



**WHO WE ARE**

The Family Violence Prevention Forum was formed in order to allow family violence professionals to meet and share their interests more freely within APHA

**Executive Committee:**

Michael Durfee, MD, Chair	Peggy Goodman, MD (chair-elect)
Derrick Gordon, PhD	Marti Coulter, DrPH
M. Pat West, MSSW	Susan Hadley, MPH
	Farah Ahmad, PhD

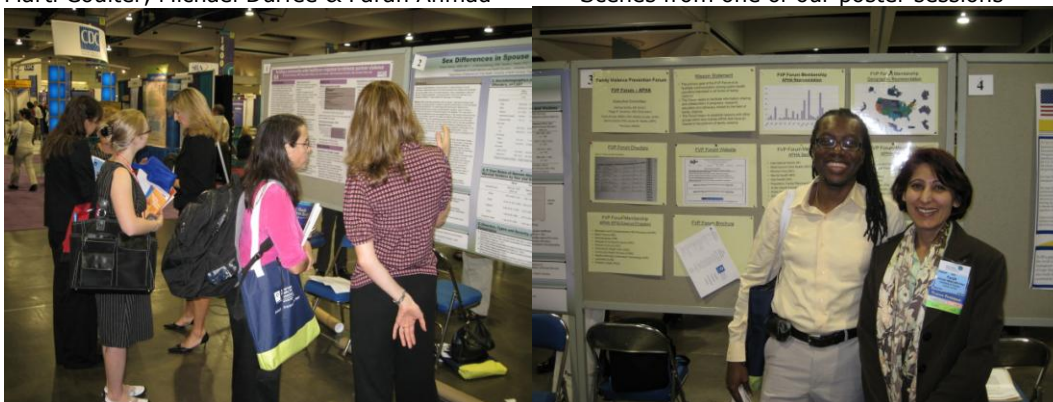
**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR (Peggy Goodman)**

It is my pleasure to compile this third newsletter. Since the annual meeting, we now have over 500 members from 44 states and 9 countries. We were glad to see old friends and make new ones at the annual meeting, which was quite a success.



Marti Coulter, Michael Durfee & Farah Ahmad

Scenes from one of our poster sessions



Scenes from a poster session

Derrick Gordon & Farah Ahmad



In addition to 2 poster sessions and 2 oral presentation sessions, we had 2 excellent invited sessions: one session, consisted of **Vince Fellitti** and **Cindy Koelbs** discussing the ACE Study, and the other had **Phil Arkow** of the American Humane Association, **Feroz Moideen** and **Rebecca Levenson** of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, and **Gael Strack** of the National Family Justice Center Alliance discussing their national initiatives in family violence prevention and intervention.

Other activities on behalf of the Forum were presentations by **Michael Durfee** to the Heath Informatics Information Technology SPIG, and my presentation, a multimedia review of family violence and public health, as part of the presentation, "160 Years of the Spirit of 1848", sponsored by the Spirit of 1848 Caucus.

Kudos to **Derrick Gordon**, our program director, who made these wonderful events happen, and who has agreed to lead our programming efforts again in Philadelphia next year. Our sincerest thanks also to **Donna Wright**, APHA's program guru who herds approximately 13,000 cats every year (her official title is manager of scientific session development)

## **BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY**

October 27, 2008 San Diego, CA

Present: Michael Durfee (Chair), Peggy Goodman (Chair-elect, Newsletter Editor, Membership Director), Derrick Gordon (Program Director), Marti Coulter, Susan Hadley, Ruth Beauchamp, Greg Luke Larkin, Stacey Plichta, Pat Speck, Bernadette Witzack

- **APHA annual meeting, program:** the two poster sessions and two invited sessions were well-attended, with many APHA members expressing interest in Forum membership and activities. There are 2 oral sessions tomorrow, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Membership:** we now have over 500 members from 44 states and 9 countries; information will be sent to Vivian Ng to update the directory, which will be distributed with the next newsletter in November / early December. As the group grows / "grows up", it will be helpful to develop an infrastructure; we already have vision and mission statements (see online brochure), it will be helpful to have by-laws and a policy statement.



