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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this newsletter the calendar will say it is fall and most of us will be beginning a new year in college health. As I write my article, however, the air conditioning is providing me with the cool comfort I need on yet another hazy, hot and humid summer day. As long as I have the support of an air conditioner (although I'd prefer the ocean or a lake) I won't complain and I can be productive. If you

take away that comfort though, I'll admit I'm pretty useless.

This article should have been the last of my presidency. However, as the NECHA Board of Directors is proposing something a little unique for 2005-2006. We know there are NECHA members who are willing to become more active, but as of yet, have not stepped up to the plate. Therefore, after much discussion at the June BOD meeting, Jeff Benson volunteered to remain President-elect/Program Chair for another year if I would remain as President, which I agreed to do. Of course all of this must be supported by NECHA membership through an official vote at the Combined Annual Meeting in October.

Speaking of the annual meeting, Dr. Benson and his Planning Committee have been working diligently on what promises to be an awesome program for the 2005 NECHA/NYSCHA Combined Annual Meeting. Mark your calendars for October 26-28 in Burlington, Vermont, and *Expand Your Horizons!*

## ACHA 2005 Annual Meeting Highlights

It was wonderful seeing so many NECHA folks in San Diego. Thank you to all who attended our affiliate gathering. Several new people joined us and I truly appreciate your interest and willingness to become involved in NECHA. Not to worry - we have your names and will be calling on you, if you haven't heard from one of us already! As always, a highlight of the Meeting was the *Fellows/Awards Banquet*. It was an honor to be able to attend, especially because two NECHA members were recognized for their contributions to college health.

Sandy Stern, RN-C, ARNP, Anna Maria College, NECHA past-president, was awarded the Miguel Garcia Tunon Memorial Award in Human Dignity.

Dawn Harland, MD, Dartmouth College, was recognized as the NECHA Affiliate New Professional.

There are several awards given out each year by ACHA and by NECHA. Please be thinking and nominate yourself or a colleague. Information on the various awards and recognitions may be found on ACHA's Web site ([www.acha.org](http://www.acha.org)) or the NECHA site:

[www.nechaonline.org](http://www.nechaonline.org).

## Thoughts for Fall Kick-Off

Do many of you have some time off during the summer? Does your health service scale down staffing in the summer months? How do you regroup in the fall? Here at Dartmouth, the majority of undergraduates are on campus three trimesters rather than two semesters. To meet the trimester needs, our health service has a full complement of staff from mid-September to early June. Several staff (including most nurses) are nine-month employees who do not work at the health service during the summer. Although many nine-month staff works elsewhere during the summer, they break out of the health service routine. To kick off a new year, we have come to appreciate an informally-formal regrouping activity each fall. It is impossible to evaluate the success of the annual gatherings but it provides an opportunity for everyone to reunite. There are always educational components, group activities, and some opportunities for fun! In the past we've had programs presented by outside professionals, our health educators, the college's outdoor programming staff and, of course, SHS Director, Dr. Jack Turco. Our theme over the past couple of years has been "Moving from Good to Great".

In addition to the entire health service program, the nursing department has a few days of re-orientation programs prior to the official start of the year. During that time we spend a half day with the counseling staff role playing about various potential psychological concerns we as nurses may encounter with students. We have refresher presentations and self-review checks on several pieces of equipment including the breathalyzer, spirometer, nebulizer, suction, IV insertion, glucometer, and both strep and mono testing. In the past we have scheduled time for walking tours of campus and fraternity/sorority/residence halls. We have met with the local Fire Department/EMS staff and toured the local Police Department, all in an effort to become more familiar with those campus areas to which students refer and with those who we may encounter as we carry out our daily (or nightly!) responsibilities.

Although no formal evaluation of these programs is done, staff speak of them for months as having provided a comfortable re-entry into the health service and the college community> I believe it to be an excellent review of the expectations and responsibilities - not only of the administration, but that each one has for his/her self as a college health service representative. I enthusiastically encourage each of you to consider doing something at your health service to bring staff together at least at the beginning of the year; let them know what you expect, listen to what they expect of you and together you may open the doors to a more productive year in college health.

Best of luck to all as we begin a new year. I look forward to seeing you in Burlington in October.

