



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Charlene Bradley, RNC
(Charley)*

Another year has gone by and who would have guessed that I would be writing the *Message from the President* for another year? I look forward to representing NECHA once again and hope that you will continue to look to the organization to provide the support you need beyond your institution.

While I have gotten to know many of you during my tenure as NECHA President, I'm delighted as well, to get to know the new members of our board: Christine Burke,

MAEd, CHES, Susan Jacques, MSN, APRN, RN, Joleen Nevers, MAEd, and Ellen Reynolds, MS. A listing of the Board's contact information is included on the following page. The article, *Meet the Board* features Chris and Susan. Joleen and Ellen will share their road to college health in future NECHA News issues.

In other news, ACHA's Slate of Candidates has been announced and New England's own Chad Henderson is officially on the slate, running for Vice President. A West Coast candidate is also in the running, so I'm doing a bit of campaigning for Chad. I speak for the board when I say that a vote for Chad is a vote for the betterment of ACHA as a whole and a better voice for New England. Please, make your voice heard and vote! (further details on pg. 6)

I am pleased to share the front page of this issue with our esteemed President-Elect, Dr. Jeffrey Benson. Jeff has taken on the unprecedented task of serving as Annual Meeting Program Chair for the second year in a row. He's in the process of forming the Planning Committee, but stay tuned - with the experience of 2005 behind him, we can expect another top notch Annual Meeting, come November.

We've come to learn that he writes a regular column for the college paper at Bowdoin. Stay tuned as we all benefit from his keen insight, interest, and expertise in public health.

*Charley Bradley, RNC
2005-06 NECHA President
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Much of what we do every day as college health practitioners involves one-on-one interactions with individual students. We evaluate them clinically, and inform and advise them as individuals. We approach them as individuals who are seeking their own wellbeing, and learning how best to make the choices that will meet their own needs. We often reach out to them, and encourage them to look out for each other. The health benefits of community building, however, far exceed one-on-one mutual support.

When public health researchers look for the factors which determine our health as a population, they find that social and economic relationships are in fact the most powerful. One dimension of these relationships is something known as "social capital". Social capital is a measure of people's participation in their community, their sense of trust, their inclination to cooperate for mutual benefit. It includes everything from a community's density of associational memberships, to levels of interpersonal trust and norms of reciprocity.

Public health researchers like Ichiro Kawachi study the relationship between social capital and individual health. Kawachi has found that variations in these indicators of social capital correlate strongly with mortality rates. In fact, a 10% increase in a community's sense of mutual trust is associated with a 9% lower level of overall mortality!

Social scientists have long known that social cohesion is a critical determinant of public health. Emile Durkheim, for instance, compared suicide statistics in European countries over time, and concluded that the lowest rates of suicide consistently occurred in societies exhibiting the highest degrees of social integration.



Jeffrey Benson, MD, MPH

More recently, case studies like Stewart Wolf's of the small town of Roseto, PA, have shown that social cohesion can have a remarkable effect on a variety of public health outcomes. Wolf found that until the early 1960's, the Rosetans smoked as much as their neighbors, were just as overweight and sedentary, consumed the same high-fat diets, but had a 50% lower mortality rate from heart disease. The only features that seemed to distinguish Roseto from neighboring towns were unusually close family ties and cohesive community relationships. Roseto had more than 2½ times the number of civic associations per capita than its neighbors, and most of them were locally-based, not branches of national groups.

By the mid-1960's, however, people began to look outside of Roseto for work, and community group memberships began to decline. Older community ways were gradually replaced by more modern behaviors. Most interesting, homes in Roseto, which had always been built with porches facing the street, were now built with porches at the back, overlooking private yards. By the 1980's, Roseto's heart attack rate was exactly the same as its neighbors.

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MEET THE BOARD - New Members, Jacques & Burke

Susan Jacques, MSN, APRN, RN
Director, Health Services
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As one of the rookie Members-at-Large on the NECHA Board, I have two initial goals. The first is to increase my own networking and knowledge of NECHA and other college health services and people and hopefully, benefit NECHA in the process. The second is to begin a network for Vermont college health folks, similar to what Maine and New Hampshire already have in place. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me.

