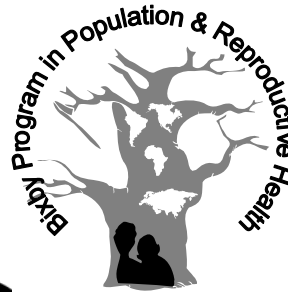




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Reproductive Health Interest Group
General Body Meeting
September 30, 2008

I. Announcements

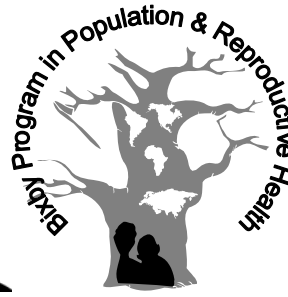
- a. Introductions of co-presidents: Courtney Burks and Philip Massey.
- b. Format of RHIG meetings will include two formal general body meetings and two informal subcommittee workshop meetings for this quarter.
- c. RHIG T-shirts: Plan to order T-shirts by the end of the quarter. The colors will be a red shirt with a white design (design from last year). Any new designs submissions are encouraged and can be emailed to Courtney Burks at courtney.burks@gmail.com
- d. Upcoming Event: Public hearing in West Hollywood addressing condom usage in the adult film industry. Event will take place on October 1st, from 1:30 –5:30 PM. For carpooling, contact Priti Gautam at gautamp@ucla.edu
- e. Ice-breaker: “Have You Ever” introductions
- f. Announcement from RHIG member, Shonali Choudury, who is looking to recruit interested individuals for projects relating to female sex workers in Tijuana. The three projects include: 1) clothing drive for sex workers, 2) one-day health fair (date TBD) which will need Spanish speakers to talk about health education topics, and 3) putting together a subcommittee for an event to recognize World AIDS Day on December 1st. This will be a potential collaboration between UCLA SPH/RHIG. If interested, contact Shonali at shonali@ucla.edu
- g. Announcement from Professor of Epidemiology, Dr. Joelle Brown, regarding local and international reproductive health research opportunities: 1): Girls Study: research on products and vaginal hygiene practices for women in Los Angeles and their risk for STIS, 2) summer internship opportunity in Tanzania focused on epidemiology and reproductive health. This project is with the National institute of Medial Research in Tanzania and London School of Hygiene and will look at technologies to prevent STIs and HIV. There are also potential long-term job possibilities with studies involving vaginal hygiene and vaginal practices. Email Dr. Brown at joellebrown@ucla.edu for more information.

II. Update from Paula Tavrow

- a. Bixby Program and RHIG Introduction: Started in 2001, the Bixby Program was funded by a grant from the Fred H. Bixby Foundation. The program focuses on



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reproductive health, population and family planning. RHIG is a student group with the same focus and serves as a networking opportunity for reproductive health as well as a way to engage in reproductive health-related community service.

- b. Internship: Funding for students of all disciplines to assist in international internship overseas. This is a competitive process, with funds per student averaging \$3500.
- c. Bixby Lecture Series: Couple of lectures every quarter, featuring speakers presenting on reproductive health issues. The first lecture is on October 22nd, 5-7 PM in CHS 13-105: Anuradha Koirala, founder of Maiti Nepal, will present “The Day My God Died”, a documentary on child sex trafficking in Nepal and India.
- d. Bixby Certification Program: This allows students to focus on Population and Reproductive Health. Specialization can be put on resume to help with future employment. Must complete a certain set of competencies: 6 courses, 211A/B project in reproductive health and field work focused in reproductive health.
- e. October 15th: Students who went abroad with Bixby funds must submit a blurb for the website, plus 4-5 photos with at least one featuring themselves. Email Paula Tavrow at ptavrow@ucla.edu for more information.

III. Committee Updates

Adult Film Industry Project:

- a. Main focus: Lack of condom use amongst actors in adult film industry
- b. Past work: Survey conducted to find out what consumers would like to see in videos.
- c. Upcoming Event: Public Hearing on October 1, from 1:30-5:30 PM in West Hollywood which will address the rebuttal side of film industry’s arguments against condom use.

Outreach and Advocacy:

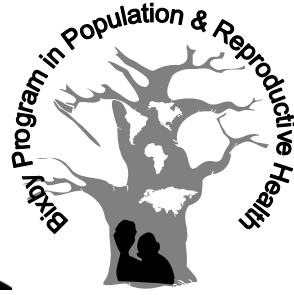
- a. Main focus: Formerly the HPV Committee - now working with on-campus outreach and education as well as internal and external advocacy
- b. Past work: outreached to sororities to conduct STI educational sessions. Also, created a questionnaire geared towards UCLA students regarding sexual health practices and HPV vaccine utilization.
- c. Plans for Fall Quarter: working with the UCLA Mobile Clinic to provide reproductive health education to homeless young adults.

Fundraising:

- a. Past work: put on a successful talent show, featuring students and faculty, which raised over \$1400 for the Nairobi Women’s and Children’s Hospital.



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- b. Plans for Fall Quarter: Finding corporate/individual sponsorships from the community.

Speaker Committee:

- a. Plans for Fall Quarter: in October, put on an event that will represent both the McCain and Obama campaigns regarding reproductive health. The event will collaborate with other student groups and invite representatives from both campaigns.

VI. RHIG Action: Helping Planned Parenthood with Education Voters on Prop. 4

- a. Spread the message to voters to vote “NO” on Proposition 4 as it places teens at risk. Prop. 4 is a deceptive measure mandating parental notification for minors seeking abortion care, at least 48 hours before the procedure.
- b. Phone Bank Event: October 12, 2008 at the Planned Parenthood, Santa Monica office, 3-6 PM to call voters with aid of a script and inform them of Prop. 4 and the risk for teens. Food will be provided! Contact Philip Massey at masseypm@gmail.com. To volunteer at another Planned Parenthood Phone Bank event, contact Dinah Stephens at Dinah.Stephens@pp-la.org.
- c. Dorm Storm on October 20, 2008: Reach out to all floors in every UCLA dorm to educate people to vote “NO” on Proposition 4 and Proposition 8 (proposition to ban gay marriages). For more information contact Rebecca Gindi (Planned Parenthood Intern) at rgindi@ucla.edu.

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Wednesday, October 1st, 1:30-5:30 PM. Public hearing in West Hollywood addressing condom usage in the adult film industry. For carpooling and directions, contact Priti Gautam at gautamp@ucla.edu
- b. Sunday, October 12th, 3-6 PM: Phone Bank event with Planned Parenthood, Santa Monica office to educate voters on Prop. 4. Contact Philip Massey at masseypm@gmail.com
- c. Monday, October 20th: Dorm Storm with Planned Parenthood representative to educate students on Proposition 4 and 8. For more information contact Rebecca Gindi (Planned Parenthood Intern) at rgindi@ucla.edu.
- d. Wednesday, October 22nd, 5-7 PM, CHS 13-105: Anuradha Koirala, founder of Maiti Nepal, will present “The Day My God Died”, a documentary on child sex trafficking in Nepal and India.
- e. October, specific date TBD: Debate on reproductive health policy between representatives of both the Obama and McCain campaign. Contact Liz Applegate at eliz.applegate@gmail.com for to help out.