

METRO HEALTH

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ABOUT MWPHA:

What is the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association?

Established in 1962, MWPHA is the regional affiliate of the American Public Health Association.

Why become a member?

To get involved with building public leadership, partnerships, and advocating for health equality. MWPHA members effect change through the organization's many committees and programs focused on public health topics relevant to the DC area.

Who are our members?

We are health professionals, advocates, students, and community members dedicated to improving the health of the DC and surrounding areas of VA and MD.

SAVE THE DATE

**You are invited to attend the
MWPHA Fall Social**

Come and meet other MWPHA members, friends and partners. Mix, mingle and see what is new!

When: Thursday October 28, 2010

Location: APHA Headquarters
800 I Street NW

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

RSVP: <http://mwphafallsocial.eventbrite.com/>

Food and Drinks Provided

:: A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

Fall is here and MWPHA is getting ready for another exciting year. Towards the beginning of the summer we ramped up efforts to support the Healthy Schools Act. I was quite pleased to see our members and friends quickly rally in support of healthy youth in the city. This exemplifies what Public Health is about, "creating the conditions for people to be healthy." The District of Columbia Public Schools must now abide by legislation that supports healthier conditions in our schools. That's lasting change.

We need to continue these types of efforts for lasting change. As an all volunteer organization we need everyone to get involved in this type of change. Here is how you can help:

Attend an MWPHA committee meeting.

Alert MWPHA when a crucial program is cut in your health department.

Let us know of good programs that have worked in other parts of the country that should be replicated in this region.



Ask MWPHA to present and/or submit testimony on a particular issue.

Serve as a subject matter expert for MWPHA.

Represent MWPHA on coalitions.

I hope everyone can find a way to become more active in MWPHA. If you would like to speak with me about becoming more involved please do not hesitate to email me directly at president@mwpha.org

Sincerely,

*Aisha L. Moore, MPH, CHES
MWPHA President*

MWPHA would like to thank the following donors for including us in your charitable giving:

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:: MWPHA PROGRAM COMMITTEES NEED YOU!

Health Disparities

Chair: Karyn Pomerantz, MLS, MPH

Are you down to fight the racism and inequalities that make us sick? Join our social justice efforts as we partner with like-minded organizations on issues of living wages, affordable housing and unequal distribution of services. We hold monthly HIV/AIDS outreach and the subcommittee Positive Places is fighting for an end to the HIV/AIDS housing waiting list.

Food & Environment

Chairs: Tambra Stevenson, MS and Pankti Pathak

There are three subcommittees within Food and Environment committee, DC Voices for Meal Choices, Smokeless Social Media, and the new civil rights issue in America, Food Desserts.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Pankti for more information.

"The goal of the subcommittee, Smokeless Social Media, led by Dr. Caroline Sparks, is to prevent youth from smoking by eventually barring tobacco branding groups and pages on Facebook (see page 3)."

>> VISIT YOUR METRO DC PUBLIC HEALTH SOURCE AT

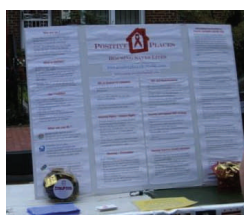
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:: MWPHA JOINS ONE DC IN FIGHT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 10 — Over 100 workers and students occupied a vacant parcel of government-owned land (Parcel 42) and erected a tent city, demanding that the government keep its promise to build affordable housing there and throughout the city. Several members of the MWPHA Disparities Committee and "Positive Places" joined in the block party, rally and occupation, which was led by a community-based organization Organizing Neighborhood Equity (ONE DC).



For 15 years, D.C. has seen the steady erosion of affordable housing and the encroachment of high-priced condominiums in many historically black, working-class neighborhoods. The city has housing waiting lists for 26,000 households and 700 people living with AIDS. Parcel 42 is located at 7th and R street NW in the Shaw neighborhood on land that used to be a medical clinic. Probably many MWPHA members noticed the signs and tents when driving along Rhode Island Ave and Georgia Avenue this summer. In the Shaw and U Street neighborhoods hundreds of condos costing \$400,000-\$800,000 each have been erected overlooking the historic U Street's "Black



Broadway," the center of black entertainment during the period of Jim Crow and racial segregation.

