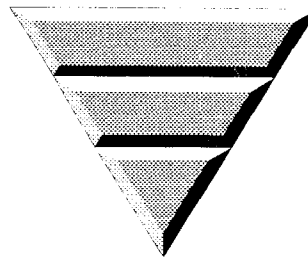


I want to make sure the Caucus provides the structure for people to come together who have similar interests.

Cynthia A. Gomez

Meet the Chair-Elect



At the San Diego meeting, Cynthia A. Gomez, Ph.D. was elected as our next Chair. Cynthia was profiled as a new Caucus member a couple of years ago in the newsletter, but neither of us could find it, so here's an informal introduction.

Chair's Column

Don Gabard, Ph.D.

Highlights of the 1995 meeting (San Diego)

Congratulations to Cynthia Gomez, Ph.D. for not only one of the best content programs in years, but also for a nearly flawless process in pulling it all together. Several presenters commented on the fact that our program was the best organized of any they had experienced in APHA.

Wayne Wilson is Program Chair this year. He worked with Cynthia on this program as "program chair elect." Wayne has been most generous with his time and talent this past year and I feel absolutely confident that our next program will be another landmark year for the caucus.

The social aspects of the program were also a great success. We owe a tremendous thanks to Tom Stubberud who single-handedly made the contacts for the social events.

APHA updates...

The caucus work with APHA is truly a year long process that only shows itself at the yearly conference. Program planning for the following year begins at the conference and proceeds nearly non-stop until the next conference. Initial research for resources in New York started well before our conference in San Diego.

Other groups of interest...

A new group called the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association (NLGHA) has been formed by eleven Lesbian and Gay community health centers nationally to form a network of 20,000 Lesbian and Gay health care providers. They are requesting that the Caucus alert organizations represented by our members of their existence with

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GREETINGS!

Here, at last, is another edition of the newsletter from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Caucus of Public Health Workers, a Caucus in Official Relations with the American Public Health Association. This newsletter is an attempt to tell you more about the work of the Caucus. There is also some information on gay/lesbian run or friendly lodgings in NYC.

So, take a few minutes, read up, and plan to attend our sessions and events, or just stop by our Booth and say hello.

Thoughts or comments on the newsletter are always welcome!

See you in New York!

Margery Mazoh

How long have you been a member of APHA?

About 3 to 5 years

How long have you been a member of the LGB Caucus?

Not long - got pulled in a couple of years ago...

What is your Section affiliation?

I am a member of the Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section, and the Latino Caucus.

What do you look forward to as Chair of the Caucus?

My primary role is to try to be sure APHA is focusing on issues that are relevant to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities. We need to pay attention to science (health research) and practice & care (treatment side). I want to make sure the Caucus provides the structure for people to come together who have similar interests. This is important both during the conference and throughout the year. I also want to see us develop

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Chair-Elect

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stronger relationships with other lgbt health organizations.

What is your professional role? How long have you been in your current position? What else have you done? *I am a Research Specialist at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco. My research is geared primarily towards HIV prevention in the Latino population. I previously worked in Child & Family Therapy and Community Mental Health in Boston.*

What do you do outside of work?

I don't. I live with my family, where I am helping to raise a 17 year old. When I do have time, I walk in woods or on the beach, both of which are accessible from home.

Housing Options in NYC

Places to stay (besides the APHA hotels) in Greenwich Village / Chelsea, the heart of the lesbian/gay community. Travel to the convention hotels is possible by bus (M10 on 8th Avenue), subway (8th Ave. Lines - A, C, E) or taxi (about \$5 to \$8)

Chelsea Pines Inn (212) 929-1023
317 West 14th St.

Mixed gay & lesbian. 21 rooms - private, semi-private or shared baths. Breakfast included. Rate from \$59 to 99 per night. Newly renovated.

Incentra Village Guest House
(212) 206-0007
32 Eighth Ave.

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New Treasurer's Ramblings

Ed. Note - his title, not mine.

