



Presentations at the APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition: Riverside County Department of Public Health sets a precedent.

Introduction

The annual meeting of the American Public Health Association was held in San Diego, California October 25 through October 29, 2008, with over 13,000 public health professionals and researchers in attendance. During the week-long conference, Riverside County Department of Public Health (DOPH) personnel presented at 18 scientific sessions. Additionally, two invitations to moderate panels were extended to DOPH personnel.

What is the American Public Health Association?



The American Public Health Association (APHA) is an international association of public health professionals. Established in 1872, it is the oldest such association and has the largest membership. Members include public health professionals and other individuals who work with public health or in health care settings, as well as researchers in private and academic research settings.

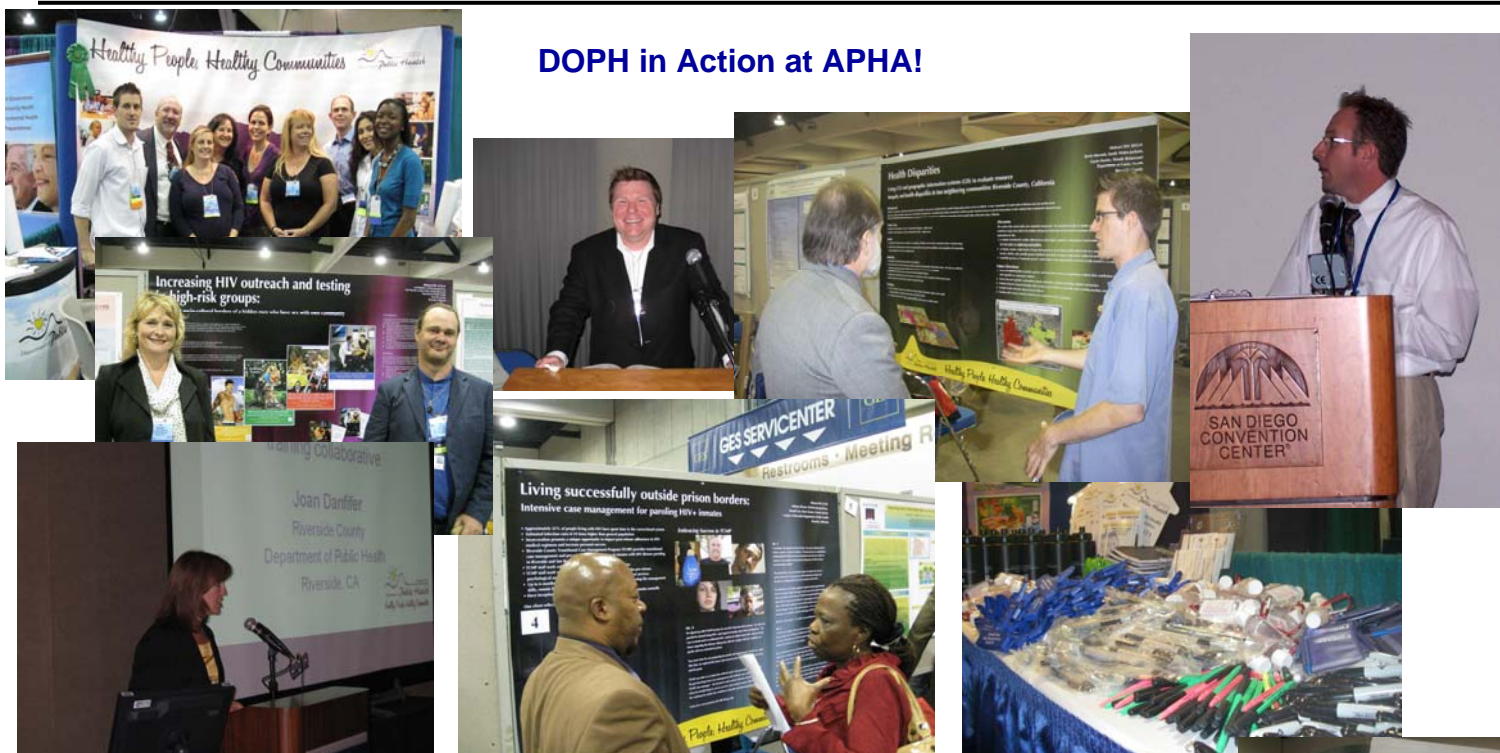
Monthly, APHA publishes the *American Journal of Public Health*, a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal, as well as, *The Nation's Health*, a monthly newspaper. Through both of these publications and their extensive website, they communicate to public health professionals cutting edge research and movements within public health.

DOPH Presentations at APHA

During the conference there were over 1000 scientific sessions, roundtable workshops, poster presentations, and panel discussions. Due to the vast number of sessions, space was secured throughout the San Diego Convention Center, the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, and the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego. During the annual APHA Meeting and Exposition, staff from eleven branches within the DOPH were in attendance. Of the 18 scientific sessions, eleven were oral and seven were poster presentations. Oral presentations were well attended, with all presenters participating in a one and a half hour presenter panel. The poster sessions were a one hour display time and exchange of information, allowing presenters to dialogue with those interested in the topic.

Those who presented at APHA included Susan Harrington of Administration; Barbara Cole and Faith Davis-Bolton of Disease Control; Aaron Gardner, Wayne Harris, Danyte Mockus, Kevin Meconis, and Marshare Penny of Epidemiology and Program Evaluation; Robert Peterson of Health Promotion; Anthony Brown, Lael Gardner-Stalnaker, and Manasseh Nwaigwe of HIV/AIDS; Steve Uhlman of Administration, formerly of Industrial Hygiene; Olivia Ballesteros and Rebecca Hansen of Injury Prevention; Diane Ewing of Maternal Child and Adolescent Health; Laurie Haessly of Nutrition; and Joan Danfifer and Kalenga Munongo of Public Health Preparedness and Response. Both Michael Osur of Administration and Hermia Parks of Public Health Nursing were invited to moderate oral sessions.

DOPH in Action at APHA!



Riverside County DOPH hosts successful booth in the Exposition!

The Riverside County Department of Public Health hosted a booth in the Public Health Exposition during the conference. Staff were available at the booth different times throughout the week. The booth was centrally located within the Exhibit Hall at the San Diego Convention Center. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many successful programs from DOPH and highlight what we have to offer to our community, neighboring regions and prospective employees. Many attendees stopped by during the conference. Out of 1800 booths in the Exposition, our booth garnered a 3rd Best Exhibit Ribbon.



The Presentation Submission Process Explained

The APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition most often occurs in early November. A call to submit abstracts for presentation consideration typically goes out to membership and the public with an early February submission deadline. Acceptance emails are sent out late May, letting presenters know whether their proposal was accepted for an oral or poster presentation.

In the future...

**November 7-11, 2009
Philadelphia, PA**

**The 137th Meeting Theme:
*Water and Public Health: the
21st Century Challenge***

Who are the attendees?

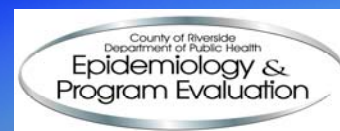
Again, this conference is the largest gathering of national and international public health practitioners including physicians, administrators, nurses, educators, researchers, epidemiologists and other related positions. During the five day conference, there are hundreds of scientific sessions covering many topic areas within public health. Additionally, with over 58 groups, sections and caucuses within the APHA membership, each holds scientific panels with invited moderators and speakers.

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