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BAPHR Plays A Role in 1990 AIDS Conference

By Robert Scott

Planning has begun within BAPHR for the 6th International Conference on AIDS, which convenes in San Francisco, June 20-24, 1990. If it is anything like its predecessors, the meeting will draw upwards of 12,000 participants from around the world, representing every perspective from the ivory tower of basic science to the political trenches of social activism. This year, conference planners have made conscious efforts to hear from the grass-roots, the community-based organizations which address AIDS issues in the Bay Area. A Community Task Force was organized to provide input to conference organizers. This Task Force, made up of representatives of 33 different organizations, including BAPHR, is making a broad range of recommendations to the Conference. In the coming months it will be the mission of the task force to monitor responses to these recommendations, negotiate further, and perhaps in some cases help implement them. Recommendations include insuring appropriate access and inclusion within the

conference of HIV impacted persons and previously under-represented groups. The task force is urging that the Conference place particular emphasis upon: 1) improving access to experimental treatments and comprehensive health care for people with HIV disease; 2) addressing sensitively the contributions of people with HIV disease, community based organizations and activists in the fight against AIDS; 3) increasing the speed of drug development and clinical trials, and exploration of ethical issues for clinical trials; and, 4) identifying models for international cooperation to improve the response to AIDS in developing countries. Other recommendations include expanding access to the conference itself through providing a number of "scholarships" or reduced fee registration categories for persons impacted by HIV (HIV positives, PWAs, PWARCs). Provisions for housing, transportation, medical care and child care and programs for assistance with INS travel regulations also were proposed. A program of community information involving evening "summary sessions" for

non-registrants and media coverage to affected communities also are under discussion. Regarding the program of the conference itself, a number of recommendations are being made for opening ceremonies, plenary sessions, round tables and panels, with emphasis on social policy aspects. On its own, BAPHR also will be planning events for the International Conference. Although affordable exhibit space will be in short supply, we will be establishing our presence on site at a BAPHR booth throughout the duration of the conference. We also will be extending an open invitation to all conference registrants to march with the BAPHR contingent in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade which will take place on the day the conference closes. As the organization of gay/lesbian physicians in the Bay Area, we also may host a major reception on one of the evenings. Only the very earliest planning has begun. If you can spare some volunteer time for BAPHR, your help and your fresh ideas will be more than welcome. Please contact Bob Scott or Ken Mills or call Brian Dobrow at 558-9353.

Executive Office Hit By Burglars

The BAPHR office was not damaged in the October 17th earthquake but suffered a loss the following weekend when it was burglarized. The IBM computer, a typewriter, and the telephone answering machine were taken. The police are investigating but have reported no leads. The office equipment was not covered by

theft insurance because of the prohibitive premiums which would have been required. A search for safer office space in the Castro (or other areas) is being undertaken. If you know of available office space (about 300 sq ft) in the Castro and at a reasonable rate, please let us know as soon as possible.

BAPHR Honors Service

BAPHR presented awards for outstanding contributions at the 1989 Annual Awards Banquet on December 8th. Recipients were: County Community Consortium for AIDS research; Dr. Jerome Goldstein and Tom Taylor for community support services; and, Rob Epstein for his production of *Common Threads*.

BAPHR's President Andrews Reviews Some History And Notes Challenges Ahead

BAPHR President Ric Andrews addressed the San Francisco Medical Society on November 30th at that organization's annual Change of Command dinner. In lieu of a separate column by President Andrews, we are printing his comments for your information.

"My fellow officers and I would like to congratulate you, Dr. Collins, and the incoming officers and Board Members of the Society. We also would like to thank Dr. Art Lyons and the retiring board members for their continued support and cooperation over this past year. Under the able leadership of its chair, Dr. Jean Haddad, your AIDS Task Force completed, after thoughtful deliberation, the Society's Policy Guidelines on 'Medical and Surgical Care in HIV Infection'. I believe this is an important document that will be used by many other medical organizations and hospitals.

1989 has been another difficult year. When Dr. Lenny Simpson addressed you at the last Change of Command Dinner, he noted that our organization had lost more than 20 of its members to AIDS; now we have 35 names to go on our quilts for the Names Project. With over 66,000 deaths nationwide, the Executive Branch of the Federal Government is still timid about addressing AIDS squarely. And, just a few miles from here, in Concord, we saw the first repeal of an AIDS anti-discrimination law in the country.