Jonathan Goldman - Brooklyn-born and bred, now living in San Francisco (14 years) - active with Caucus for past 15 years or so having previously served on program and hospitality committees and as newsletter editor. Past chair of Vision Care Section (graduate of New England College of Optometry - 1975) and past APHA Intersectional Council Secretary. Received MBA in Health Administration from Temple University in 1980. Most re-

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For more, see p.4

cently retired from administration at City /County of San Francisco's Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehab Center (the nation's largest municipally-operated long term care facility). My last assignments were worker's comp program coordination and hospital wide training. Now, as a PLWA managing my health care and doing volunteer work: with PAWS (Pets are Wonderful Support), Project Inform Hotline (1-800-822-7422), Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, and at LHH as a docent. I adore my 8 year old, 6 pound Yorkie, Rebel and my flatmate Rebekah as well.

Looking forward to helping the Caucus achieve a better fiscal stability and growth to ensure its viability

as a respected entity within APHA's byzantine structure. In this regard, the banquet in NYC needs to be both a fund-raiser and a smashing social evening. Few members have yet to renew for the annual dues which run from close of annual meeting through

the next meeting. Dues would be greatly appreciated to allow us our Exhibit Hall Booth (\$1000+), deposit for banquet, newsletter mailings, etc.

Student scholarships to the dinner/dance cruise in San Diego were made possible by a number of generous members. When I gave out tickets to board, many students expressed thanks to

these donors. This is one philanthropy that's easy and painless for us to help out as role models.

In San Diego, a Boston area member, Judith Rae Miller (a past APHA Executive Board member) was missed at our functions after succumbing to breast cancer. It also didn't seem quite the same without member Bob Johnson, long-time APHA convention staffer who was our guardian angel in meeting planning. Bob died in his sleep from a heart attack in 1995.

On a cheerier note, I hosted a brunch for some local Caucus members in the SF Bay Area. It was great fun and we

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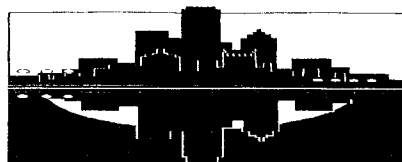
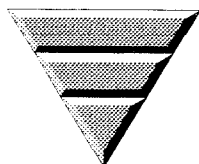
the intent of expanding the network for patient referrals. If you would like more information, please contact me.

Thoughts...

One of my growing concerns about the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual communities is that we are experiencing a shortage of volunteers, especially in leadership roles. The Caucus' stated mission is appropriately focused on health care, but I propose that we informally expand this mission to include the development of leadership in the communities. Some of our officer positions currently 'mentor' for one year prior to assuming office. Perhaps we should consider doing this for every office in the caucus.

I would also like us to consider creating a nominating committee elected by the membership, separate from the officers. We are interested in and committed to involving many more people in the Caucus work. A nominating committee which has a single focus and is non-partisan may encourage a broader spectrum of participation.

I would like each of you to consider these ideas and contact me with your opinions or suggestions. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting in New York.



Membership

Linda Wardlaw

Every year we must be re-certified by APHA for official status as a Caucus. Our efforts to promote sensitivity and awareness of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual health concerns throughout APHA can be significantly enhanced by a strong, consistent show of membership strength. We are permitted to submit *only* the names of current paid members who have given us permission to do so.

Our mailing list has increased to over 300, with only 87 paid members. We feel the newsletters and other mailings are an important means of communication, and we would like to continue sending them to as many of you as possible. A "95/96" printed to the right of your name on the mailing list indicates that we have a record of your payment for this past year. Please note that our records are not perfect! There were some of you who may not have filled out a Membership Application when your dues were paid. If this is the case for you, please feel free to contact me.

If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter, please send in

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Housing Options

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Mixed gay & lesbian. 12 rooms and suites. Breakfast not included. Rate from \$99 to \$129 for rooms, \$130 to \$169 for suites.

Colonial House Inn

(212) 243-9669
(800) 689-3779
318 West 22nd St.
Mixed gay & lesbian. 20 rooms. Breakfast included. Rate from \$65 to 99 per night.