The specific issue was the demand by ONE DC that the parcel should include affordable housing, with some rents or mortgages low enough so that very low-income households (earning less than \$25,000 annually) could live there. First the Mayor agreed but then changed his mind. All units would be priced for people making about \$50,000, with no provision for the housing needs of lower-income workers.



ONE DC maintained the tent city until August 29 but continues to meet with the council. Some homeless residents still are on the site. As the school year begins, the Disparities Committee welcomes new ideas to pursue the housing crisis in DC and especially for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Article submitted by Dr. Linda Green

:: MYTHS & FACTS ABOUT IMMIGRATION & HEALTH

MYTH: Non-citizens are more likely to use the emergency room than citizens.

FACT: Non-citizens are significantly less likely to use the emergency room than citizens.

Even though non-citizens have poorer access to care and receive less primary care than citizens, they are significantly less likely than citizens to use the emergency room. Some 13% of adult non-citizens report an emergency room visit in the past year compared to 20% of citizens. Further, communities with low rates of emergency department use tend to have much *higher* concentrations of non-citizens than areas with high rates of emergency room use.

FACT: Federal law generally bars undocumented immigrants and recent legal immigrants from receiving Medicaid and SCHIP coverage.

Undocumented and temporary immigrants have generally been restricted from enrolling in Medicaid and SCHIP since the programs' inception. Further, since 1996, most legal non-citizens have not been eligible for Medicaid and SCHIP for the first five years they reside in the U.S. After five years, they can enroll if they meet the programs' other eligibility requirements. Although many non-citizens are precluded from Medicaid and SCHIP, emergency treatment is available to all immigrants, and some states use state-only funds to cover some low-income immigrants who are excluded from Medicaid and SCHIP under the federal

restrictions.

FACT: Non-citizens receive significantly less health care than citizens.

Largely due to their higher uninsured rate, non-citizens are much less likely than citizens to have a usual source of care, to have had any recent contact with a health professional, or to receive preventive or primary care. As a result of their lower use of care, non-citizens have significantly lower per capita health care expenditures than citizens. In 2005, average annual per capita health care expenditures for non-citizens were \$1,797 versus \$3,702 for citizens.

Sources:

Kaiser Family Foundation. Medicaid and the Uninsured. . 2008;7761. <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/upload/7761.pdf>

:: HERBS THAT HEAL

By Dr. Velonda Thompson

It has been said that people spend their life acquiring wealth then spend their wealth keeping their health. Prevention is the best medicine and herbs are one of the best forms of medicine, especially in a liquid formula. Science has proven that 90% of liquids are absorbed in the cell versus only 39-50% absorption of capsules.

Can you match the herb listed below to the health benefit?

MATCH THE HERB TO THE BENEFIT

BILBERRY	Prevents & dissolve clots
BUTCHERS BROOM	Restores & stimulate arterial circulation
CAYENNE PEPPER	Lower high blood pressure & increase force of heart contraction
COLEUS	Stimulate circulation & acts as nerve tonic
GARLIC	Helps night vision & inhibits macular degeneration
GINGER	Assists circulation & reduces vascular permeability
HAWTHORNE BERRIES	Lowers Arterial hypertension
KELP	Provides iodine & helps thyroid gland
MISTLETOE	Improves digestion, improves liver function & thins blood
MOTHERWORT	Equalizes body blood flow, enhances effect of other herbs & stimulates organ healing and cleansing

For the answers email drvelonda@gmail.com

For more information on the Heart & Body Herbal Extract Formula visit <http://www.hcextracts.com/5618>

:: MWPHA TACKLING HEALTH ONLINE - " SMOKELESS SOCIAL MEDIA"

Smokeless Social Media

Help us undo the influence!

Despite increasing amounts of scientific evidence describing its detrimental effects, Americans continue to smoke. Youth aged 12 to 17 years are at particular risk associated with tobacco use. The younger that smoking begins, the more likely a person is to become addicted, to smoke heavily, and to continue smoking.



page which is tobacco related. The ultimate goal of Smokeless Social Media is to have Facebook remove all "tobacco branding" groups and pages so that youth are not influenced to begin smoking.

Join our work to undo the influence. Become a member of the "Smokeless Social Media" page on Facebook or email us at smokelessocialmedia@gmail.com for more information.