- **Committees:** As membership grows we hope to increase member participation in the Forum. Members have already expressed interest in participating in several areas, 1) directory update, 2) newsletter, 3) 2009 APHA program, 4) abstract review, 5) research agenda, and 6) policy & by-laws. The first person listed is current Chair; please contact them if you are interested in participating (contact info is in the directory).
  1. **Directory update:** Farah Ahmad, Michael Durfee, Ruth Beauchamp (w/ Jessica Murray, Vivian Ng)
  2. **Newsletter:** Peggy Goodman, Joanne Grossi, Stacy Plichta, Bernadette Witzack, Lily Divino
  3. **2009 Program:** Derrick Gordon, Bernadette Witzack, Joanne Grossi, Lily Divino
  4. **Abstract reviewers:** Derrick Gordon, Cathy Taylor, Joanne Grossi, Adel Mburia, Lily Divino, JoAnn Morris
  5. **Research agenda:** Farah Ahmad, Marti Coulter, Ruth Beauchamp
  6. **Policy & By-laws:** Susan Hadley, Pat West, Pat Speck
- **AMA American Medical Association National Advisory Council on Violence and Abuse (NACVA) Meeting Summary (October 17&18, Chicago - Susan Hadley, Liaison):**

NACVA was founded by the AMA in 1991; it includes more than 35 state and specialty medical societies, advisory federal agencies, and national advocacy groups. They invited the APHA FVP Forum to join, an offer reviewed and approved by Drs. Benjamin and DeGutis

NACVA encourages health care providers to learn more about all forms of violence and abuse and to support prevention and treatment. It has produced a series of monographs on issues of violence, abuse and sexual assault; originally published in the 1990s, they are currently under revision. The monographs include the Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines on Domestic Violence; Child Sexual Abuse; Child Physical Abuse and Neglect; Media Violence, Mental Health Effects of Family Violence; and Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault.

The Council's meeting agenda included updates from the chairpersons of each Council committee: Education, Clinical Practice, and Advocacy and Public Policy. A CME seminar, "Elder



Mistreatment: Issues & Trends" was presented by Carmel Bitondo Dyer, MD.

The 2008 Linda E. Saltzman Symposium, developed by NACVA to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Saltzman and honor her work in the field of violence and abuse, is now held annually in conjunction with the AMA National Advisory Council on Violence and Abuse spring meeting. The 2008 topic was Health & Social Consequences of Armed Conflict on Soldiers, Returning Veterans and Families. The topic for the 2009 Linda E. Saltzman Symposium, to be held in conjunction with the spring AMA NACVA meeting in Washington DC, is yet to be determined.

- **Web site / listserv / eCommunities: Jessica Murray** reports that the APHA listserv, "eCommunities", will be up and running soon...in order to participate, one would have to be an APHA member...since we have a few Forum members who are not currently APHA members, we will continue to house our website on the ICAN server to improve accessibility. Jessica DOES think it would be possible for us to link our site directly to the official APHA site, so APHA members could then log in for additional content / resources.

**RECENT ARTICLES OF INTEREST (INFORMATIVE, CONTROVERSIAL, AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING):**

**A comparison of women versus men charged with intimate partner violence: general risk factors, attitudes regarding using violence, and readiness to change.** - Simmons CA, Lehmann P, Cobb N. Violence Vict 2008; 23(5): 571-85.

**The control motive and marital violence.** - Felson RB, Outlaw MC. Violence Vict 2007; 22(4): 387-407.

**The effect of spousal violence on women's health: Findings from the Stree Arogya Shodh in Goa, India.** - Chowdhary N, Patel V. J Postgrad Med 2008; 54(4): 306-12.

**Elder abuse coverage in newspapers: regional differences and its comparison to child-abuse coverage.** - Payne BK, Appel J, Kim-Appel D. J Elder Abuse Negl 2008; 20(3): 265-75.



**Empowerment and programs designed to address domestic violence.** - Kasturirangan A. *Violence Against Women* 2008; 14(12): 1465-75.

**Female perpetration of violence in heterosexual intimate relationships: adolescence through adulthood.** - Williams JR, Ghandour RM, Kub JE. *Trauma Violence Abuse* 2008; 9(4): 227-49.

**Global WHO survey: poor physical and mental health more prevalent among women who have experienced intimate partner violence.** - Bonomi AE, Glass N. *Evid Based Ment Health* 2008; 11(4): 128.

**Propensity for Intimate Partner Abuse and Workplace Productivity: Why Employers Should Care: A research note.** Rothman, EF, Corso, P. *Violence Against Women* 2008. 14(9): 1054-1064.

**The psychological impact of rape victims.** - Campbell R. *Am Psychol* 2008; 63(8): 702-17.

**A survey of the 16 Canadian child and youth protection programs: A threadbare patchwork quilt.** - Bennett S, Plint AC, Mackay M. *Paediatr Child Health* 2007; 12(3): 205-9.

