

University of California at Los Angeles
School of Public Health
Bixby Program in Population & Reproductive Health
 Minutes of the Meeting January 22, 2003; 6-8:00PM

Agenda	Discussion	Follow-Up
1. Introductions/ Attendance	22+ students, faculty or staff attended.	Sign-in sheet is available for review.
2. Reproductive Health Research at UCLA SPH	<p>a. <u>Professor Dawn Upchurch</u> presented a brief overview of her research programs. Her research focuses on nonmarital fertility, women's reproductive health, adolescent sexual health, and sexual risk-taking behaviors. Her current research (in collaboration with Dr. William Mason) includes: (1) an examination of neighborhood, school, and family influences on adolescent sexual risk-taking behavior; and (2) an investigation of STI risk among young adults that emphasizes the importance of relationship context.</p> <p>b. <u>Professor Don Morisky</u> presented his background in women's reproductive research beginning with a project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation to assess the relative effectiveness of training Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) to be family planning counselors. Other research activities include STI/HIV/AIDS prevention program in the Philippines, using a 4-group quasi-experimental design testing the single effects of peer counselors, manager/supervisor training, the combination of peers and managers and a usual care control group among 1400 female sex workers. An expanded project in the same geographical sites is currently underway with male client-centered populations in different organizations. He also presented his adolescent TB control research being conducted in Los Angeles County. He is also working with the Ministry of Education in Uganda on AIDS education curriculum development. Dr. Morisky also described potential opportunities for graduate assistants if his application for funding is approved (Bixby Foundation) for adolescent STD prevention in the Philippines using text messaging communication strategies for information dissemination.</p> <p>c. <u>Professor Virginia Li</u> discussed her current research to improve the quality of contraceptive services, family planning programs, sexually transmitted disease services and services promoting safe motherhood and women health in rural areas of China. A Reproductive Health website was launched in December 2002 in China to "train-the-trainer". Examination of Reproductive Health Indicators (22) plus determinants of Reproductive Health (e.g. water) will be published in <i>Social Science and Medicine</i>.</p> <p>d. <u>Dr. Michael Lu</u> presented a brief summary of his current medical research related to Title X Intern Program, which offers graduate students paid field placements in reproductive health care and family planning agencies in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. The Title X Intern Program is a project of the California Family Health Council, Inc. in cooperation with over forty participating health care and family planning providers. Dr. Lu also briefly discussed development of a pre-term birth database.</p>	Questions from the Group ensued, including discussion of potential student opportunities.

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3. Reports of the RHIG Subcommittees	<p>a. <u>Courses</u>: A brief report of the first meeting was presented. The discussion of a skill list was initiated. Additional planning is anticipated to develop a "road map" for a curriculum in Reproductive Health.</p> <p>b. <u>Lectures/Internships</u>: The upcoming lectures on February 12 and March 12, 2003 were announced. Internships in Reproductive Health were briefly discussed. The Bixby Program plans to fund 10 international internships in Summer 2003.</p> <p>c. <u>Service/Advocacy</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who participated in <i>Celebrate Freedom Day</i> in Sacramento reported on their experiences. Bixby will be offering a \$50 subsidy to students who attend an international conference at on March 1, 2003 in Berkeley. • The "34 Million Friends Campaign" is a grassroots movement to buck the Bush administration's elimination of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Contributions can be made to support programs around the world to provide family planning and reproductive health services. • JC Walsh proposed a question for consideration re: student support for a group in Uganda promoting HIV education. • Discussion to join the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom was launched. 	<p>a. Sub-committee plan to continue with work initiated.</p> <p>b. The next RHIG meeting will explore internships further.</p> <p>c. Discussion to join Planned Parenthood Federation Action Center deferred to next meeting.</p>
4. Other	<p>a. Should RHIG become a registered student group; officers, etc?</p> <p>b. RHIG has a ListServe: < rhig@ph.ucla.edu >. Any member can "post" information to the site for distribution to the membership.</p> <p>c. The Bixby Program has a website: < http://bixbyprogram.ph.ucla.edu ></p>	
5. Next Meeting	March 7, 2003; 12:00 to 1:30PM.	CHS 52-087