Smokeless Social Media is a sub-committee of the Food and Environment committee.

Our organization, Smokeless Social Media, is concerned about the prevalence of unregulated tobacco advertisement on new media forms, such as Facebook. When underage Facebook users join tobacco-related groups or pages, they inadvertently become brand advocates of tobacco. Smokeless Social Media, an advocacy group created by George Washington University graduate students, was created to make tobacco companies accountable and force them to adhere to advertising regulations in social media settings.

Although Facebook has Terms of Service policies, these remain unenforced specifically with restrictions of teens joining tobacco-related groups or pages. In order to remove the branded tobacco promotions on the most widely used social networking site, current policies restricting such a presence need to be enforced.

Smokeless Social Media's immediate goal is for Facebook or page administrators to post Surgeon General's warnings on any Facebook group or

Partner with MWPHA on key health and social justice issues in the metro Washington area!

:: COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Health Disparities Committee

The MWPHA Disparities Committee will be doing a panel on "HIV/AIDS and the Struggle against Racism" at the Public Anthropology Conference at American University on "Revolution" on the weekend of Oct 16-17. Our panel is on Sunday, October the 17th. We will be doing outreach in SE Washington on Oct 16. I am responsible for our panel/workshop and welcome suggestions, participation. Their goal is for the event to be interactive. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and interest.

Linda Green
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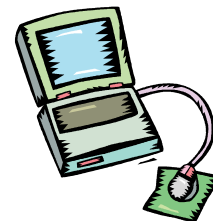
Wednesday, Sept. 29, Conversation Corner, 6:30p, Anacostia's Big Chair Cafe at MLK Ave and W St. SE (rides from GWU at 6p; 4 blocks from Anacostia Metro)

Committee Meetings, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, place to be announced:

- Oct. 20
- November 17
- December 15

HIV Outreach in Ward 8
11:30am to 2pm - Meet 4037 S Cap St SW
October 16
November 20
December 18

*Stay Tuned!!!
Exciting and New
Opportunities in MWPHA
are Underway!!*



::COMMITTEE CALENDAR

THIS WEDNESDAY, Sept. 29, noon: Rally at the White House to save ADAP, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which now has over 3,000 on a waiting list



Oct 16-17, AU Anthropology Conference
Revolutions! Building Emancipatory Politics & Action
MWPHA Panel on HIV and Racism Sunday, October 17th at 2:45, free registration at:
<http://www.american.edu/cas/anthropology/public/index.cfm>

Activism Workshop
Saturday, January 23
Place and Time to be announced

Contact:
Karyn Pomerantz at kpomeran@gwu.edu for additional information on

:: Got News?

Email your public health updates, professional/personal achievements, and community news to your MWPHA Newsletter Editor at mwphe.communications@gmail.com.

:: UPCOMING PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS

Ward 8 Senior Health Fair

Where: The Temple of Praise Church
700 Southern Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20032

When: October 2, 2010
10:00-3:00pm

Please call 202-487-9525 for further information

Improving Health Literacy

On Thursday, October 14th from 3:00-4:00pm EST, the National Quality Center (NQC) will hold a free national TA web conference call entitled, "Improving Health Literacy" This topic has been presented before, but will feature new grantee presenters.

Learning objectives include:

- Understand key components of the health literacy environment: Navigation, Print Communication, Oral Exchange; Technology; and Policies and Protocols
- Learn about screening tools and other interventions to test to reduce barriers.
- Learn from peer grantees how to conduct QI activities around health literacy.

As seats are limited, please register now at <http://www.careacttarget.org/nqc.htm> (if this link does not direct you to the site, please cut and paste the address onto your internet browser). After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with the call-in number for the meeting and instructions for logging on to the Webex internet session.

MCHB 75th Anniversary Celebration



In recognition of the rich history of its programs, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is planning a special Federal/State Maternal and

Child Health Partnership Meeting this year to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Title V of the Social Security Act.

Where: Washington Hilton Hotel
1919 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20009

When: Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Go to <http://www.hrsa.gov/ourstories/mchb75th/> for more information

American University's 7th Annual Public Anthropology Conference, "Revolutions! Building Emancipatory Politics & Action"

Where: American University
When: Oct 16-17

You can find more information on our website: <http://www.american.edu/cas/anthropology/public/index.cfm>

The MWPFA Disparities Committee will be doing a panel on "HIV/AIDS and the Struggle against Racism" on Sunday October 17, 2010 from 2:45-4:00pm.