Now, a little bit about my background...I am the Director of Student Health Services at Saint Michael's College and a certified adult and women's health nurse practitioner. In my current position, I split my time between administration and clinical duties.

Originally, I hail from western Maryland where my family has been apple orchardists for many generations. My original home (in the northern Shenandoah Valley) resembles Vermont a lot - **except** for the winters! I think this is why I love Vermont so much. I obtained my BSN from The University of Virginia in 1977. After working for a year as a staff nurse in Richmond, I went backpacking for 6 months in Europe until I ran out of money. Upon return, I decided to move to the big city - Baltimore! I worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a staff nurse in labor and delivery and then in their Adolescent Pregnancy Program. I attended The University of Maryland at Baltimore for my Master's in Education and my nurse practitioner certifications. In the 10 years I lived in Baltimore, I met my husband, we bought our first house, and birthed our first child. I still have a special place in my heart for the city and the Baltimore Orioles!

Cont. on page 7, S. Jacques

Christine M. Burke, MEd, CHES
Director, Center for Health & Wellness
Keene State College

I am much honored to have been elected as a Member-At-Large of the New England College Health Association. I have been working in college health for the past 15 years and honestly love the work that I do. After graduating with a BS in Health Education from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in 1984, I spent the first few years of my career teaching elementary and high school health. I completed a Masters in Educational Management in 1990 from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts and, like many, literally fell into the field of college health the following year. When Merrimack College in North Andover received a FIPSE Institution Wide Drug Prevention Grant, I was hired as the Drug Prevention Specialist. For me, this was a turning point in my career as working with college students has been an incredibly fulfilling experience.

In 2003 as a full time professional and the mother of three (fifteen year old twins and a six year old), I decided to make some life changes. I accepted a new position that would allow me to live and work in the same community. I became the Director of Wellness Promotion at Keene State College and moved my family 96 miles west to live in Keene. Moving to Keene was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Not only have we become a part of a great community but in two and a half short years, my position has grown into the Director of Health and Wellness which incorporates Health Education and Health Services under one program.

Cont. on page 7, C. Burke

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Portland, Maine November 1-3

NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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PORTLAND

2006

The 2006 Annual Meeting will take place in Maine - the biggest-of-all New England state. Planning for the Annual Meeting has already begun. Many people have responded to the Call-for-Proposals, yet the Planning Committee continues to actively seek new and innovative programming ideas. We invite you to respond to the Call. Information & forms available at

www.nechaonline.org

Dr. Jeff Benson is at the helm once again as Program Chair. We're delighted to have a mix of 'seasoned' committee members and many new faces as well. Have an idea for a session? Thoughts on a great speaker? Like to join in the planning?

Contact Julie Basol, Administrative Director
julie@nechaonline.org 802 425-3936

What a treat it was to host all of Region V in 2005. Every four years, NECHA has the opportunity to host the Combined Annual Meeting with New York State. With Burlington, Vermont as the Meeting site, we drew respectable attendance numbers and raised the bar on programming even higher. Over 250 participants from 16 states joined us in the Queen City October 26-28 and support was greater than ever. Our thanks go out to the exhibitors and sponsors for their continued partnership with NECHA. *Julie Basol*

2005 Combined Annual Meeting

Back in Burlington: Recap



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www.3M.com

ACM Medical Laboratory

www.acmlab.com

Advanced Imaging

www.advancedimaging1.com

American College Health Assoc.

www.acha.org

Associated Insurance Plans Int'l

www.associatedinsuranceplans.com

Bailey Agencies, Inc.

www.studenthealthdesk.com

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www.bernaproducts.com

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www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/stdtcmci/stdtcmci.htm

Student Resources

www.studentresources.com

University Health Plans, Inc.

www.universityhealthplans.com

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CONNECTICUT

Joleen Nevers, MAEd

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 Administration (a division of the Federal Department 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 a 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

Maine College Health Association will be gathering for its annual conference April 28 at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. Jane Coolidge and her program planning committee are putting together what promises to be a fabulous program, including general sessions on Spirituality, Culture and Healing and International Student Culture and Health Care, as well as break-out sessions on Computer Use and Relationships, State TB Plan for Maine Colleges, and College Planning for Pandemic Influenza. A great start to the year's great college health programming in Portland!