Charley Bradley, RNC  
2004-05 NECHA President  
Director of Nursing,  
Dartmouth College



## NECHA GRANT CALL for PROPOSALS

The purpose of this Grant Proposal Program is to promote participation and connectivity within the New England college health community.

The Board invites ACHA Region V members and those from NECHA AIM institutions to propose projects at grant-funded levels up to \$1,000. The total number and size of awards will be based on merit, need and the number of proposals received. Grant projects should produce benefits with wide application for college health. Proposals which involve multi-institutional collaboration, networking, and student participation to address shared concerns are especially encouraged.

The due date for proposals is October 1, 2005. Awards will be announced at the Combined Meeting in Burlington October 26 - 28. Grant recipients should plan to present project results at the NECHA Annual Meeting in Fall 2006.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The topics to be included in the proposal are listed below. The narrative should not exceed three pages with double spacing.

1. Identify the NECHA member responsible for the grant project, including the member's organization, address, phone, and email.
2. Provide a statement of need and the project's objectives.
3. Describe proposed activities, including timetable and anticipated outcomes.
3. Identify other participants and their roles on the project.
5. Include an evaluation component—how will the project gauge its success?
6. Provide a budget that shows the amount requested and how funds will be used.
7. Attach a copy of the organization's IRS tax-exempt letter and the tax I.D. number.

Send 3 sets of the proposal postmarked no later than **October 1, 2005** to: Bryant Ford, PhD

Chair, NECHA Grant Committee  
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—or—

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## CORRECTION:

An error in the meningococcal vaccination article in the Spring/Summer issue (pg. 2). In Rhode Island, it is mandatory that they provide meningococcal vaccination *education* rather than actual vaccination. Thanks to Lynn Wachtel for the correction!

## CONGRATULATIONS '06 Award Recipients

Mary Kay Connell, NP  
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&  
Cindy Lubianez, MS, RN  
Asst. Director, Administration  
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PRESIDENTS' AWARD

Nominate a colleague  
for 2006 - details on the  
NECHA Web site!

## 2005-2006 NECHA

### Board of Directors Nominations

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University of Rhode Island

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Christine Burke, MEd, CHES 1year  
Keene State College, NH

Elections will be held on  
**Thursday, October 27**  
at the NECHA Business  
Meeting in Burlington.



# Back in Burlington: Expand Your Horizons

October 26-28, 2005

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## New England & New York State College Health Associations Combined Annual Meeting UPDATE

### All roads, waterways, & flights lead to Burlington

Whether you arrive by plane, train, or automobile, this is a meeting you won't want to miss. With 70 speakers, 48 concurrent sessions, 2 Pre-Meeting workshops and general sessions, the Combined Annual Meeting promises something for everyone. Chaired by Dr. Jeff Benson, Director of Health Services at Bowdoin College, the program promises top-notch speakers and expertise from beginning to end. Working with Jeff and the Planning Committee over the past year has been delightful. We are pleased to have several sessions presented by our friends from New York state and look forward to serving as hosts in Burlington.

Brochures were sent to the mailing lists early September. If your in-basket is overflowing and you have not yet perused the brochure, see it all on the screen at [www.nechaonline.org](http://www.nechaonline.org). Several

speakers from outside the college health arena are adding expertise and prestige to the program, particularly in the Mental Health track. The Web site has a plethora of more in-depth explanations of the sessions, behavioral objectives, and CE information that goes beyond what is outlined in the brochure. Consider bringing colleagues from Residential Life, Public Relations, Athletics, Student Affairs - even dining services, as the topics cover a wide array of college issues.

Approved for continuing education credits for CME: 17, Nursing Contact Hours: 20.4, CE Credits for Psychologists (PsyCE): 15, and CECH Contact Hours (CHES): 17, check out our Web site for a complete listing of what sessions are approved for each discipline. Certificates of attendance will be given to those who wish to submit the program for CEUs from other disciplines.

We hope to see you in Burlington!

Julie Basol, NECHA  
Administrative Director

**MEETING SITE: WYNDHAM BURLINGTON HOTEL** Reduced overnight rates have been reserved for the Combined Meeting at the Wyndham. Deadline for securing the reduced overnight rate is: September 25. To obtain the reduced rate of \$119 per night call 800 996-3426 and specify that you are attending the *Combined Annual Meeting of the New England and NY State College Health Associations*. Alternatively, hotel reservations may be made on line:

[www.wyndham.com/groupevents/499CHA/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents/499CHA/main.wnt)

WELCOME

### ~ NEW TO COLLEGE HEALTH? ~

Join us at the New-to-College-Health tables at the Opening Luncheon. Seasoned college health professionals will be there to answer questions, help you assimilate and make the most out of your time at the Combined Meeting.