International Conference on Stigma: Don't Stand So Close to Me

Where: Howard University
Blackburn Center
2400 6th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20059



When: December 1st, World AIDS Day, 8:30-5:00pm

The Coalition for Elimination of AIDS-related Stigma (CEAS) believes it's time to have an honest conversation about the attitude that spreads HIV/AIDS, Stigma. HIV/AIDS has come a long way in the last 25 years, with lots of medication to treat the virus, research for cures, thousands of education and condom distribution programs and a generational awareness. However, the disease keeps spreading globally. It is our belief that we need to include stigma into every conversation, prevention method and research about HIV/AIDS. To that end, CEAS has invited scholars, community and government leaders and stakeholders to this unique conference happening on December 1st, 2010 in Washington, D.C. It is time to have a different conversation about HIV/AIDS.

Now calling for presentation and abstracts!

contact@whocanyoutell.com or call 202-865-7262

To view more about it, please visit the website at <http://www.whocanyoutell.com/>

Annual Meeting Pre-Registration Deadline October 1

Only one day left to register for the Annual Meeting at a discounted price. Full registration pricing is in effect until October 1 at which point the on site fees will be in effect. To view the registration fees or to register online visit www.apha.org/meetings/registration.

The APHA Annual Meeting is for you

Annual Meeting attendees will leave Denver with a fresh perspective on Public Health. The Annual Meeting is the place to learn new techniques and best practices, network with thousands of health professionals and discuss the hottest topics from Health Reform to the Gulf Oil Spill.

Each year the Public Health Exposition connects attendees with new information, state-of-the-art products and services, and public health degree programs. Attendees leave the Expo with new business leads, contacts of top public health companies and universities and fresh ideas for improving business.

Also located in the Expo is the Public Health Career Mart which offers the best opportunity for face-to-face interaction for employers and prospective employees to conduct interviews and allows job applicants to take advantage of certified career coaches.

Browse the Online Program for information on the thousands of presentations. Search by keyword to find presentations in your field and discover the information to be gained by attending the Annual Meeting.

It's not too late to be a part of the most important public health event of the year. For complete information on the APHA Annual Meeting, scientific sessions, Public Health Expo, registration, housing and much more visit www.apha.org/meetings.

APHA 138th Annual Meeting and Exposition

November 6-10, 2010 - Denver, Colorado

For more information go to www.apha.org/meetings.



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:: MWPHA AFFILIATE PARTNER—SOPHE

Free Webinars for Public Health Professionals and Students

Recognizing that budgets are tight and that meeting travel may be restricted, SOPHE offered its 2nd Annual Summer Webinar Series. You are invited to take advantage of these free professional development opportunities by accessing the archived presentations from the convenience of your office or home!

The webinars include:

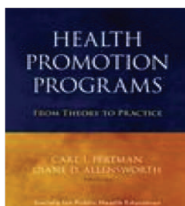
- Health Educators for Health Literacy: Promoting our Leadership Role in the National Action Plan
- Leadership Development
- Diabetes among Minorities: Culturally Tailored Solutions and Interventions
- Social Marketing and Policy Change
- Enhancing Health Education through Community Health Workers
- Tips for Getting Published
- Health Promotion and Health Education among Native American Populations
- Community-Based Diabetes Programs
- Aligning Competencies and Certification
- New Developments in Accreditation for Public/Community Health Education
- New Developments in Accreditation for School Health Education

To access these webinars, please visit: http://www.sophe.org/Self_Study.cfm.

New Textbook, Health Promotion Programs, is Available for Order

SOPHE's comprehensive undergraduate textbook, *Health Promotion Programs* introduces the theory of health promotion and presents an overview of current best practices from a wide variety of settings that include schools, health care organizations, workplace, and community.

The 43 contributors focus on students and professionals interested in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs that promote health equity. The textbook covers a range of key organizational health promoting practices, such as: identifying organizational key stakeholders, articulating challenges, assessing needs and assets, building evidence-based health education programs and services, funding and budgeting, evaluation, advocacy, and



professional development. This vital resource for faculty, students, and professionals provides the needed guidance and tools for a career in health promotion.