And for any who might be interested in a move to Maine (or within Maine!), a number of college health positions have opened up, or will shortly open up, at University of Maine in Orono, Bowdoin College, and

University of Southern Maine. Consider the possibilities!

MASSACHUSETTS

Vanessa Britto, MD, MSc

The commitment of college health personnel not only to their respective college community's but also to making the world a better place has been quite clear in Massachusetts. MIT Health Educator, Laura Stuart, MPH and Maryanne Kirkbride MS/MBA, RN, Clinical Director for Campus Life were instrumental in securing a U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women grant totaling nearly \$200,000, according to MIT's Medical Director, Dr. William Kettyle. According to MIT, the grant will be used to address a broad array of issues including developing and disseminating information as well as "greatly improving policies, programs, and services around issues of sexual assault, dating, and domestic violence." Congratulations to all at MIT who are working hard on this important issue. We will be looking forward to learning about this program as it gets developed and implemented.

Back in November, while many of us in New England may have been preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday in the traditional ways, Karen Engell, Nurse Practitioner and Director of Health Services at Mount Holyoke College and her husband Robert lived the true spirit of the holiday. They loaded a 25-foot truck with donated food, household items, and clothing, and headed for the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Having been assisted by students from Mount Holyoke's CAUSE in sorting through the goods before leaving, Karen and her husband drove the borrowed truck over 30 hours and some 1400 miles to a central distribution center where a fire station once stood in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The truck was filled to the brim and every single item was distributed and put to use. Karen noted that three months after Hurricane Katrina, the damage and debris she witnessed was pretty overwhelming. All of us, regardless of our discipline within the field of healthcare, are grateful for compassionate colleagues like Karen who never forget why they were drawn to the field in the first place.

Turning our attention toward advocating for the public's health in Massachusetts, we are paying close attention to the state legislature's consideration of House Bill 229, An Act Establishing a Primary Seat Belt Law. Currently, law enforcement officers may

stop vehicles and enforce safety belt use only when children under 12 are not protected by belts or passenger restraints. The proposed legislation will allow the law to be enforced against violators of all ages. In his comments to the state's House of Representatives, Dr. Alan Harvey, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, noted that only 63% of all drivers in Massachusetts use their seat belts. He indicated that the message currently being conveyed implicitly is that "safety belt use and safety restraints are 'just for kids'." A 1999 report from the Annals of Emergency Medicine, cited by the Medical Society, indicated that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people between the ages of 6 and 27 years old. Let's hope the legislature does the right thing for the citizens of Massachusetts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Constance B. Richards, MSN, EdD, RN, BC
New Hampshire Association of
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Prior to 1988 a group of college health professionals were brought together on a monthly basis under the auspices of New Hampshire College & University Council (NHCUC or the Consortium).

A few years later, NHCUC found it necessary to trim the number of campus groups they supported and ended formal support of this group. Because members felt the meetings provided such an important avenue for networking, support, and collaboration, several of us continued to meet on a monthly basis, sharing the responsibility for hosting and chairing the meetings amongst our members. During that time, many of us were struggling with new (New Hampshire) mandated licensing for all health facilities within educational institutions.

Since then, Health Service Directors or their representative from Colby-Sawyer College, Franklin Pierce College, Keene State College, Southern New Hampshire University, New England College, Daniel Webster College, University of New Hampshire, Rivier College, New Hampshire Technical Institute, Hesser College and Saint Anselm College have continued to meet monthly during the academic year to discuss issues that we all have in common around the physical and mental health care and wellness of our students.