Whether you check the First Time Attendee box on your registration or prefer to remain somewhat anonymous, plan to join us at the New-to-College-Health tables—you'll be glad you did!



THE INFAMOUS STATE BASKETS are set to help disaster relief this year! Purchase tickets for your chance to win brimming-over baskets from each of the New England states and New York districts. Not coming to the Meeting? You can still purchase tickets!!! See back page for details, or check out the Web site: [www.nechaonline.org](http://www.nechaonline.org)

### ANNUAL BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Sleepless Knights of Saint Michael's College - co-ed a cappella group.

Join us!

### ~ Yankee / New York Swap ~

Show your school spirit by participating in the Annual Yankee Swap. More opportunities abound with New York joining us! A fun activity time after time, pack a mug, t-shirt, cap or banner - whatever represents your school! Visit your college bookstore or raid your giveaway box. Bring your item to the Swap Table and trade it for something of equal value in return, then keep swapping! Perhaps there will be something there from your alma mater!

### ~ THURSDAY IS REPEAT DAY ~

The 6th session of each concurrent time slot is being reserved for anticipated popular sessions. Check out our Web site October 14 to see which sessions will be duplicated on Thursday!

### ~ FRIDAY IS SPIRIT DAY ~

It's Casual Friday with a twist! Whether you join us early for Yoga and Morning Stretch or slip in just before the general session, show your school spirit by dressing the part. Plan to don a t-shirt, sweat suit - anything that promotes your school (or alma mater). Show up with pom-poms and you'll receive a special prize!





# ACROSS THE STATES



## CONNECTICUT

*Sally Rinaldi, RN, MPH*

The University of Hartford and its intervention services collaborator, Connecticut Renaissance, were awarded a Campus Screening & Brief Intervention grant from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin. (a division of the Federal Dept of Health & Human Services) for Project OASIS (*Outreach for Alcohol Services Improvement for Students*). OASIS will provide substance abuse intervention to students, with an emphasis on alcohol. At least 900 students over the 3-year project period are expected to be served.

The University is the applicant and lead agency for the grant, while Connecticut Renaissance will provide the actual substance abuse intervention at an office in close proximity to campus. The service delivery model is based on using the Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET) protocol. Most clients will be referred to the program through the University's Judicial Office, although students will also be able to self-refer. All participation by students will be voluntary, though students may prefer OASIS, since it will replace a stricter sanction normally given for violations of the UH Alcohol Policy.

The overall project goal is to improve health and life outcomes by intervening in student substance abuse, (emphasis on alcohol abuse) which will eventually lead to less overall substance use, misuse and abuse.

## MAINE

*Jeffrey Benson, MD, MPH*

College health services in Maine are continuing to work with public health colleagues on issues of common concern. Providers from a number of Maine college health services will be meeting soon with Bureau of Health staff to coordinate campus TB screening and treatment protocols and programs.

Maine College Health Association has joined up with the Maine-Harvard Prevention Research Center in a project addressing physical activity, nutrition, overweight and obesity on Maine college campuses. Alexa Ogata, a Bowdoin senior (also current Student Representative to the NECHA Board), has been working with M-HPRC staff to develop a survey to assess campus needs and current practices statewide. Information collected will be presented back to college health services to help establish a common course of action.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Update on the State's EC Bill

*Carole Worsh, APRN-BC, ANP*

• June 16, 2005- Massachusetts State Senate votes unanimously in support of the Emergency Contraception bill. The bill would re-

quire hospital emergency rooms to offer emergency contraception (also known as the morning-after pill or EC) to rape survivors and allow women to access EC directly from trained pharmacists without a prescription.

• July 6, 2005- House votes 135-17 in favor of the EC bill.

• July 20, 2005- Differences between the House and Senate bills are ironed out in conference committee, resulting in a strong piece of legislation that ensures that all women who have been raped, no matter which hospital they visit, will be offered Emergency Contraception.

• July 20, 2005- Senate unanimously approves this final version of the bill.