See www.sophe.org to order.

Contact your Senators on Two Issues that Affect the Public's Health!

Call, email or visit your Senators on these two issues that greatly affect the public's health and the health education profession!

1. Oppose Senator Johanns' Amendment and protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Congress included a historic investment in public health through the creation of the Prevention and Public Health Fund (Fund) in the health reform law. This funding would be a dedicated stream of resources to pay for much-needed preventive services, community level prevention, and public health. This funding is in jeopardy!

As the Senate considers the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, Senator Mike Johanns (R-NE) has proposed an amendment that would use the Fund to offset other costs in the bill. Such an action would virtually eliminate the Prevention and Wellness Fund, and mark a severe blow to this monumental commitment to prevention and public health under the Affordable Care Act. Moreover, it would severely weaken our ability to address health disparities and the needs of underserved populations.

It is vital that you tell your Senator to oppose the Johanns Amendment and protect this investment in public health!

Call or email your Senators NOW urge them to vote NO on the prevention fund offset within the Johanns amendment!

- To find your elected officials' phone numbers, see <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt>.
- Please also send a letter to urge your Senator to protect this vital public health program - use this link for a template letter or draft your own: <http://capwiz.com/healthyam/issues/alert/?alertid=15606156&PROCESS=Take+Action/>
- For talking points, see http://www.sophe.org/Sophe/PDF/Fund_TalkingPoints1.pdf.
- For more background, visit <http://healthyamericans.org/health-reform/>

2. Urge Your Senator to cosponsor the PHYSICAL Act (S. 3683), requiring health and physical education as core subjects in the Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization (ESEA) Act.

Introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), Promoting Health as Youth Skills in Classrooms & Life Act (S. 3683), would amend ESEA to include health education and physical education as core subjects. As such, states/local school districts would be required to meet the characteristics of other academic subjects,

including academic content standards, instructional resources, teacher certification, grading and student assessment.



Additionally, the bill would: 1) elevate the Dept of Education Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools to a higher level with more authority - and would be renamed "Office of Safe and Healthy Students"; and 2) provide a grant program to support the delivery of health education in schools.

Having this bill introduced is a MAJOR step forward in achieving one of the goals of this year's Health Education Advocacy Summit and we must maintain its momentum! SOPHE will continue working to get other Senators to sign on and gain more support when ESEA comes up for reauthorization. We are also working on getting a companion bill introduced in the House.

Contact your Senators NOW and urge them to co-sponsor this bill!

-To find your elected officials' phone numbers, go to <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt>.

-To track this bill and to read the full text, visit: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s111-3683>

-For talking points, see http://www.sophe.org/Sophe/PDF/PHYSICAL_TalkingPoints.pdf.

Keep up-to-date on health education advocacy news at <http://www.sophe.org/advocacy.cfm>.

Flex your political muscle and stand up for the public's health!

Looking to Get Published?

SOPHE recently released four fact sheets providing tips on navigating through the process of getting your work published. These streamlined materials include:

- About Getting Your Work Published
- Doing Your Homework
- The 5 Stage Writing Process
- Navigating the Publication Process

Access these valuable resources at http://www.sophe.org/Sophe_Resources.cfm. A webinar created to complement these fact-sheets is also on the SOPHE website at www.sophe.org/webinars.cfm.

❖ MWPHA AFFILIATE PARTNER—SOPHE (EVENTS)

14th Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit

Are you...

- A health professional interested in learning more about policy advocacy and systems change?
- A professor in search of innovative ideas for improving your curriculum in health education advocacy?
- A seasoned health advocate motivated to advance your advocacy skills to the next level?
- An impassioned person or energized student who wants to advocate for school & community health education?

Then the Health Education Advocacy Summit is the place for you!

Save the dates of March 5-7, 2011 for the 14th Annual Health Education Advocacy Summit. Sponsored by the Coalition of National Health Education Organizations, the event will take place at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC.

For additional information, visit: www.healtheducationadvocate.org.