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NECHA GRANT OPPORTUNITY CALL for PROPOSALS OPEN TO COLLEGE HEALTH COMMUNITY

The 2006 NECHA Grant Committee invites you to respond to our Annual 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 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, 2006. Awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine November 1-3. Grant recipients should plan to present project results at the Combined Annual Meeting in Fall 2007.

↓ ↓ **Application is Easy—Here' all you have to do** ↓ ↓

The elements to be included in the proposal are listed below. The narrative should not exceed 3 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 success of the project be gauged?
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, 2006** to:

Bryant Ford, PhD, Chair, NECHA Grant Committee Dartmouth College 7 Rope Ferry Road Hanover, NH 03755
-or- Email (w/attachment) to bryant.ford@dartmouth.edu

NEHEN NEWS

Fourteen health educators from around New England gathered at Northeastern University on Thursday, January 5th. Our thanks to Pam Harris for hosting.

The topic for the afternoon was Pornography. Key points raised included: Students feeling pressure to conform to porn images/acts; porn images are all over the Internet; ordinary TV commercials such as Victoria's Secret; the experience of filming sex acts without consent; helping students deconstruct porn.

Congratulations to Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, Keene State, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, and Northeastern for becoming recipients of various grants this year to deal with issues of sexual assault, suicide prevention and alcohol.

A number of colleges will be offering programming during Eating Disorders Awareness Week. For specific information email Amanda (UMass), Sara (Keene State), Fran (Holy Cross) or a health educator at one of the five colleges (above).

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11th** at Holy Cross. For more information contact:

Elise Phillips at Simmons College
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Boosting Alcohol Consciousness

Concerning the Health of University Students BACCHUS Network Area 10 Spring 2006 Conference

The University of Connecticut at Storrs is hosting the Annual BACCHUS Network Area 10 Spring Conference April 7-8. On Saturday (April 8), the conference will offer peer education groups and their advisors opportunity to gain new knowledge and ideas through breakout sessions and speakers on a variety of health issues. An optional Certified Peer Educator training session will be held on Friday (April 7) for people who wish to learn basic peer educator skills.

Registration and Call for Programs materials now available. Peer education groups not affiliated with BACCHUS are also welcome to attend and present.

Visit www.bacchusgamma.org for information on how to affiliate your peer education group at no cost.
Questions? Contact Joleen Nevers (conference host):
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Lisa Currie (Area 10 consultant): 860.685.2466 / lcurrie@wesleyan.edu.

BEST WISHES TO DONNA DENELLI-HESS, NECHA Board Secretary who will be finishing a professional leave granted by Williams College and returning to Kenya for 4 months. Donna will be teaching at Nyumbani Children's Home and doing public health outreach in Kibera Slum. She has promised to stay in touch and send an update for the spring issue of NECHA News.

KUDOS once again to our recent 'retirees' from the NECHA Board: Michael Kurland, MSPH, (UConn), Carole Worsh, APRN-BC, ANP, (Pine Manor College), and Sally Rinaldi, RN, MPH (Yale) for their many years of dedicated service to college health. Best wishes to Sally as she enjoys official retirement from Yale!

COLLEGE HEALTH POSITION OPENINGS

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Education

As a member of the Health Resources Department at the College Health Service, the Coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Education is 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. A 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.

We will begin reviewing applications mid-February and anticipate a start date of July 1, 2006. Please send letter of interest and resume to: Leslie Clancy, Search Coordinator, Dartmouth College Health Service, 7 Rope Ferry Rd., Hanover, NH 03755. Dartmouth College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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Health care providers understandably focus a great deal of attention on their individual patients. It turns out that that attention may be significantly less helpful than we'd like to think. Public health researchers have long pointed out that medical services have relatively little impact on a population's health.

And it's not just about individual health behaviors either. At least twice as many Japanese men smoke, for instance, as American men, but Japan currently leads the world in life expectancy. Americans who smoke are also twice as likely as their Japanese counterparts to die from smoking-related illnesses.