Chelsea Mews Guest House

(212) 255-9174
334 West 15th St.
Men only. No smoking. Has 2 rooms - \$85 (double) and \$95 (triple)

New York Bed and Breakfast Reservation Center

(212) 977-3516
Agency has rooms and apartments throughout the city. Some rooms are private apartments that can accommodate up to 6 or 7 people and cost \$130 to \$250 per apartment. Some rooms are hosted and cost around \$90 for 2 people.

Other resources:

Bed and Breakfast Manhattan

(212) 472-2528
Can arrange rooms in hosted homes and in apartments from \$80 to \$250 all over the city.

Bed and Breakfast Network of New York

(212) 645-8134
Can arrange hosted doubles from \$80 to \$100 and unhosted rooms from \$80 to \$250.

With special thanks to Caucus member Laurie Sandman for her research and legwork in collecting this information!!

Membership Update

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your membership dues for this **UPCOMING YEAR (96/97)**. If you are coming to the Meeting in NYC, you can pay us at the Caucus Booth. The Membership year corresponds with the Annual Meeting and dues are payable at that time.

The Executive Committee is considering various ideas to provide additional incentives for membership (e.g. discounted dinner tickets for member and guest). Any other ideas? Bring them to the Annual Business Meeting or call one of us to talk about it.

This year's booth (#1629) is located on the second floor. It is conveniently near food, rest rooms and some of our favorite exhibitors!

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have generously bolstered our funds with donations throughout the year. These gifts have allowed us to offer discounted memberships and tickets for students and other low income individuals that we would otherwise be unable to do.

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schmoozed 2 more times. So often, we only run into each other at professional meetings that don't allow time to comfortably "network". If you'd like to plan a similar activity for your locale, contact our membership chair!

Caucuses receive little support from APHA, so please make it easier for your volunteer officers and join or renew today. Thank you.

Same Sex Marriage

Don Gabard, Ph.D.

Based on the potential for the official recognition of same-sex marriages in Hawaii, many states have enacted legislation which would deny reciprocal acknowledgment. In addition, the "Defense of Marriage Act", signed by President Clinton on 9/21/96, precludes Gay and Lesbian couples from all federally sponsored spousal rights.

Support for same-sex marriages has focused on the relationship presumed inherent in marriage and has cited the historical correlates with miscegenation laws which prohibited interracial marriages. The civil rights arguments, while frequently citing hospital visitation and employee benefits as examples of earned privileges commensurate with heterosexual marriage rights, have not been successful.

An area which has not received due consideration is the concept that marriage, and the privileges inherent in that legal definition, has implications for the health of the constituents. Clearly defined health consequences can be cited in the advantages of spousal health insurance, hospital visitation rights and surrogate health care decision making by the person most informed of the patient's wishes. Less obvious, but perhaps even more persuasive, are the health consequences directly related to the security of a recognized caring relationship.

Please help me to compile a bibliography which would support the concept of same-sex marriage as a national public health issue. Framed in such a manner, it would be appropriate to request APHA to make a public endorsement for same-sex marriages. If you know of research literature which supports this position, please either send me the article or a full bibliographical citation.

Please join me at the Caucus business meeting during APHA, where this item will be placed on the agenda for discussion and a vote to request APHA endorsement.

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- ◇ Hyatt, Empire State Ballroom E

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- ◇ **Substance Use and Associated Risks in Gay Communities.**
- ◇ Hyatt, Music Box/Morosco

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**Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Caucus of Public Health Workers
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Session 1032: Monday, November 18

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Homophobia and Gender Oppression are Health Hazards

Presider: Don Gabard, Ph.D.

12:30 *Violence within and against the transgender community: Preliminary survey results* -- A. E. Eyler, MD; Matthew Witten, PhD; S. Cole.

12:45 *Homophobia is a Public Health Issue* - Panel: Marj Plumb, MA, Tim Sweeney, BA, Collin Robinson

Session 1088: Monday, November 18

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Models and Strategies for HIV Prevention and Risk Reduction in Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, and Transgender Communities.