Society for Public Health Education's (SOPHE) 2010 Annual Meeting, "Healthy People 2020: Scaling New Heights"

The event will take place November 4-6 at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Public health professionals working in disease prevention and health promotion have much to celebrate and still more to discover. At the conclusion of the Healthy People (HP) 2010 decade, we should pause to take stock of our achievements and learn from our challenges. At this conference, plenary speakers and presenters will share progress and discovery in disease prevention and health promotion, discuss goals and expectations for the next decade, and describe innovative strategies for achieving those objectives. At this meeting SOPHE will conclude its 60th Anniversary year, and launch a new strategic plan for the years ahead.

To register and learn more about the 2010 annual meeting, please visit <http://sophe.org/annualmeeting.cfm>.

This is a conference that is not to be missed. We look forward to seeing you soon in beautiful Denver, Colorado!

Mark Your Calendars for National Health Education Week 2010

Taking place October 17-23, the theme of this

year's National Health Education Week (NHEW) is "A Tobacco Free Nation through Health Education." This is a prime opportunity to promote health education on a local and national level.

Given the scope of the week, each day will focus on a different aspect of tobacco prevention and control:

Monday: Tobacco Prevention at a Community Level

Tuesday: Innovative Approaches to Tobacco Cessation: What's Working & With Whom?

Wednesday: Tobacco & Health Disparities

Thursday: Preventing Tobacco Use among Youth

Friday: Global Trends in Tobacco Adoption and Marketing

Stay tuned to www.sophe.org/nhew.cfm for updates

❖ VOLUNTEER POSITION

HBI-DC Board of Directors Applications Open

The Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington DC is seeking nominations or applications for new board members.

We are particularly looking for individuals from communities of color, with fund-raising, marketing, or accounting backgrounds. Board membership is a volunteer position for a term of 2 years.

If you are making a formal recommendation, please check with the candidate to assess his/her interest before submitting the form (will be emailed to you following query of interest to contact below). Please make sure the candidate knows that there is a board process for considering all nominations and being nominated does not guarantee that he/she will be asked to become a Trustee. Please review the following criteria for board members:

- Committed to our mission and vision
- Willing to be a public advocate for our work
- Big-picture thinker, able to focus on mission and board policy issues
- Capable and willing to assume a leadership role
- Comfortable with diversity and/or being a member of a diverse board
- A willingness to learn and educate; is a team player with a tolerance for diversity of opinion
- Willing to contribute time and money to support the mission of the organization
- Is prepared to assume the "roles and responsibilities" of a Director

Interested to apply or nominate? Contact Board Chair, Dr Jennifer Lee : (703) 596-2659 or email jenstlee@gmail.com

❖ JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Meetings Coordinator

The American Society of Hematology, a D.C.-based association of physicians and scientists committed to promoting blood disease research and education, seeks a dynamic, experienced, detail-oriented Meetings Coordinator to work in its Meetings Department. The Meetings Coordinator will work closely with the Meetings Manager to plan and ensure the success of the Society's annual meeting and in-house/small meetings.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and at least two years experience independently planning and coordinating logistics for association meetings. The position requires demonstrated strengths in organizational skills and attention to detail; ability to interact and communicate effectively with staff, members/non-members, and meeting attendees and vendors; ability to efficiently manage time, meet schedules/deadlines, and handle multiple assignments simultaneously; exceptional communication and interpersonal skills; and proficiency with computers and learning new software.

To apply, please submit your cover letter, resume, and salary requirement to jobs@hematology.org with the subject line "ASH JOBS: MEETINGS COORDINATOR." Or contact James Zaniello jim.zaniello@vettedolutions.com

❖ FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

FY2011 Suburban Maryland Ryan White Part A Grant

The Prince George's County Health Department is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to provide health care and psychosocial support services to indigent, uninsured and under-insured HIV-infected residents of Prince George's, Montgomery, Frederick, Charles and Calvert Counties.

A total of approximately \$7,275,881 in FY2011 (March 1, 2011 - February 28, 2012) Suburban Maryland Ryan White Part A grant funds are expected to be available.

It is expected that these funds are to be awarded to the Prince George's County Health Department by the District of Columbia Department of Health, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration through the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), as authorized by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (CARE ACT).

The deadline for submission is November 1, 2010.

For additional information, E-mail: oamajors@co.pg.md.us

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