Commentators like Stephen Bezruchka argue forcefully that the key to understanding these differences lies in social hierarchy, the gap between those on top and those on the bottom in society. They point out that hierarchy has to do with ranking by political, economic, and social status - with gender, class, race, and education. They argue that more egalitarian societies are more likely built on relationships of mutual support, sharing, trust, caring, and community. The very building blocks of social capital.

Most of us did not get into health care in hopes of changing the world in this way! And yet, in college health, we have a real opportunity to start to do so, on the admittedly small scale of our own campuses. Many campuses seek to build a stronger sense of community, to find ways for students, staff and faculty to reach out to each other, to understand and support each other. The more respect and concern we all show one another, and the more we are able to build a sense of trust and social obligation amongst ourselves, then the greater will be our community's social capital as well as our own individual well-being. There is indeed much to learn, much to be done, and much to gain in higher education - for us all.

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United States Coast Guard Academy Counseling Position

The United States Coast Guard Academy, located in New London, Connecticut is recruiting a full time, 12 month counselor. Duties include: Providing individual counseling to cadets, staff, faculty, and others in the academy community; Developing and delivering psycho-educational programs to cadets and other students on topics such as depression, anxiety, eating disorders, dating violence and other topics; Consulting to academy staff and faculty on issues related to psychological development and mental health. Minimum of Master's degree in mental health field and at least two years of clinical experience required. Experience in a higher education setting helpful. Basic computer skills necessary. Applications MUST be completed online and require submitting a resume and answering a series of posted questions.

To apply: Go to: www.usajobs.opm.gov
Click on "Search jobs"

In keyword search enter Vacancy # 06-232-NEKB-M1
Or search by location, choosing New London, CT

This site will contain a more detailed position description. If you have questions, contact:

Dr. Robert Murray, Director of Counseling & Development
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★★★ Get Out The Vote ★★★

ACHA has announced the slate of candidates for 2006-2007 officers.

An official ballot, containing detailed information about the candidates, will be available to all eligible voting members by mid-March at the acha.org Web site.

We are very pleased and proud to have

Chad Henderson, MBA,

Director of Health Services

at University of Rhode Island and long-time NECHA supporter and board member on the 2006 Slate of Candidates. Chad is on the slate, running for Vice-President. A vote for Chad is a vote for New England on the national level!

The groundwork of all happiness is health.

James Leigh Hunt

NECHA News is published 3 times per year with its Fall, Winter, & Spring/Summer issues.

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

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

August 15 for the fall issue (September 15)

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We adopted the name “New Hampshire Association of College Health Directors” and wrote our mission statement and goals. We begin our meetings with a luncheon (this affords us the benefit of getting to know one another as there have been several changes in membership over the years). The business part of the meeting generally has a formal agenda or program—which enables us to share valuable resources and information.

Of note are a variety of issues we have dealt with beginning in the late 1980’s with such topics as HIV/AIDS, eating disorders, student health insurance, and outsourcing of health centers to our present day issues of EEE, West Nile virus, bacterial meningitis, and MRSA, to planning for Avian flu for each of our college campuses. It has been wonderful to know that a colleague is just a phone call away for advice!

Rhode Island

Ellen Reynolds, MS

Bryant College Health Services welcomed Eileen McKinney in September to her new role as a part-time Health Educator. Eileen has been working with a peer education group on campus, as well as providing health education presentations and campus-wide programming. She graduated with her MS from the University of Rhode Island with a concentration in College Student Personnel. Welcome to College Health, Eileen!

Rhode Island College is sad to report that Janice Neylon will be leaving her role as Registered Nurse after 15 dedicated years of service to the Health Center. Janice will be transferring to the University of Rhode Island’s Health Center as a Registered Nurse working in the Women’s Clinic. Janice will be sadly missed, but welcomed at URI!

Community College of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that Wenda Ferraioli, RN has joined the staff and will represent their College Health Center. Wenda assumed the position after an extended vacant period. She is actively working on establishing a comprehensive immunization program to

track the students. Wenda has many years of college health experience from her former position as Facilitator RN at URI Health Services.

