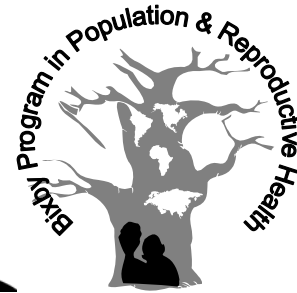




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Reproductive Health Interest Group
General Body Meeting
Dean's Conference Room
Minutes for October 3, 2007

I. Introductions: officers and new members

Welcome new RHIG members! We are all looking forward to an exciting and productive school year for 2007-2008! Meet your officers:

Co-Presidents – Cody Haight and Shannon Navarro

Secretary & Treasurer – Jennifer Lowe

Special Projects – Khoban Kochai, Reema Shah, and Elissa Bradley

Fundraising – Michelle Doose and Felice Gardner

Speaker Events – Kara McMullen and Michelle Horejs

- II. RHIG Action** – The group telephoned and surveyed various pharmacies located throughout Los Angeles to learn about their rules and regulations for access to emergency contraception (EC). The group found out that rules and regulations for access were highly varied among pharmacies. Results of the surveys will be compiled and made available for public use.

EC Emergency Hotline: 1-800-NOT-2-LATE

III. Report on the Bixby Program and RHIG

As leader and faculty advisor of the Bixby Program and RHIG, Paula Tavrow described both RHIG and the Bixby Program to the group.

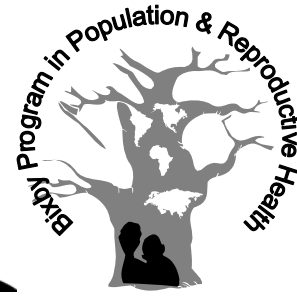
Bixby Mentorships and Research – Opportunities are available to 2nd year students.

Bixby Certification – The Bixby program has a certificate program for UCLA students who wish to be recognized as having a reproductive health specialization. It is based on 10 core competency areas. More info is available on the Bixby website.

Bixby Internships – For students interested in interning abroad for their summer internships, Bixby in collaboration with Drabkin funds offers stipend amounts from \$2500-3500 per student.



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A Bixby Internship Info Session for interested students will be held in the winter quarter. Applications are available in April and are due in early May. Check the Bixby website for updates.

Upon completion of their approved internship, students must attend an annual Bixby Tea to present the details of their internships to the public. This year's Bixby Tea will be held November 13th from 4-6 pm. Students interested in Bixby internships are encouraged to attend. Details will be posted.

What is RHIG? Paula described RHIG as a group to bring together students, faculty and staff at the UCLA School of Public Health to learn about and discuss reproductive health issues, share information and engage in service/advocacy projects related to reproductive health.

If you have questions about RHIG or the Bixby Program, e-mail Paula. ptavrow@ucla.edu for an appointment.

For additional information, visit the Bixby website:
<http://bixbyprogram.ph.ucla.edu/index.html>.

Paula encourages students to join the American Public Health Association ("APHA" www.apha.org). Student memberships are discounted rates and it is a great way to network and learn!

IV. Edith Sargon & Choice USA

A representative from Choice USA came to speak to the group about her organization. Her group holds trainings and workshops with college and high school youth on federal and local issues of reproductive justice to become leaders of change. Past campaigns have included work with contraceptive access and crisis pregnancy centers.

For more information or to contact Edith, call (202) 965-7700;
esargon@choiceusa.org. Website: www.choiceusa.org

V. HPV Presentation (Michelle Doose and Felice Gardner)

Felice and Michelle presented to the group their project on HPV from CHS282 (qualitative research methods). They presented their findings of knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors re: the HPV vaccine and about HPV in general in females between 18 and 26 years of age.



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VI. Committee Plans for the Year:

Special Projects (Reema Shah)

This special projects committee is working on the Adult Film Industry (AFI). Adult film production companies lack condom enforcement for filming adult films, putting the health of adult film performers at high risk for STI and HIV transmission. Last year, the AFI committee created and posted a survey on the internet to collect data to assess the public's knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs of adult films. This year's plans:

1. Build a coalition of people and organizations to support legislation to improve safety in the industry
2. Analyze the results of the survey to encourage regulation reform in the AFI.
3. Work with the LA County STD Department to push a letter-writing campaign to encourage legislation on the topic.

Special Projects (Khoban Kochai)

This special projects committee addresses reproductive health issues on campus. This year, the committee plans to work on:

1. EC student access with Ashe Health Center on campus
2. Testicular cancer and breast cancer awareness on campus
3. Choice abortion issues
4. Rape and domestic violence prevention

Speaker Committee (Kara McMullen and Michelle Horejs)

The Speaker Committee organizes speakers that you would like to have come to UCLA to talk about various reproductive health issues. Topics for the year include:

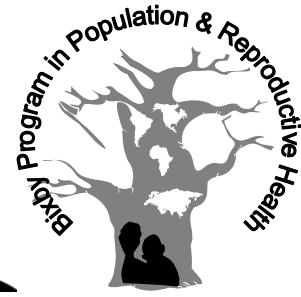
1. HPV and Gardasil vaccination
2. Gender-based violence

HPV Subcommittee (Bonnie J. Smith and Alison Hughes)

The HPV subcommittee will be working on educating students and the public about HPV. Plans for the year include:



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1. An advocacy campaign to push to get the UC campuses to underwrite or reduce the cost of HPV for UC females
2. Raise HPV awareness

Fundraising Committee (Michelle Doose and Felice Gardner)

This committee will be raising money for Medicine for Humanity (In Nairobi, Kenya) to reduce the occurrence of gender-based violence. RHIG proceeds will assist in costs for biochemical analysis of DNA in order to convict rapists. The committee hopes to raise at least \$600 this quarter. Plans include:

- **Oct 31st** – Halloween bagel sale and Condom Lollipop sale
- Dinner donations from Westwood restaurants to be used to raffle off dinner dates (some time before **November**)
- **December** – Tamale sale
- Design and sell RHIG logo sweatshirts and keychains
- Bake sales
- Car wash
- California Pizza Kitchen meal discount program

If you are interested in joining one of the above committees and did not get a chance to attend the RHIG meeting or sign up on a committee attendance sheet, e-mail Paula Tavrow (ptavrow@ucla.edu) or e-mail one of the Co-Presidents (Cody: cjhaight@ucla.edu or Shannon: smnavarroster@gmail.com) for contact information.