Presider: Petra Liljestrand

2:00 *A collaborative model for HIV prevention planning and intervention among gay, lesbian and bisexual young adults* -- John F. Faber, MS; Sylvia J. Barksdale, PhD; Mark S. Freidman, MSW; Matthew B. Moyer, BA; Janice Kopelman.

2:15 *Do HIV risk reduction models for seronegative gay and bisexual men work for those who are positive?* -- Rosemary Ryan, PhD.

2:30 *HIV prevention among gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered young adults: The House of Latex outcome evaluation* -- Tracy Schaffzin, MPH; David Whittier, PhD; Karyn Kaplan, MA; Sean Massey, MA; Torrence Allen; Arbert Santana.

2:45 *Strategies for HIV prevention planning among gay men in rural communities* -- Mark S. Friedman, MSW; Scott H. Arrowood, MSW; Sylvia J. Barksdale, PhD; Anthony J. Silvestre, PhD; Joseph Pease, MPH; David A. Keene, BScPE.

3:00 *Discussion*

Session 1162: Monday, November 18

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Health and Policy Concerns for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities: Issues Roundtable.

Presider: Wayne L. Wilson, MPH

Table 1- *Health beliefs and sexual orientation: Lesbian and bisexual women and breast cancer* -- Lyndall A. Ellingson, MS.

Table 2- *Policy concerns for lesbian and bisexual women regarding female-to-female transmission of HIV* -- Sucheta J. Doshi, MPH.

Table 3- *Defining and Measuring Sexual Orientation for Public Health Research* -- Randall L. Sell, ScD; James A. Wells, PhD; David Wypij, PhD.

Table 4- *HIV prevention needs of gay and lesbian Native Americans* -- S. Joshua Volle, MEd.

Table 5- *Countering tobacco influences: Problems and potential* -- Grier McCurdy, BA.

Table 6- *Alive with pleasure: Prevention of tobacco and alcohol problems in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community* -- Gloria B. Soliz, MDiv.

Table 7- *Attitudes of allied health professionals towards lesbian and gay clients* -- Gerard Sullivan, PhD; Helen Waite, PhD.

Table 8- *Dictated behavior, HIV prevention and males who have sex with males* -- Mark J. Chekal, MPH.

Table 9- *Body-mind-spirit: An exploration of psychoneuroimmunology in homosexual males* -- Kenneth Phillips, PhD.

Session 2041: Tuesday, November 19

8:30 - 10:00 am

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth: Facing the Health and Safety Issues of Our Next Generation.

Presider: Joyce Hunter, DSW

8:30 *The correlates of risk behavior among gay, lesbian, and bisexual youths: Coming out and resiliency* -- Margaret Rosario, PhD; Joyce Hunter, DSW; Marya Gwadz, MA.

8:45 *Implementing a program about the needs and realities of gay, lesbian and bisexual teens for public school teachers and counselors in conservative school districts* -- Jodi Brookins-Fisher, MS; Patricia Reagan, PhD.

9:00 *The 1995 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Another look at the safe schools program for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students* -- Robert Cameron Wolf, MS; Arthur Lipkin, EdD; Robert Garofalo, MD.

9:15 *Childhood and adolescent sexual abuse and HIV risk-taking behaviors in a survey of young gay and bisexual men* -- Dana Erlebacher, BA; Douglas A. Shehan, BA; Anne C. Freeman; Linda A. Valleroy.

9:30 *The use of Continuous Response Technology to evaluate and shape prevention messages for gay men* -- Melissa Shepard, Chad Martin, Myrna Ransom, Lydia Ogden.

9:45 *Discussion*

Session 2173: Tuesday, November 19

2:00 - 3:30 pm

HIV Risk Among Women Who Have Sex With Women.

Presider: Cynthia Gomez, PhD

Panel: Marj Plumb, MA, Amber Hollibaugh, Beck Young, MA, Ana Oliveira, PhD, Melissa Jones

Session 2251: Tuesday, November 19

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Substance Use and Associated Risks in Gay Communities.

