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### Announcement from AAHE/AAHPERD

Becky J. Smith has announced her retirement as the Executive Director of the American Association for Health Education (AAHE). She is planning to retire following the AAHPERD Convention in March 2010. Dr. Smith has served as the Executive Director for 24 years and as a Vice President of AAHPERD for 21 years. As part of her various association roles she provided senior staff leadership for the AAHE Board of Directors as well as the two AAHE journals. While at AAHE she developed and administered externally funded projects exceeding 8 million dollars and served as an AAHE representative on many national advisory committees and boards.

Dr. Smith is exploring other forms of professional involvement, both in the U.S. and internationally following her AAHPERD retirement. Please join us in formally celebrating her retirement during the Indianapolis Convention. Announcements regarding the search for a replacement will be forthcoming.

### Research Manuscript Publishing Webinar Series

Ideal for graduate student seminars and faculty development, these web-based seminars, delivered through the AAHPERD Research Consortium, offer quality professional development at an exceptional value. During real-time collaborative meetings, participants view the slides accompanying the presentation via the Internet, listen to the audio via phone and interact via polling features and question/answer sessions through the participants' computers. Participation requires a computer with Internet access as well as a phone line.

**Webinar #2:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 4:00-5:00 PM Eastern

From the Field: A virtual roundtable on research manuscript publishing

Panelists are current and past editors of top journals in our disciplines, including:

Mark Fischman, *RQES* Editor-in-Chief

Melinda Solmon, past editor of *JTPE*

Diane Gill, past editor of *JSEP* and current associate editor of *Quest*

**Registration Fee PER SITE (includes both webinars):**

\$90 - AAHPERD Member

\$140 - Non-member

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credits are available for these webinars.

For More Information: [www.aahperd.org](http://www.aahperd.org) – under “Announcements”

## **Council for Education in Public Health Seeks Input**

CEPH is beginning its next regularly scheduled criteria revision process. “ Not only are we fulfilling our procedural obligation to conduct a comprehensive review of the accreditation criteria at least once every five years, but we are also using this as an opportunity to make necessary changes to comply with the Higher Education Opportunities Act (2008) and the resulting regulatory requirements (to be finalized in late-2009). The Council also intends to make technical corrections to the 2005 criteria that they have noted since their implementation (eg, removing repetitive documentation requests, clarifying confusing language).”

This criteria revision process will begin with an open-ended, web-based [survey](#) addressing each of the accreditation criteria as well as its interpretive language and documentation requests. The Council hopes to receive as many responses as possible from a wide range of constituents including, faculty, administrators, students, employers, practitioners, and members of the public. Please feel free to share this information and forward the link to others.

**The survey will be open for responses until December 1, 2009**, and the results will be considered by the Council at its February 2010 meeting. This survey is, of course, only the first step to gather initial feedback. Any proposed changes to the criteria will be circulated broadly for review and comment over an 18-24 month period. We anticipate that revised criteria will be adopted in late-2011. Please respond

[Click here to provide feedback and suggestions through our online survey.](#)

## **20<sup>th</sup> IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion – *Health, Equity & Sustainable Development***

### **Call for Abstracts - SUBMISSION DEADLINE November 30<sup>th</sup> 2009**

The **Call for Abstracts** for the 20<sup>th</sup> IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion, which will take place on July 11-15, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, **is available on-line at** [www.iuhpeconference.net](http://www.iuhpeconference.net).

They are eager to receive submissions that cover core **health promotion** issues, as well as the crucial links between **promoting health and the environmental, economic, urban, social and cultural changes** that challenge people, societies and the planet.

Abstracts for workshops, symposia, other innovative formats and oral presentations/posters can be submitted **in English, French or Spanish.**

**They look forward to receiving your abstracts up to the November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 deadline!**

For further details and access to online abstract submission forms, please visit the website of the IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion: [www.iuhpeconference.net](http://www.iuhpeconference.net).

## **New AHRQ Informed Consent and Authorization Toolkit for Minimal Risk Research**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has published new toolkit to help researchers obtain potential research participants' informed consent and authorization to use their health data in accordance with the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act (HIPAA). It provides information on how to ensure that people of all health literacy levels understand what studies entail and to what they are consenting when they agree to participate.

AHRQ developed the toolkit because researchers often use long consent forms that potential study participants can find difficult to comprehend. Research also shows that a large proportion of study participants did not understand what they had consented to when they joined a study. There is also evidence that Institutional Review Boards often fail to meet their own standards for the reading level of consent and data-use forms

The AHRQ Informed Consent and Authorization Toolkit for Minimal Risk Research includes recommendations for improving the informed consent and authorization process, including using interpreter services; sample consent and HIPAA authorization documents in English and Spanish; recommendations for adapting and testing the documents; statutory requirements and exceptions; and a tool for researchers' certification of consent and authorization.

The Toolkit is available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/informedconsent/>

## **The Disparities Leadership Program - Request for Applications**

The Disparities Solutions Center is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 Disparities Leadership Program (DLP). This year-long executive education program is designed for leaders from hospitals, health plans and other health care organizations who wish to implement practical strategies to identify and address racial and ethnic disparities in health care, particularly through quality improvement.

## **Program Goals**

1. To create a cadre of leaders in health care equipped with a) in-depth knowledge of the field of disparities; b) cutting-edge quality improvement strategies for identifying and addressing disparities; and c) the leadership skills to implement these strategies and help transform their organizations.
2. To help individuals from organizations to further advance or improve their work in a customized, tailored fashion.

Participants will become part of a national DLP network and have extensive opportunities for collaboration and networking. [Read more about the DLP](#) or [listen to testimonials from panelists and participants](#).

## **Application**

We encourage interested parties to submit an Intent to Apply form prior to submitting a complete application

**Friday, December 11, 2009** - Intent to Apply Due (recommended but not required) ([word version](#))

**Monday, February 8, 2010** - Application Due ([word](#)), ([PDF](#))

For more information and complete application materials please [visit the DSC website](#) or contact Aswita Tan-McGrory at [atanmcgrory@partners.org](mailto:atanmcgrory@partners.org).

## **National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence**

In conjunction with the release of the OJJDP bulletin "[Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey](#)," OJJDP Acting Administrator Jeff Slowikowski issued the following [statement](#) on the U.S. Department of Justice's Justice Blog:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently released a [report](#) on the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence. The report is a precedent-setting survey because it gives us the first real estimates—as the most comprehensive survey to date—on the nature and extent of violence in children's lives.

It is the first time data has been collected across all age ranges, and all types of violence, to define the full scope of violence-related experiences in a child's life—whether it be as victims or witnesses, and whether it be in the home, the school or the community. This is also the first time data has been collected on the cumulative exposure to violence over a child's lifetime.

"Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey" is available at [ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=249751](http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=249751).