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BUREAU NEWS

Joan Weiss, PhD, RN, CRNP

BHPr Day at GSA

Greetings from the Allied, Geriatrics, and Rural Health Branch in the Bureau of Health Professions! We are planning to have a BHPr Day on Friday, November 21, 2003 prior to the start of The Gerontological Society of America's 56th Annual Scientific Meeting. Topics to be discussed include: BHPr/HRSA Update, BHPr Strategic Planning and Logic Models for the Geriatrics Programs, Uniformed Progress Reports and the Comprehensive Performance Management System (UPR/CPMS), Faculty Development, and Bioterrorism. The final agenda and location of the meeting will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

The BHPr Division of Independent Review will be mailing the Peer Review Summary Statements for the GEC supplemental cycle during the week of September 15th. Notice of Grants Awards for the GEC supplemental cycle will be sent shortly thereafter.

Congratulations to the following institutions whose grant applications were approved and funded for the FY 2003 grant cycle from the peer review session held in March, 2003.

- ❖ University of Alaska
- ❖ University of California, San Francisco
- ❖ Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center
- ❖ University of New England
- ❖ University of Texas Medical Branch

I look forward to seeing you at GSA.

NAGEC NEWS

Robert Roush, Co-chair, NAGEC Bioterrorism Preparedness Committee

NAGEC Symposium on Bioterrorism Preparedness

The NAGEC Symposium on Bioterrorism Preparedness will be held at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) meeting on Monday, November 24th, at 3:30 pm in the San Diego Marriott Hotel. This important session will be moderated by Elyse Perweiler and Robert Roush. Other presenters are Drs. Nina Tumosa, Andrea Sherman, Judy Howe, Shirley Weaver, Sue Levkoff, and Robin McFee of the Center for Bioterrorism Preparedness at Nova Southeastern University School of Medicine. Responders are Ms. Irma Tetzloff of the AoA and Dr. John Morley. Participants will comprise a focus group to see what their respective institutions and organizations are doing to adapt what is known about bioterrorism preparedness to the care of frail elders in the event they are exposed to biological, radiological, and/or chemical weapons.

Gwen Yeo, PhD, Coordinator, Collaborative on Ethnogeriatric Education

NAGEC Symposium on Ethnogeriatric Education

Members of the NAGEC Task Force in Ethnogeriatrics are sponsoring a symposium at the GSA meeting in San Diego featuring an overview and examples of utilization of the *Curriculum in Ethnogeriatrics* developed by the inter-GEC Collaborative on Ethnogeriatrics. All are invited to attend and support your GEC colleagues.

Title: Use of the Curriculum in Ethnogeriatrics for Interdisciplinary Training Across the U.S.
 Date: Monday, November 24, 2003
 Time: 1:45pm
 Place: To be announced
 Participants: Janet Severance, Midwestern GEC
 Steven Applewhite, Texas Consortium of GECs
 Elyse Perlweiler, New Jersey GEC
 Veronica Scott, VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System
 Andrea Sherman, Consortium of New York GECs
 Gwen Yeo, Stanford GEC (with co-authors Jennifer Mendez, GEC of Michigan, Patti Swager, Nevada GEC, and Patricia Baker, University of Alabama at Birmingham GEC)

MIAMI AREA GEC

Drace Langford, MSG, Associate Director

Intensive Geriatric Training

The Miami Area Geriatric Education Center's 2003 Intensive Geriatric Training, offering 20 CME/CEU's, was held July 9-11, 2003 at the Miami VA Medical Center. The Intensive Geriatric Training is an important part of the MAGEC faculty development-training program. The goal of this program is to provide training in the delivery of efficient interdisciplinary team (IDT) care in order to meet the healthcare needs of older adults. Central to this goal is the development of geriatric teaching skills for the purpose of transferring the newly gained knowledge to other practitioners and caregivers in the expanding geriatric field.

The conference was, once again, a tremendous success. We had ninety-three health care professionals and twenty-three speakers, for a grand total of 116 participants. The Miami VA proves to be a central and well-equipped facility, despite the size of the auditorium limiting our registration numbers. Returning registrants, several attending 5-8 years in a row, always remark on the value of the training and the information provided. Although the target audience is for those professionals who have limited training in geriatrics and limited exposure to the various disciplines associated with caring for this population, MAGEC continually strives to address the "latest and greatest" in geriatric research and education. The *Aging Sensitivity Workshop*, a great example, continues to stimulate and future training dates provide further evidence of this truth.

Lastly, presentations of *Prevention of Medication Errors, HIV/AIDS and the Elderly*, and *Domestic Violence and the Elderly*, three CEU requirements for many licensed health care professionals, were placed strategically in the program agenda so as to retain registrants during the three-day event. We look forward to next year.

Please visit our website www.miami.edu/magec for a listing of all MAGEC information and events!

OREGON GEC

Patricia Ebert, Program Manager

Summer Institute

The Oregon Geriatric Education Center just finished wrapping up our 14th annual Summer Institute which was held August 18, 19 & 20 at the School of Nursing at Oregon Health & Science University

(OHSU). We were pleased with an all time record attendance of 102 professionals who represented the disciplines of nursing, social work, occupational therapy, dental hygiene, recreation therapy, and healthcare administration. We were also pleased to have graduate students from our medical and nursing schools in attendance as well. The critical topics in geriatric care we chose to focus on this year included: new trends in pain management, key issues in mental health, and enhancing care for long term care residents.

