

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INTEREST GROUP

General Body Meeting -Minutes

February 24, 2005

I. Introduction of new RHIG officers

Rotrease Yates formally introduced the new RHIG officers:

- ✍ Tanya Gonzales: Speaker Committee Co-chair
- ✍ Robin Lankton: On-campus Activities Co-chair
- ✍ Galina Inzhakova: Fundraising Committee Co-chair

II. Bixby Program Summer Internship Presentations

Ingrid Dries-Daffner presented on her summer internship in Mexico City with the Population Council; Mellissa Withers presented on her internship with the Poverty Project in Bali, Indonesia.

III. Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health Announcements

- a. The proposals for Reproductive Health Mentorships are due on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.
- b. There are two new or revamped reproductive health courses for the spring quarter: *Building Advocacy Skills: A Reproductive Health Focus* (CHS 296 Section 2) and *Women's Roles and Family Health* (CHS 246).
- c. San Diego State University is hosting a Bixby Colloquium on April 21-22, 2005, entitled "Populations Growing: Public Health Responses to Global Impacts." Students who register for the event by April 7<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$50.00 stipend to cover registration. Please bring your registration slip to Rachel Veerman for reimbursement.

IV. Speakers Committee

- a. The speakers committee has confirmed Magaly Marquez from the Pacific Institute for Women's Health and Donna Crane, Deputy Director for NARAL, for the "Current State of Reproductive Health" event slated to happen on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Space remains a concern, since the venue we have reserved is only available for 3-7PM. Committee members will continue to seek out a space with availability between 5-9PM. The committee is working on securing a speaker to address CA policy. Dr. Tavrow suggested Jackie Goldberg or Diane Watson.
- b. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, speakers from Women at Risk and the AIDS Institute will be on campus for a lunchtime lecture. 12-1PM in CHS 23-105

V. On-Campus Committee

- a. The Committee continues to work on advancing a reproductive health track or concentration in reproductive health at UCLA's School of Public Health. Kristen, Robin and other committee members met with Professor Morisky, Chair of the Community

Health Sciences Department. Professor Morisky suggested that others have tried to reinstate concentrations at SPH, but have met with opposition. They also met with Professor Detels, who suggested they meet with the new Chair of the Epidemiology Department, Dr. Jorn Olson.

#### VI. Off-Campus Committee

- a. RHIG plans to participate in this year's SPEAK OUT FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE DAY in Sacramento, June 7, 2005, an event sponsored by the CA Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. The Bixby Program will be providing subsidies, although the amount is not yet determined.
- b. The committee is working on several projects:
  - ✍ Developing a *safe rides* program for women from the pregnancy termination clinic.
  - ✍ Setting up a testicular cancer education for young men in high school and college. One idea is to work with the Ashe Center to raise awareness among the students at UCLA, and/or to advocate for inclusion of testicular cancer information in health education classes in Orange County high schools
  - ✍ Raising awareness and fund for the 34 Million Friends campaign, via perhaps a booth at Farmer's MarketPlease contact committee chairs to help out with any of the projects.

#### VII. Ad hoc Committee

- a. Committee members met with Dr. Ed Wiesmeier, Director of the Ashe Center. The Committee had originally met with him to discuss the availability of EC at the Center. According to Dr. Wiesmeier, clinicians have been asked to offer EC to clients at time gynecological visits. Leah is working with the Center and the Pacific Institute for Women's Health to provide EC flyers and posters for each of the exam rooms at the center. RHIG members suggested that we advocate for a policy at Ashe that would require clinicians to offer EC to all sexually active clients.
- b. Regarding the rising costs of BCP at Ashe, Dr. Wiesmeier suggested that RHIG could help by raising awareness about the availability of cheaper and equally effective generic brands of pills.

#### VIII. Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee will schedule a second bagel sale for the month of March.

#### IX. Upcoming Events

- ✍ March 1<sup>st</sup>: Film – *Dying to Leave*; Dean's Conference Room 5-7PM
- ✍ March 1<sup>st</sup>: *New Policies & Technologies in Newborn Care*. 5-7PM 43-105
- ✍ March 7<sup>th</sup>: Film – *Dying to Leave*; Dean's Conference Room 5-7PM
- ✍ March 8<sup>th</sup>: Speaker form *Women at Risk*. CHS 23-105, 12-1PM