There are certainly many challenges ahead. But I have to look at challenges as an opportunity to change. In this regard, I am very proud, as a gay man, to be a member of this particular Medical Society. San Francisco is an extraordinary city and I think it is no coincidence that we also have such a distinguished professional society here. Early on in the life of BAPHR, we were welcomed to hold meetings in your auditorium. In 1981, we convened our first medical symposium in that auditorium. Many of the over 200 physicians who attended from around the country were amazed and grateful that we would be welcomed as openly gay and lesbian physicians by our county medical society. For many it was a turning point that enabled them to become more actively involved in their own medical communities. The officers and members of the San Francisco Medical Society have been some of organized medicine's best spokespersons on AIDS-related issues and it has been a joy and a privilege to work with your exceptional and dedicated staff.

Of course, I realize that the Medical Society is not a one-issue organization (nor is BAPHR). Yet, without question, AIDS-related issues, at this point, take up the overwhelming majority of our time and energy. The gravity of the problems resulting from this epidemic cannot really be over-emphasized and I look forward to our continued collaboration in addressing them. In these endeavors, let us continue to ask the hard questions, stay open-minded, speak with wisdom, and show compassion and respect for all who are affected by this disease.

Keeping Track

ESTATE BOOKLET TO BE INTRODUCED

A booklet entitled "Where Its All At" (an aid in estate planning) has been produced and published by the BAPHR Foundation. This 28-page booklet has been in preparation for over a year and will be introduced at a donor recognition dinner to be held on January 21st at La Mere Duquesne Restaurant in San Francisco. Invitations to the event will be mailed in December. Further information may be obtained by calling 626-3187 or writing to the BAPHR Foundation at PO Box 15005, San Francisco, CA 94115

OFFICERS SUPPORT PRO-CHOICE

The officers and other concerned members of BAPHR joined the National Organization of Women and Bay Area Pro-Choice Coalition in a march and rally to protect women's rights on October 15th in San Francisco. The focus of the event was to keep abortion safe, legal, and accessible. The contingent was enthusiastically received by other marchers and spectators.

CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND VISION LOSS

A national conference on AIDS and Vision Loss will be held at the San Francisco Marriott Hotel on January 25-26 for health care professionals and AIDS care providers who offer services to patients with AIDS and vision loss. For information, call Edward Straub, The Lighthouse, 1-800-541-2453 (in California). For those outside of California, call 1-800-443-4375.

BAPHR JOINS ASSOCIATION OF AIDS AGENCIES

BAPHR has joined the California Association of AIDS Agencies in an effort to expand its advocacy and outreach efforts. The CAAA, an association of more than 100 organizations providing AIDS information and services, is actively engaged in providing a state-wide forum for AIDS-related issues and offering technical assistance to its membership. The association's Annual Meeting (in January 1990) is one of the major AIDS forums in California and is expected to draw more than 300 attendees.

RETREAT SCHEDULED AT WILDWOOD RESORT

BAPHR has scheduled its first Retreat for 1990 at the Wildwood Resort in the beautiful Russian River country. The dates for this event have been set for the weekend of March 16-18. We are again fortunate to have Don Clark as our facilitator for this weekend of rejuvenation and revitalization. Look for your announcement on this event by the end of January. Get your reservations in early!

Your Copy:

Letters sent by the Executive Committee

Dr. Day's Resignation Welcomed.

As a practicing orthopedist in San Francisco, I greeted with some satisfaction and welcomed the news of Dr. Lorraine Day's resignation as Chief of the Department of Orthopedics at San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Day had been in an extremely sensitive position as chief of a major department of one of the most innovative and academic centers treating HIV disease; a position where she could have done much good. Unfortunately she has misused this pedestal of power, and has done more harm than good in fighting the ravages of this disease. Her personal remarks, her association with Representative Dannemeyer, her talks, and quasi-lectures have been punctuated with mistruths, distortions of facts, and a paranoid disregard for the extensive research and knowledge accumulated over the past decade, appearing to arise from a profound and overwhelming personal fear of contracting this virus.

At best, she has been an embarrassment to all the compassionate and caring health care providers working at SFGH; and unfortunately most of the time has done much harm in the slow battle to promote sound, rationale, and educated responses to fighting this virus.

Time and again she has attempted to portray herself as a 'victim' of AIDS; ostracized, isolated, and mocked by the majority of the medical community. Let us physicians and health care providers, however, not forget that the true sufferers (not 'victims') of this diabolical virus are not the fortunate physicians, nurses, or technicians, but those unfortunately who have been infected with and are bravely fighting this virus. While it is true that those of us involved in providing direct care to our patients and friends are at some risk in contracting this virus, it is the price we chose to pay to be compassionate, caring individuals.