• July 21, 2005- House votes 142-9 to enact the final version of the bill.

• July 25, 2005- Gov. Romney vetoes the EC bill hours after it reaches his desk, saying he believes EC can cause an abortion and shouldn't be available to minors without parental consent.

Legislature has opportunity to override the veto when they are back in full session. The bill originally passed in both houses with more than the 2/3 majority needed.

Source: NARAL

### Update on Massachusetts Meningitis Immunization Law

*Geraldine Taylor, MS, APRN*

This past year the College Health Association of Nurse Directors (CHAND), voted to lobby for the amendment of the law requiring meningitis vaccine for all incoming part-time and full-time college students in Massachusetts (*Senate Bill Number 1247*-presented by Senator Jack Hart and Representative Martin Walsh). The law, requiring meningitis vaccine, became effective August 2005 and requires all incoming full and part-time students to be immunized at least two weeks prior to coming to campus. Since many students, particularly international students, may not arrive on campus until the first week of classes, a sub-committee of CHAND has been working to:

Eliminate the "two week prior" requirement by recommending substitution of the language to state that compliance should take place "within 30 days of the first day of classes". This language would be consistent with the language for all other required vaccines for Massachusetts college Students.

Limit the requirement to all incoming "residential" students as those are the students who are in the highest risk group as defined by CDC, ACHA and ACIP.

The bill was under consideration by the Joint

Committee on Health Care, which held a public hearing on June 29. Carole Worsh (Pine Manor) and I (Bentley) testified at the hearing, along with Dr. Bill Taylor (Boston University), Roger Sullivan from AICUM Association of Independent Colleges & Universities in Massachusetts), and a representative from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Members of the Joint Committee on Health Care expressed concerns that commuter students were also at risk as some of the commuters might socialize extensively with the residential students. As a result of their concerns, the Joint Committee on Health Care amended the language in the CHAND proposal to include **all incoming full-time students** and, with this change, reported the bill out of committee favorably. This language would be consistent with the language for immunization requirements for all other pre-matriculation vaccines.

However, on the same day that the bill was reported out from the Joint Committee favorably, Sanofi-Pasteur announced an anticipated shortage of vaccine for the upcoming year. The CHAND group, concerned that there would not be enough vaccine to immunize all incoming full-time students, went back to the Joint Committee on Health Care and asked that the law be limited to residential students for 2006 and 2007 and be broadened to include "all" incoming students in 2008, when it is hoped that there will be enough vaccine. CHAND will now await the decision of the Joint Committee on Health Care regarding whether it will reconsider the language. The next step will be for the bill to go to the Massachusetts House and Senate for approval.

**Note:** Any action taken in regards to this amendment will not be in effect at this point in time. All colleges and universities in the state of Massachusetts must comply with the law, as it is currently written, until we receive notification of any changes from the Department of Public Health. <http://www.mass.gov/dph/regs/reg105cmr220.htm>

The CHAND directors have learned a great deal about the legislative process and hope to present the details of their experience at the ACHA or NECHA meeting next year.

If anyone wishes further information about the process, the sub-committee members welcome any questions: Gerri Taylor (Bentley), Carole Worsh (Pine Manor), Jane Powers (Emerson), Regina Roberto (WPI), Ilene Hofrenning (Framingham State), Nancy Baker (Boston College), and Sharon Yardley (Suffolk).

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# NECHA Bylaws Committee Proposes Changes to the Bylaws For Consideration and Vote October 27, 2005

## DRAFT – as of June 8, 2005

Delete material in bold italics and insert material in quotes (“ ”) to be in agreement with American College Health Association United Membership Policy as accepted by New England College Health Association

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, DUES, and FISCAL YEAR

There shall be **three** (insert “two”) categories of membership: (1) Individual (insert “and”) (2) Emeritus, **and (3) Affiliate Institutional** with dues payable on a fiscal year basis.

#### Section 1. Individual Membership (dual membership).

**Eligibility.** Individual Membership in NECHA is obtained by joining ACHA as an individual or by being the Representative of the Member Institution (RMI) or Student Representative of the Member Institution (SRMI) from an institutional member of ACHA and by designating NECHA as the affiliate choice. This is referred to as dual membership. Dual membership shall have three types: (1) regular, (2) student, and associate.