WISCONSIN GEC

Julie Murphy, MAPS

Elder Law

On June 4, 2003, the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Group's (CWAG) Elder Law Center and the Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center presented a training entitled *Elder Law – for Non-Attorneys* as a one-day intensive during the annual CWAG conference. The partnerships between the two organizations arose out of their shared desire to provide quality legal education to health care professionals on the issues of aging and the law. By joining together we were able to provide a two track educational day: one track concentrated on benefits, while the second track concentrated on rights. The group of forty-two participants came together for a lively ethics discussion on the challenges of dealing with clients at differing levels of incapacity and competence and the family dynamics that complicate the situation. The Elder Law Center contributed its legal training expertise while the WGEC made it possible to offer continuing education units and certificates of attendance, as well as attract informative presenters. The partners of the joint venture plan to continue to work together as the program received rave reviews from the participants. Next year we plan to once again coordinate with the convention, but hope to get the program details and agenda out earlier to attract even more participants.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
September 17th-18th	Nutrition and Aging XVIII: Obesity in Older Adults	Peabody Hotel Little Rock, AR	Kelly Chapman 501-257-5543 kelly.a.chapman@FCSMPT.uams.edu
September 17th-20 th	20 th Annual UCLA Intensive Course in Geriatric Medicine and Board Review	Marina Beach Marriott Marina del Rey, CA	Lucio Arruda 310-312-0531 larruda@ucla.edu
September 17th-20 th	Intensive Course in Geriatric Pharmacy and Board Review	Marina Beach Marriott Marina del Rey, CA	Lucio Arruda 310-312-0531 larruda@ucla.edu
September 18 th -19 th	Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Conference: From Initial Voice Evaluation to Laryngectomy Rehabilitation	Hotel Royal Plaza Lake Buena Vista, FL	Nan Musson 352-376-1611 x5607
September 19 th	Spanning the Continuum of Care: Innovations in Geriatric Health Practice	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Anne Francione 585-760-6375
September 20 th	Rehabilitation in Long-Term Care: Optimizing Function in the Frail Adult	Fetzer Conference Center Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI	Janis Yonker 517-353-7828
September 24 th	Aging & the Human Spirit	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Ann Garrett 615-327-6947 rgarrett@mmc.edu
October 2 nd	Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Moving Towards Integration in Contemporary Health Care Settings	San Jose State University (Host Site) San Jose, CA	Jillian Dubman 650-494-3986 jdubman@stanford.edu
October 2 nd	Intensive Geriatric Training: Podiatry Module – Florida Laws and Rules and Medical Errors	Barry University Miami Shores, FL	Julie Dotson 305-899-3266

October 2nd-3 rd	Computer-Based Technology and Caregiving for Older Adults – Moving from Ideas to Implementation: A Caregiver’s Perspective	NIH Campus/Natcher Conference Center Bethesda, MD	202-216-8353 spryconf03@ncpssm.org
October 10 th	Grand Rounds: Nutrition, Aging & Disabilities Pain Management	Oklahoma City, OK	Sheryl Mapes 405 271-8599
October 13 th -14 th	Historical Influences on Lives and Aging	The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel State College, PA	Judy Hall 814-863-5100 conferenceinfo1@outreach.psu.edu
October 17 th	The Multi-Faces of Aging: Embracing Cultural Diversity	Marriott City Place West Palm Beach, FL	Karen Roberts 561-684-5885
October 23 rd	Geriatrics Curriculum for Primary Care Practitioners: Physiology of Aging	Las Vegas, NV	Phyllis Militello 702-671-2381 militell@unr.edu
October 24 th	2 nd Annual Chronic Care Conference	Midwestern University Downers Grove, IL	Jan Severance 630-515-6944 http://midcec.midwestern.edu
October 24 th	To Prescribe or Not to Prescribe: Medication Use in the Older Adult	Kellogg Center Michigan State University East Lansing, MI	Myrna Simms 517-353-4876 www.chm.msu.edu/chmhome/grad.ed.htm
October 25 th	Primary Care Ethnogeriatrics: Bridging the Gap in Health Care Disparities for Elders	Palo Alto, CA	Jillian Dubman 650-494-3986 jdubman@stanford.edu
October 26 th -29 th	6 th International Conference on Care Management: Care Management in an Aging Society	Loews Hotel Philadelphia, PA	800-537-9728 www.asaging.org/icm
November 6 th	Intensive Geriatric Training: Podiatry Module – Principles of Trauma and External Fixation	Barry University Miami Shores, FL	Julie Dotson 305-899-3266
November 8 th	Caregiving: From Desperation to Inspiration	VA Palo Alto Health Care System Palo Alto, CA	Jillian Dubman 650-494-3986 jdubman@stanford.edu
November 21 st	GSA Pre-Conference Maximizing the Potential of Minority Faculty Through the Mentoring Process	San Diego, CA	Lucio Arruda 310-312-0531 larruda@ucla.edu
November 21 st -25 th	GSA’s 56 th Annual Scientific Meeting	San Diego Convention Center and Marriott Hotel & Marina San Diego, CA	202-842-1275 meetings@geron.org