**"Violence Is an International Language": Tamil Women's Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence.** - Mason R, Hyman I, Berman H, Guruge S, Kanagaratnam P, Manuel L. *Violence Against Women* 2008; 14(12): 1397-412.

#### **BOOKS OF INTEREST:**

***Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life*** (Evan Stark) Oxford University Press, 2008

***Domestic violence: recognition, reaction, involvement and outcome*** (editors: June Keeling, Tom Mason) McGraw-Hill Education - UK, 2008.

***Emergency Care of the Abused*** (editors: Fiona E. Gallahue, Laura D. Melville) Cambridge University Press, 2008.



***Tackling Domestic Violence: Theories, Policies and Practice*** (Editors: Lynne Harne, Jill Radford ) by McGraw-Hill Education - UK, 2008.

## **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

***\*Family Violence Prevention Fund's Fifth National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence***

***(October 8-10, 2009) Sheraton New Orleans Hotel***

***Online Abstract Submission is now open at***

***[www.fvpfhealthconference.org](http://www.fvpfhealthconference.org).***

***Deadline for submissions is January 26, 2009***

**For more information**, contact Vedalyn DeGuzman at [vedalyn@endabuse.org](mailto:vedalyn@endabuse.org), phone (415) 252-8900

***\*137th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition (November 7-11, 2009), Philadelphia, PA***

As of December 19, 2008, the American Public Health Association is accepting contributed abstracts for the **2009 APHA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia**. The theme of the meeting is: Water and Public Health: the 21st Century Challenge. As in the past, abstracts are accepted on and off the meeting theme.

*Abstracts must be limited to 250 words or less.* Presenters are asked to develop their abstract off-line before accessing the online submission form. Use the spell checking and word count features of your word processor to check the text of the abstract before submitting it. Two-page summaries should be less than 2000 words. [Learning objectives](#) must be described, but are not included in the abstract text word count. Presenters should choose a category for submission from the official Call for Abstracts which is forthcoming.

## **MEETINGS OF INTEREST:**

**World Health Organization Violence Prevention Alliance Annual Meeting**, December 2-3, Washington DC – if any Forum members have attended, please send us a report so we can include a summary in the next newsletter!

**Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) 2009 National Injury & Violence Prevention Research Conference**, March 4-6, 2009, Atlanta Georgia ([www.savirweb.org](http://www.savirweb.org))



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Family Justice Center Conference**, April 21-23, 2009, Costa Mesa, California ([www.familyjusticecenter.org](http://www.familyjusticecenter.org))

**2009 Academy on Violence and Abuse Scientific Conference "Sowing Seeds of Academic Change, Nurturing New Paradigms"**  
April 24-25, 2009 Minneapolis, Minnesota ([www.avahealth.org](http://www.avahealth.org))

Please send information about significant links, organizations, research and meetings relevant to issues of family violence to Farah Ahmad ([farah.ahmad@utoronto.ca](mailto:farah.ahmad@utoronto.ca)) or Peggy Goodman ([goodmanp@ecu.edu](mailto:goodmanp@ecu.edu)) for inclusion in future newsletters.

### **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT**

**You must be the change you wish to see in the world.**

Mohandas Gandhi

The directory is the main tool for members to contact each other throughout the year. Please check to ensure we have your most current contact information, including APHA Section(s) and other professional organizations to which you belong. Please add keywords (e.g., stalking, research) to your profile to help others with similar interests network with you.

The website is being developed, please check <http://www.ican-ncfr.org/apha/> periodically for updates

Please fill out the **Membership application / interest survey** on the last page of the newsletter if you have not already done so. You can also join our Forum through the APHA website. Please invite your colleagues to join as well.



**Membership Application** (Note: there is no charge to join a Forum!)

1. Personal Information:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Title

2. Address:

Agency

City

State

Zip

3. Contact Information:

Phone

Fax

Email

4. What APHA Sections/SPIGS/Caucuses/Forums do you belong to?

Sections

SPIGS

Caucuses

Forums

5. What particular area(s) of Family Violence interest you? (Circle any that apply)

Child Abuse/Neglect  
Abuse/Neglect

Intimate Partner Violence

Elder

Education  
Assault

Fatal Injury

Mental Health

Policy

Sexual

Program & Services  
Prevention

Research/Evaluation

Substance Abuse

Other (please  
specify)



6. To which other professional organizations to you belong? (Please list up to 3).

7. What topics or projects would you suggest for the forum?

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