Regular Membership shall be open to anyone on the staff of an institution of higher education or organization eligible for institutional membership in ACHA.

Student Membership is open to individuals who are students at a recognized college or university and not employed as a “professional or civil service employee” at the health service.

Associate Membership shall be open to anyone who is not eligible for regular membership.

**Privileges.** A regular member, upon payment of dues, shall be eligible to vote and hold office in NECHA.

A student member shall have one vote in a NECHA election and may hold office as the student representative on the NECHA Board.

An associate member may neither vote nor hold office in NECHA.

#### Section 2. Emeritus Membership.

**Eligibility.** Emeritus Membership will be open to any individual member in good standing at the time of retirement, provided the member has held such individual membership status in ACHA/NECHA for at least five years immediately preceding retirement.

**Privileges.** Emeritus members may, on payment of individual dues, have the privileges of the class of membership to which they belonged prior to becoming emeritus.

#### Section 3. NECHA Affiliate Institutional Membership (AIM).

**Eligibility.** *Affiliate Institutional Membership of NECHA shall be open to any health service (center) in an institution of higher education of recognized standing, which provides services to members of the institutional community.*

**Privileges.** *Upon payment of dues, individuals who are employed at a NECHA Affiliate Institutional Member organization will be eligible to register for NECHA educational events and annual meeting at the member rate and vote in affiliate elections.*

#### Section 4. Dues.

Dues are payable upon application for membership. If two or more distinct and separate educational institutions are under the administration of one governing body, each institution shall be considered as a separate entity for membership.

**Dues for Affiliate Institutional Membership of NECHA shall be established by the NECHA Board of Directors.** Annual dues for ACHA/NECHA individual dual membership shall be established by the ACHA Board of Directors.

#### Section 5. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year for NECHA is January 1 to December 31.



## CHAND

College Health Association of Nurse Directors

### Celebrates 21 Years

CHAND “founding mothers” taken at the May luncheon celebrating 21 years: L to R: Carole Worsh (Pine Manor College); Ann Chase, former Director at Pine Manor; Catherine Collins, former Director at Bentley College (now Health Educator at Wellesley College), Mary Olsen (Wheaton College, recently retired) and Roberta Lecke, former Director at Fisher College.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bryant Ford, PhD

### New Student Center Opens at NHTI

The new Student Center at New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) – Concord’s Community College opened for the fall semester, in the heart of the 242-acre campus along the Merrimack River. The 16,000-sq. ft. facility brings under one roof all non-academic student support services. “It will serve as a wonderful place for students to gather informally with their peers and faculty, as well as a place to access all non-academic student services,” says Stephen Caccia, VP of Student Affairs. “It’s especially important since 90% of our students are commuters and don’t truly have a place to go on campus when not in class.”

The \$3 million building, which faces the College Quad and is connected to the gym, creates a new entrance to the Wellness Center and Sweeney Hall and will become the hub of campus life on the NHTI campus. The center will accommodate meeting areas and conference rooms, a communication center, office space for clubs and organizations, a student employment opportunities area, space for cultural and recreational programs and entertainment. A Health Center, housing the college’s Health and Counseling Services suite, will be part of the building as well.

This “home away from home” for students features a two-story “Great Room,” with natural light from windows and an oculus skylight, a circular opening at the top of the building’s dome. A fireplace is made possible by generous donations from Institute Advisory Board Members Bev Grappone and Conrad Trulson. An exercise room for aerobics, yoga, tai chi, and other activities will improve fitness offerings, and conference rooms will expand meet-

ing space available for on-campus clubs and local community groups.

CN Carley and Associates of Concord is the project architect, whose team includes Karen L. Schacht (NHTI ’83 - Architectural Engineering Technology). The general contractor on is Pilot Construction, Inc. of Portsmouth.

## Rhode Island

Lynn Wachtel, FNP

University of Rhode Island has hired a full-time Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (PCNS) and re-established a Nurse Practitioner Fellowship position. This fall, construction will begin on a new headquarters and garage for the Emergency Medical Service (student volunteer corps). The URIEMS has also received a Homeland Security Grant for significant communications upgrade. And a final bit of good news is that the Student Health Insurance benefit has increased and the policy cost decreased!