I can only hope that some day soon, Lorraine Day will open her ears, eyes and soul to the truth, to the compassion and caring and love associated with treating and helping those individuals infected with HIV. For those of us who have been chosen to be involved, despite the pain and the losses, it has been a time of immeasurable insights, personal growth, and a test of commitment to humanity; all from which this rather blind physician has been self-excluded.

Let us hope that in whatever position she moves on to, that she will be able to see and enjoy some of that that incredible love and caring to which we have been luckily exposed

Leonard A. Simpson, MD

(Reprinted from Bay Area Reporter)

From: County Community Consortium

As you may well know the County Community Consortium has been successful in our application to the NIAID for a Community Program for Clinical Research on AIDS. We are most delighted to have been chosen as a recipient of this support to continue to do the work which we all believe is so important. BAPHR's support in the consortium has been most palpable. In addition to providing the CME credits for the monthly business meeting, BAPHR members formed the very backbone of the organization.

I am writing to invite you to feel free to suggest any input that you believe should be covered at any consortium meeting or at the Clinical Grand Rounds. If you could think of any particular research projects that the consortium should undertake with our federal support we would be happy to review them.

Finally I am writing to thank you and the other officers for writing the letter of support which accompanied our application last spring.

Looking forward to continued cooperation and collaboration.

Donald I. Abrams, MD

To Rabbi Pinchas Lipner, Hebrew Academy of San Francisco

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, founded in 1977, and currently comprised of over 200 physician members, recently has become aware of the conference program for the First Annual International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics.

Our organization is concerned and puzzled over the selection of Lorraine Day, MD as the lecturer on "AIDS - The Healthcare Workers Risk, The Patient's Risk." As the Chief of Orthopedics at San Francisco General Hospital, Dr. Day has had experience with AIDS patients and issues, but is not recognized as an expert in this particular area. While your conference proposes to present the "most respected medical and scientific authorities", such experts generally regard many of Dr. Day's views on these topics to be scientifically unfounded. Time and time again, we have found Dr. Day's undocumented statements about the transmission of AIDS to be misleading. Although BAPHR defends the right of all individuals to express their particular viewpoint, we are compelled to speak out when we feel a colleague uses a professional position in a way that distorts fact, elicits fear, and fosters discrimination. Dr. Day has shown alarming insensitivity to the broader issues presented by the AIDS epidemic. While narrowly focusing attention on unfounded theories of HIV transmission, she appears to reflect little concern for the full realities of the problem as a public health issue, or for the hardships of those infected with the virus.

Our organization is no stranger to AIDS. Our members have been on the "front-lines" in the treatment of this disease from the beginning. In what we believe to be the best ethical tradition of medicine, we have sought to treat and comfort people infected with HIV with a full awareness and sensitivity for the complex medical, psychological, and social problems they face. While the tragedy of AIDS affects us all, we also are aware that the HIV epidemic in this country has taken its heaviest toll on minority communities. No doubt your organization would agree with us that health and public policy issues largely affecting minority groups, especially unpopular ones, require the closest ethical scrutiny. In confronting the complex issues and risks of AIDS, we must never allow our personal fears to compromise the principles of respect and compassion for all individuals involved

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights urge you to carefully reconsider Dr. Day's participation in your upcoming conference.

Signed by Officers of BAPHR

To Dr. Louis Sullivan (Secretary DHHS)

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, founded in 1977 and currently comprised of over 200 physician members, is concerned and puzzled over your reported comments concerning Paul Gibson's report on teenage suicide among gay and lesbian youth.

Mr. Gibson's study, "Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide" has been widely praised as a factual and fair analysis of this growing problem, and the toll it exacts on individual lives and families. Our organization does not understand the basis for your reported disavowal of this paper and its recommendations.

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Foundation Dinner <i>Where It's All At</i>	Jan. 21	6 p.m.	LaMere Duguesne Rest. 101 Shannon St., S.F.
Physicians Appreciation Day	Jan. 24		
AIDS & Vision Loss UCSF & SFGH Conference	Jan. 25		Marriot Hotel, S.F.
BAPHR Retreat	March 16-18		Wildwood Ranch
Sixth International Conference on AIDS	June 20-24		San Francisco
Gay Games III	August 4-11		Vancouver, Canada

All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend any BAPHR meeting or event. Please call the BAPHR office (558-9353) or the committee chair a few days in advance to confirm the date and time of the meeting.

