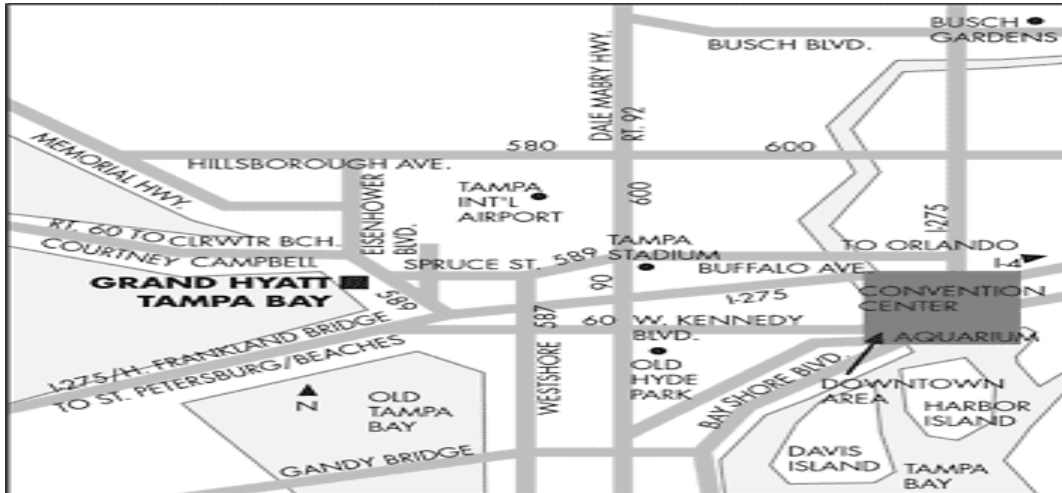
_____ **Student R.N.:** HALF-Price Dues: Student may NOT hold Board position and may NOT vote.
Eligible for scholarships if all scholarship criteria are met.

_____ **Associate Member:** HALF-Price Dues: *Any individual or business entity interested in supporting FAPHN. Eligible to receive newsletter and reduced registration for conference. Not eligible for Board position. Not eligible to vote in elections or on Board Motions. Not eligible to receive mini-grants or scholarships.*

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES: *Please check your area of interest !!!*

_____ **Serve on the FAPHN BOARD:** YES _____ NO _____

_____ **Serve on Committees:** Membership _____ Communication: _____



COMING FROM THE TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

EXIT THE AIRPORT ONTO HWY 60 WEST. MERGE INTO THE FAR LEFT LANE. CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT, CURVE LEFT AND AT THE NEXT LIGHT (BAYPORT DRIVE/FRONTAGE ROAD), TURN LEFT. THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY.

COMING FROM THE NORTH:

TAKE I-275 SOUTH TO EXIT 39 (HWY 60 WEST). MERGE INTO THE FAR LEFT HAND LANE, CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT, CURVE LEFT AND AT THE NEXT LIGHT (BAYPORT DRIVE/FRONTAGE ROAD). TURN LEFT. THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY.

COMING FROM THE EAST:

TAKE I-4 WEST TO I-275 SOUTH TO EXIT 39 (HWY 60 WEST). MERGE INTO THE FAR LEFT LANE, FOLLOW ALL SIGNS FOR CLEARWATER. CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT, CURVE LEFT AND AT THE NEXT LIGHT (BAYPORT DRIVE/FRONTAGE ROAD), TURN LEFT. THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY.

COMING FROM THE SOUTH:

TAKE I-75 NORTH TO I-275 NORTH TO EXIT 39B (HWY 60 WEST AND TAMPA INTERNATIONAL). ONCE ON HWY 60 WEST, BEGIN TO MERGE LEFT, FOLLOW ALL SIGNS TO CLEARWATER. CONTINUE THROUGH ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT, CURVE LEFT AND AT NEXT LIGHT (BAYPORT DRIVE/FRONTAGE ROAD), TURN LEFT. THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY.

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