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CAUCUS RESPONDS TO DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-LGBT MATERIAL AT 128TH APHA ANNUAL MEETING IN BOSTON

During the final days of the 128th APHA Annual Meeting in Boston, APHA member organization *Focus on the Family* distributed anti-LGBT literature from their booth in the Exhibition Hall. Statements in these pamphlets and brochures violate APHA's non-discrimination policy as well as resolutions recently adopted by the association. Caucus members responded quickly.

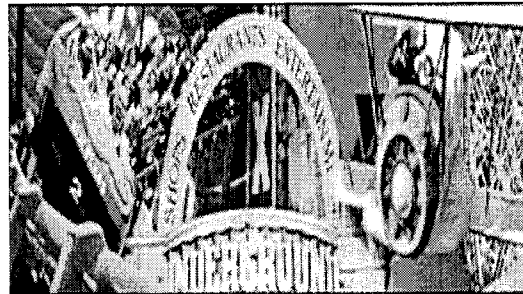
LGBTCPHW members designed and distributed a flyer alerting meeting participants, APHA board members, exhibitors, and the local media of this anti-LGBT literature. LGBTCPHW made an official request that these materials be removed from the premises of the annual meeting immediately. Actions taken at the annual meeting were followed-up by a letter to APHA.

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HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010

The long awaited LGBT Companion document is available, all 400+ pages, on the Gay Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) website at www.glma.org

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JOIN US IN ATLANTA!

**129th Annual Meeting of APHA
~ One World: Global Health ~
October 21-25, 2001 ~ Atlanta**

Plan now to attend and take part in the APHA's 2001 Annual Meeting and Public Health Expo to be held at the Georgia World Congress Center.

JOHN BLAKE WEST ED. D

LGBTCPHW Former Program Chair and LGBT Activist John Blake West died at home on April 10, 2001 after a long struggle with AIDS. John's family, friends and colleagues will remember his personal sense of mission as well as his many contributions to public health and the LGBT movement.

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LGBTCPHW is for public health workers interested in gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues

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[HTTP://WWW.STOPHIV.PITT.EDU/
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LGBTCPHW LETTER TO APHA

Mohammed N. Akhter, MD, MPH
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American Public Health Association
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Washington, DC

Dear. Dr. Akhter:

During last year's annual conference in Boston, a number of APHA members came to our booth to complain about materials that were being distributed from a booth sponsored by Focus on the Family. One of our officers went to the booth and picked up a number of brochures and pamphlets including, *Preparing for Adolescence* and *Lets Talk about Sex: A Guide for Parents of Teens*.

These documents are filled with misinformation and inflammatory rhetoric. Among them are statements indicating that changes in gender roles are responsible for the "homosexual epidemic" and that homosexuality can be "cured." Needless to say, these points of view are not supported by scientific evidence. In fact, these arguments have been and continue to be used to promote homophobic violence and discrimination.

The points of view espoused and promoted by Focus on the Family contradict long-standing policies of our Association. The promotion of these views at our annual meeting contradicts these policies. If our contracts with vendors do not stipulate that they cannot disseminate information contrary to our policies, we need to do add such language. Without it, we are open to vendors distributing cigarettes or peddling hate. If our contracts do contain such language, we need better enforcement so that our members can attend our conferences secure in the knowledge that they will not be assailed or insulted. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Silvestre

**NEW SUMMER
INSTITUTE ON SEXUALITY
AND HEALTH**

Ford Foundation and San Francisco State University (SFSU) introduce the Summer Institute on Sexuality, Society, and Health

The Summer Institute will provide an integrative learning experience exploring changes in sexual culture, health disparities based on sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, class, globalization, and social change. Practitioners may receive up to 6 CEUs.

The Institute will offer two programs; the Practitioner Research Training and the Ford Foundation Practitioner Research Fellowship Program.

The Practitioner Research Training will target practitioners who welcome an opportunity to develop and enhance basic applied research skills among community providers including qualitative and quantitative research skills that will enhance understanding and health care delivery.

The Ford Foundation Research Fellowship Program is a 1-year program designed to enhance basic applied research skills. After completing a core curriculum training intensive, participants will conduct a 1-year research study in order to operationalize research design, study implementation, and evaluation skills. For more information please contact caitlin@sfsu.edu.

JOHN BLAKE WEST, ED. D

MAY 13, 1949 - APRIL 10, 2001

John Blake West, Ed.D., died on April 10, 2001 after a long struggle with AIDS. John, who grew up in White Sulphur Springs, WV, earned his BA from West Virginia University; his Master of Arts from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), and his Doctor of Education from the University of San Francisco. Until his retirement in 1996, Dr. West's career was spent in various senior management positions in the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) where his career was exemplified by many distinguished accomplishments. He also held adjunct faculty appointments at CSU-Hayward, San Francisco State and USF, and he served as a private consultant in public health and HIV program evaluation. John was a dedicated Francophile and traveled extensively to his beloved Paris. He is survived by his long-term Partner, Mick Sheppard; brother, Jay, of Bridgeport, WV; sister, Terri of Catlettsburg, KY; many loving friends from throughout the world; and his cats, Phoenicia, and Roscoe. He was preceded in death by Douglass Scott Frey, his Partner of many years; and by his parents, Clayton and Grayce West. A celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, May 19. John's cremains will be strewn in the River Seine in the Marais of Paris, where his soul will rest forever. Memorial contributions may be made to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Remember, the APHA Annual Meeting will be held in OCTOBER rather than November of 2001

HEADLINES IN LGBT HEALTH

Mainstreaming HIV Care

Free one day Regional HIV Workshops for physicians are scheduled for Atlanta, Dallas, and Nashville. These workshops are designed for physicians who treat relatively few patients with HIV. The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA), funded by a grant from Dupont Pharmaceuticals, will conduct a series of pilot seminars to increase expertise and cultural competence with regard to HIV. (www.glma.org)

Whitman-Walker Offers Class for Gay Men Considering Parenthood
Class Will Address Issues of Adoption and Parenting. (www.wwc.org)

S.F. to Finance Gender Reassignments

San Francisco has scored another first for GLBT rights, as its Board of Supervisors voted to pay for city employees' sex change procedures.

Most Parents Accept Lesbians and Gays, Survey Says

Parents who think America's increasing acceptance of gay people is a good thing outnumber parents who don't, two-to-one. (www.gayhealth.com)

Drug-Resistant HIV on Rise

HIV is mutating quickly, and researchers fear that even the newest drugs aren't keeping up with mutations. (www.planetout.com)

Lesbians and Bisexual Women at Greater Risk for Chronic Diseases
Health patterns among Lesbians and bisexual women leave them at greater risk of cancer and other chronic diseases linked to smoking and obesity than heterosexual women, according to a University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health study. (www.washingtonblade.org)

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 IS HERE!!!

A National Coalition has yielded the first-ever comprehensive document on the state of LGBT health.

The Healthy People 2010 Companion Document for LGBT Health is a comprehensive look at the multicultural LGBT community. It is written by and for health care consumers, providers, researchers, educators, government agencies, schools, clinics, advocates, and health professionals in all settings.

The Companion Document focuses on approximately 120 objectives and 12 focus areas from the recently published Healthy People 2010 document — the federal blueprint for public health for the next ten years.

The document in its entirety is available on the Gay Lesbian Medical Association website at www.glma.org

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