Beyond the Basics: Mental Health Challenges in the HIV Epidemic,

January 17-19, 1990

Conference Site: San Francisco State University

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 Please send me information about BAPHR membership____: about Referral Panel____: Committees_____

The BAPHR Foundation Grants \$28,310 For Work With AIDS

The BAPHR Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$28,310 to 12 Bay Area organizations to promote the health and welfare of the gay and lesbian community in its 1989 granting cycle. To date, over \$100,000 in grants have been awarded by the Foundation.

Recipients of the 1989 grants and their projects were:

1. San Francisco Suicide Prevention for training and promotion for AIDS/HIV Nightline Project
2. Adair and Armstrong (UCSF AIDS Health Project) for funding of a video, "Absolutely Positive: A Film About Living With HIV"
3. Project Open Hand for Capital Equipment
4. AIDS Community Network of the East Bay to fund an AIDS Day Care Project
5. BAPHR for a facilitator for a Burnout Retreat for Health Care Providers
6. AIDS Project of the East Bay for Seed Money for a Food Bank
7. Spiritual Resource Center of the East Bay for Capital Equipment
8. PAWS for an Educational Pamphlet on Toxoplasmosis
9. 18th Street Services for a Low Literacy Bilingual Substance Abuse Brochure
10. AIDS Benefits Counselors to Produce a Manual on Social Security Hearings and Appeals Procedure
11. Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network for Women With AIDS Project
12. Diablo Valley AIDS Center for videos/films for AIDS Education.

Board Members Recommend Bylaws To Incorporate The Term "Bisexual"

Some months ago, the BAPHR Board of Directors was asked to consider changing the BAPHR ByLaws to incorporate reference to the large community of Bisexuals who are not included in BAPHR's activities nor its program goals. It has been proposed that Article 2 of the ByLaws (which outlines BAPHR's goals) should be amended to have the word Bisexual appear wherever there are references to Lesbian and Gay. After discussing this proposal at two meetings, the Board decided to submit the proposed change to the membership at the next General Membership meeting.

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BAPHR's administrative offices are located at 2960 16th St, Room 309, San Francisco, Ca. 94103. The office phone is (415) 558-9353.

BAPHR offers a referral panel of members for anyone seeking a gay-sensitive physician, dentist, or podiatrist. That number is (415) 673-3189.

Names of BAPHR members and contributors are kept confidential and never sold or released. The appearance of any names in THE BAPHRON in no way implies sexual orientation. The BAPHRON accepts paid advertisements and rates are available on request.

Physican Appreciation Day Is Rescheduled

Physician Appreciation Day sponsored by PWA-San Francisco, has been scheduled to take place on January 24. Originally planned to take place in October, the timing of the event conflicted with a large number of receptions scheduled for the same date.

In order to attract the widest possible participation on this important occasion, rescheduling became necessary.

With a new date and more lead time available for planning and preparation, Physician Appreciation Day is sure to be a momentous event.

Honoring the many doctors,

New Guide Available on AIDS Resources

The library of the University of California at Berkeley has prepared a multi-disciplinary handbook on AIDS resources. The booklet is available at their cost of \$20 per copy. The 65-page guide includes information on research, databases, library catalogs, journals, audio-visual materials, and online bulletin boards. Additional chapters include AIDS-related Library of Congress Subjects Headings, a glossary of AIDS terminology, and a list of resource organizations. To date, 66 libraries own this resource, and a wide variety of AIDS research and service centers have placed orders. Requests should be made to AIDS Awareness and Information Project, Room 386, Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Checks should be payable to UC Regents.

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dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who, over the past ten years, have demonstrated their commitment to the cause of AIDS, will contribute a message of hope and a renewed sense of commitment for the next decade. San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos will serve as Honorary Chair of the event. Amy Eggers, Shanti Project Board Member, and Jim Foster, S.F. County Health Commissioner, will co-emcee. PWA-SF is still very much in need of volunteer support. We have yet to identify a suitable space which can accommodate approximately 200-300 attenders.

Financial contributors are being approached in the hopes of their underwriting this event. Responses to an initial survey that was distributed to help identify potential award recipients are now being tabulated. A revised survey is also being circulated. PWA-SF recognizes that local business and private individuals have donated a great deal of time, money and energy for fund-raising events to support AIRS-related concerns. However, PWA-SF is seeking support in order to adequately acknowledge and honor the many people who have helped those diagnosed with HIV.