Presider: Cameron Wolf, MS

- 4:00 *Drug use and sexual risk of HIV infection among gay and bisexual men of color: A five-city study* -- Carol C. Camlin, MPH; Linda Wright-DeAguero, PhD.
- 4:15 *Suicide and chemical use: Associations with self-esteem and emotional distress among gay male and lesbian youth* -- Arnold H. Grossman, PhD; S. Kerner, PhD.
- 4:30 *A typology of substance related unprotected anal intercourse in gay men* -- David G. Ostrow, MD; David J. McKirnan; Brent A. Hope, MSW; William Damon; Peter Vanable; James V. LoBianco; David A. Jimenez.
- 4:45 *Drug injecting and crack using men who have sex with men: A five site study of drug and sex behaviors and sexual identities* -- Sherry Deren PhD; Michael J. Stark, PhD; Fen Rhodes, PhD, Harvey A. Siegal, PhD; Linda B. Cottler, PhD; Michael M. Wood, MS; Lee M 2 Kochems, MA; Robert G. Carlson, PhD; Kathryn Rourke; Robert Trotter, PhD; Brian Weir, BA; Linda Wright-DeAguero, PhD; Helen R. Cesari, MSc; Elizabeth Y. Lambert, MSc; Marjorie Goldstein, PhD; Russel S. Falck, MA.
- 5:00 *Discussion*

Session 3041: Wednesday, November 20

8:30 - 10:00 am

The Managed Care Era: Meeting the Health Care Needs of Sexually Diverse Individuals.

Presider: Jim Brennen, MSW

- 8:30 *Lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals: A population of concern by the managed care initiative of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)* -- Nancy J. Kennedy, PhD.
- 8:45 *Meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS in managed care: A process* -- Ellen R. Parish, MPH; Michael Siegal, MD; Alan R. Fleischman, MD.
- 9:00 *Meeting the special needs of lesbian, gay and bisexual adolescents in managed care settings* -- Joyce Hunter, DSW.
- 9:15 *Managed care overview - impact by and for gay, lesbian, bisexual Hispanics/ Latinos* -- Letitia A. Gomez, MA.
- 9:30 *Discussion*

Session 3101: Wednesday, November 20

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Poster Session - HIV/AIDS: Models and Methods for Gay and Lesbian Communities.

Presider: Jim Soos, MPH

- Board 1: *Qualitative analysis of HIV prevention program plans: Implications for community-based organizations in the community planning process* -- Ed Mamary, MS; Susan McCreedy, MPH; Paul Gibson, MPH; Alice Gandelman, MPH.
- Board 2: *Development of an instrument to measure internalized stigma of AIDS* -- Kenneth Phillips, PhD.
- Board 3: *An exploratory study of risky behavior in gay males for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)* -- Kenneth Phillips, PhD; Richard L. Sowell, PhD; Terry R. Misener, PhD.
- Board 4: *Community needs assessment for an HIV prevention program targeting HIV-negative gay and bisexual men* -- Joshua Schechtel, MD; James Dilley, MD; Michael Discepola.
- Board 5: *Predicting participation in HIV testing among gay and bisexual men in mid-sized southern cities* -- Catlainn Sionean, MA.
- Board 6: *Psychological issues inform health models of HIV testing among gays and lesbians* -- James Cancienne, PhD; Jennifer Kaplan BA; Ann Cameron, MA; Tracy Schaffzin, MPH.
- Board 7: *Factors influencing young homosexual and bisexual men's risk behaviors for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), 1994-95* -- Carl Garrubba, MPA; Anthony J. Silvestre, PhD; Mary Beth Gehl, ScD; Charles R. Rinaldo, PhD.
- Board 8: *Sexual orientation in relation to health behaviors in the Nurses' Health Study II: Selected Results from a pilot study* -- Patricia Case, MPH; D Spiegelman; PJ Hunter; JA Manson; WC Willet.

Session 3144: Wednesday, November 20

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Oral Sex, AIDS and Harm Reduction.

Presider: Wayne L. Wilson, MPH

Panel Participants: David H. Jolly, DrPH -- CDC National AIDS Hotline, Bruce W. Patterson, CSW -- Gay Men's Health Crisis, Randy Miller -- National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, Jeff Bailey -- AIDS Project Los Angeles