Due to the teamwork and dedication of all of the staff members at the University of Rhode Island, we have successfully completed and passed another tri-annual survey by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations for both the Health Center and Laboratory! Great Job Rhody! Greg Paquette, PhD has resigned his position as Laboratory Director after 24 years to pursue a full-time academic appointment. Greg has been the driving force behind many great initiatives at URIHS, including the expansion of the physical plant and obtaining and maintaining a nationally accredited Laboratory. Thanks for all your years of great service, Greg! Susan Bouvier, RN will be retiring this spring after 21 years of dedicated service with plans to join her family’s business. Best wishes, Sue; you’ll be missed. URIHS Clinical Staff recently participated in a three-day state certification training program on HIV Education provided by the state’s Department of Health over intercession. All of the participants became certified in Pre/Post Test Counseling.

Brown University hosted a meeting for the Tri-State College Health Consortium this fall, at their historic Faculty Club, and presented on how they transitioned to an Advanced Access/Open Scheduling system. This dynamic and informative presentation was delivered by Jennifer Hodshon, MPH and Cindy Capra, MS RNP at Brown. In addition, at the conclusion of the presentation Deb Nagle, IT Specialist, led the group through a very helpful discussion about implementation of an Electronic Medical Record (EMR). Thanks to those at Brown, for hosting such a great meeting - and congratulations on your Excellence Award for your work on Advanced Access!

Vermont

Peter Nobes, PA

The elections held during our Annual Meeting in October have resulted in an infusion

of new board members, a development that promises to invigorate our organization. I’m particularly pleased that Susan Jacques, ARNP, Director of Health Services at Saint Michael’s College in Colchester, has been elected as at-large member from Vermont. Driving home from our January 13th board meeting, her response to being asked how her first meeting went was “It was fun!” I’m not sure how many NECHA board veterans would describe a five hour board meeting that way! Due to the somewhat unusual step of the NECHA board “re-upping” officers for a second term while new leadership is brought up to speed, we have an exciting mix of members that will carry NECHA forward for years to come. One of Susan’s priorities is to follow the lead of some of other New England states by organizing professionals working in college health in Vermont into a yet-to-be-defined structure that will offer us a chance to network with each other. So hopefully Vermonters won’t have to wait until Annual Meetings to have conversations about issues affecting us in Vermont. As we go to press, Susan has heard from eight colleges who are keen to meet at Castleton State in May.

On the home (UVM) front, a campus-wide coalition of staff and students has been meeting for several months to address men’s issues on campus. Joe Gervais, Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services and a member of this working group has invited a team from Northeastern’s Center for the Study of Sport in Society to campus this month for a three day training. The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, designed to take on the issue of violence against women as a men’s issue, has been presented for several college and professional teams nationally and is being sponsored by offices of the Department of Student Life. The 2006 Translating Identity Conference, organized entirely by Free to Be, UVM’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance, will be held again on campus February 24-26. Information about this popular conference can be found at www.uvm.edu/~tic.

cont. from page 2, S. Jacques

We then spent a few years in Hershey, Pennsylvania where I taught clinical at Penn State University and obtained my first college health position at Elizabethtown College.

My husband's position brought us to Vermont in 1992. I originally worked part time at Planned Parenthood of Northern New England in Burlington before becoming a nurse practitioner at SMC. I have lived with my husband and two sons in South Burlington for 14 years but have recently bought a house in South Hero and am very excited to move this spring.

cont. from page 2, C. Burke

I see the role of Member-At-Large as much an opportunity for me and my staff as it is for the group that I serve. It is critically important in the ever changing field of college health to engage in professional development opportunities often. I have been very fortunate over the years in my college health career to have had many opportunities to do just that. From my first FIPSE conference in September of '91 in DC to becoming CHES certified in 1997, serving as a Center Associate for the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention from 1997-2002 to this position on the NECHA Board, I find myself constantly facing new challenges and new opportunities. I am committed to helping facilitate similar opportunities for my colleagues in college health through the NECHA organization.

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