Staff from Health Services, Student Affairs and Campus Security Offices of several R.I. colleges and universities attended a Risk Communication workshop hosted by the R.I. Department of Health on July 27<sup>th</sup> as part of ongoing emergency and bioterrorism preparedness.

Brown University Health Services has taken the plunge into electronic health records. In June, the Medcat system was installed and summer staff members had an adventure learning the ins and outs of a paperless office. We are looking forward to Dr. Connie Hiller updating us at the Combined Meeting in October as she will be part of a panel discussion about EHR’s with input from several New England institutions.

## Vermont

Peter Nobes, PA

The dust is unlikely to settle in the foreseeable future as UVM welcomed 2, 350 first-year

students August 26<sup>th</sup>, a 20% increase over last year’s entering class. New buildings to house the greater enrollment are sprouting on East Campus, and demolition of some landmark buildings including the dairy science building will make room for a new student center. Some of us recall the good old days when UVM’s dairy processed its own milk and ice cream. There are no firm plans yet for a new health center building, however with all the campus renovation, already existing but larger spaces are being looked at to house the growing Center for Health and Wellbeing.

For years students have lobbied for a greener university and with the signing of a policy in September, UVM has committed to a high level of environmental sustainability in all new or renovated buildings. The U.S. Green Building Council has developed a rating system which will be applied to all new or renovation projects on campus.

The UVM campus was greatly saddened by the shooting death on August 14<sup>th</sup> of Professor James Petersen, Chair of the Anthropology Department. He was killed during a robbery in Brazil where he was carrying out field studies in Amazon cultures.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, UVM has invited students whose education in the Gulf region was disrupted to enroll at UVM. Students at Xavier and Dillard University have been contacted about furthering their education at UVM.

Although efforts at maintaining a healthy campus were impacted by the unexpected shortage of flu vaccine last season, UVM has set a 50% vaccination target for faculty staff and students this season and ordered sufficient vaccine to reach that goal.

We’re looking forward to the Combined Annual Meeting convening once again in Burlington — I hope to see you in the Queen City!

## ACHA VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW

Chad Henderson, MBA *Director, Health Services, University of Rhode Island  
Region V Representative to the ACHA Board of Directors*

At the ACHA Meeting in San Diego, the Board of Directors accepted the report and recommendations of the Volunteer Leadership Infrastructure Review Committee (VLIRC), thanked the members for their enthusiastic, inclusive and diligent effort. The Committee, having served its purpose, was sunset. The Board concurred with the President-elect (Doreen Perez), that an implementation process was essential in moving ACHA forward.

The recommendations were divided into four groupings; Leadership Development, Sections, Committees, and Affiliates. The structure agreed upon for the first three was to establish a “task force” for each with a two-year window to complete the implementation in an inclusive manner. Each task force has a chairperson, a Board liaison, and a VLIRC advisor. A guidance Task Force, co-chaired by Jim Mitchell and Paula Swinford, with Board Liaison Nancy Allen (Immediate Past President) and membership of each task force chair, board liaison, and VLIRC advi-

tor was established to provide oversight. The Affiliate recommendations require a different structure. Lisa Sommerhauser and I were named Co-Presidential Advisors to work with the Affiliates to further explore, clarify, and document the relationship.

To learn more, please go to the ACHA Bulletin Boards in the Members Only section of the ACHA Web Page at [www.acha.org](http://www.acha.org). You can remain involved by “subscribing” to any/all of the bulletin board threads by merely clicking on the red pin in the notepad at the top right of any thread. You will be notified by email of any posting made.

Please consider becoming involved as a **Volunteer Leader** in either **ACHA** or **NECHA**. As the Region V (NECHA/NYSCHA) Representative to the ACHA Board of Directors I am eager to hear from constituents on any topic. Please feel free to contact me by email at [chad@uri.edu](mailto:chad@uri.edu) or by phone at 401 874-4756. Thank you!

More details about the VLIRC can be found at [www.nechaonline.com](http://www.nechaonline.com)

## COLLEGE HEALTH POSITION OPENINGS

### Coordinator of Alcohol & Other Drug Education

#### Dartmouth College

As a member of the Health Resources' Department at the College Health Service, the Coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Education provides a vital and visible presence on campus. In this capacity, the Coordinator is responsible for developing, implementing, and coordinating a comprehensive alcohol and other drug prevention, education, and outreach program.

The Coordinator trains and supervises student interns and peer advising groups. Working knowledge of health issues facing college populations is required and, the successful candidate must have the ability to address significant aspects of identity development (individual and/or cultural) that could impact substance use.

Experience participating in a Social Norms approach on a college campus is desirable. Master's degree in health education or related field preferred, with a minimum of 2-3 years experience in the area of college alcohol and other drug education/prevention; or the equivalent. Professional development opportunities are encouraged and supported. Must be available to work evenings as necessary. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Dartmouth is an equal opportunity /affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. We will begin reviewing applications on August 15, 2005; applications continue to be accepted. Please send letter of interest and resumé to:

Leslie Clancy, Search Coordinator,  
Dartmouth College Health Service,  
7 Rope Ferry Road, Hanover, NH 03755

### University Health Service Psychiatrist

#### Tufts University

21 hours per week; 1-year limited appointment position, with a possibility for an extension. Tufts University SHS supports the educational mission of Tufts University by providing accessible and high quality health care for a diverse student population. They strive to maintain the physical, psychological, and social health of students through an interdisciplinary team approach of providing primary care and promoting health education and wellness. Their values are confidentiality, respect for diversity, promotion of wellness, and continuous professional growth.

The Psychiatrist participates as member of a psychiatric team within a dynamic college health service setting, with a focus on psychopharmacology, crisis intervention and short-term treatment. She/he evaluates and treats patients on psychiatric medications; participates in treatment team and coordinates care with psychotherapists and other mental health professionals; collaborates with deans and academic staff in evaluating a student's ability to remain on campus following a serious psychiatric incident, as well as readiness to return to campus following a medical leave for psychiatric reasons. Some on-call responsibilities are required.

This position requires a Medical degree, license to practice in Massachusetts, board certification or board eligibility in psychiatry and one to three years of experience. Prior experience working with young adults is preferred. The selected individual must possess skills in anxiety management, crisis intervention, and substance use. Skill in cognitive behavioral techniques is desired. Basic skills in word processing and electronic messaging are considered useful.

Job #M05-620, 7/4/05: Sue Smoyer Band: Specialist/  
Management Zone: 3 For more information contact:  
Michelle.Bowdler@TUFTS.EDU

### Part-time Adult or Family Nurse Practitioner

#### Emmanuel College Student Health Service.

Seeking NP for 20 hour position at Emmanuel College. This position is Monday - Friday 12:30pm - 4:30pm during the academic year, benefits eligible, and available immediately. The Nurse Practitioner will provide primary, episodic and urgent care to a diverse student population.

The qualified candidate should have strong clinical, interpersonal and communication skills and at least 2 years of NP experience. College health or adolescent experience preferred. Must hold current Massachusetts RN/NP license and DEA/MDPH prescriptive authority.

Interested candidates should contact:  
Gail Moylan, APRN, BC, MSN  
Health Service Coordinator, Emmanuel College  
400 The Fenway Boston, MA 02115

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Contributions of college health interest are welcomed! For details, contact Julie Basol, Administrative Director - Julie@nechonline.org. Deadline for contributions for the coming academic year are as follows:

**January 1** for the winter issue (February 1)

**April 1** for the spring/summer issue (May 1)

**August 1** for the fall issue (September 15)

# NECHA Assists Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief

A massive recovery and relief effort is being undertaken between federal, state, and local authorities, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Key to the enormous task is the coordination and prioritization of all relief efforts and resources to maximize the assistance ultimately rendered to victims of this natural disaster.

Joining the American College Health Association and other affiliates, NECHA has made a monetary contribution of \$500 to the American Red Cross. For more information about donating to the American Red Cross for this relief effort, visit:

[www.redcross.org/article/0,1072,0\\_312\\_4498,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/article/0,1072,0_312_4498,00.html) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Efforts will continue at the Meeting in Burlington. The State Basket giveaway will help the effort too! Purchase tickets for your chance to win a state basket and help raise needed funds for disaster relief!



Get your tickets **IN ADVANCE** for your chance to win one of the infamous state or regional baskets & help those affected by Hurricane Katrina!

Advanced ticket price: \$10 / baker's dozen, \$1 each at the Meeting

Clip this page, and include your name, phone #, check (payable to NECHA), and # of tickets you are buying and send it to the NECHA office by October 10.

(See address on the mailing panel).