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Does your response imply that you are not concerned with the growing number of gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth who are at risk of suicide? Does your response indicate a belief that the institution of the family is best supported by allowing to go unattended the misunderstanding and ignorance with which gay and lesbian youth often must struggle within their own families of origin? Does your response reflect a belief that the loving and committed family relationships which many gays and lesbians have come to enjoy are outside the American family, and that their existence is somehow a threat to the idea of "family"?

We hope that your comments may have been taken out of context and do not truly reflect your beliefs on these matters. Our organization would like clarification from you. We are hopeful of being reassured that the policies of the USDHHS are based upon educated and objective medical-social realities, not political bias, and that these policies are inclusive of all Americans, irrespective of their sexual orientation.

We eagerly await your reply.

signed by officers of BAPHR

In Memoriam
Donald L. Gragoni, MD
Arthur Stone, MD

AIDS Writer Wanted

The San Francisco Sentinel, California's only statewide gay weekly, is looking for an AIDS WRITER. Journalism experience preferred. Call Daniel Willson at (415)861-8100.



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Bisexuals voted into bylaw changes

At the general meeting on February 22, the membership voted overwhelmingly in favor of adding "bisexuals" to statements containing "gay and lesbian" in the BAPHR By-Laws. The last changes in the ByLaws were made in 1984.

Discussion and voting followed presentations by two "out" bisexuals, Lani Kaahumanu (writer, editor, advisor to the S.F. Human Rights Commission) and W.L. Warner, MD (former BAPHR President). General points included the following: 1) bisexuality is not merely an avoidance of gay identification but an unavoidable acknowledgement of attraction to both genders; 2) self-identified bisexuals face non-acceptance from both straight and gay communities since they do not fit the stereotypes of either; 3) this problem affects their medical care since neither straight nor

gay physicians have been prepared for inclusion of sexual activities with both genders in history-taking; 4) AIDS education has been appropriately targeted for sexually-active people and this is adversely influencing the epidemic; 5) increasing numbers of self-identified bisexuals are "coming-out" nationally and internationally and must be acknowledged as an affectional group.

The new BAPHR Preamble will now read (in part), "... dedicated to the delivery of supportive, unprejudiced and well informed medical care for gay, lesbian and bisexual patients." This should increase awareness and knowledge of the risk of AIDS in bisexuals by health care professionals.

The meeting was held at the home of Dr. Frank

Bruce and his son, Ted Bruce who prepared the delicious and bountiful refreshments.

BAPHR plans party

A gala party will be held in the Green Room of the War Memorial Building on Friday, June 22 during the 6th International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco. In addition to featuring an elaborate spread of appetizers and drinks, it BAPHR is anticipated that there will be entertainment to please all who are in attendance. This gala event represents the first major fund-raising event BAPHR has sponsored and is open to all BAPHR members and guests as well as attendees at the conference. As more information becomes available, it will be announced by BAPHR.

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Soviet poet will speak on Gay life in the Soviet Union

Soviet poet Georgii Vlasenko is the featured speaker at the BAPHR General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 19th at 2200 Sacramento Street in San Francisco.

Mr. Vlasenko, currently working in San Francisco, will talk about **GAY LIFE IN THE SOVIET UNION** and will reflect upon his experiences in that country. The evening will begin with light refreshments at 6:30 pm. The program will start at 7:15 pm. Members and guests should indicate to the security guard that they are members of Dr. Everts party and then will be directed to the proper room.

DRAFT REPORT OF MAYOR AGNOS HIV TASK FORCE RELEASED

In January, 1989, San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos appointed a 20-member blue-ribbon citizen's committee to formulate a plan that would indicate what San Francisco could do as a community to combat the spread of HIV and provide proper care for persons with AIDS.

Early in 1990, the Mayor's HIV Task Force submitted its draft report which is titled, "*THE MAYOR'S CALL TO ACTION ON THE HIV EPIDEMIC.*" The report addresses the "critical gaps in HIV care and prevention services" and focused on the fact that "can ill-afford any further delay in implementing the urgent policy proposals that follow." In the letter of transmittal, Task Force Chair, Don Francis MD, acknowledges that the San Francisco model is severely threatened by demands that have overwhelmed its resources. He points out, "unless this report is acted on by all of us, the San Francisco model will collapse."

The Task Force has made 53 specific recommendations in its report. Each one is directed toward a single goal: "enabling the City to fight AIDS more humanely and effectively." Among the more urgent recommendations are the need to:

step up safe sex campaigns for the whole community, focusing on communities at greatest risk of new infection, including gay and bisexual men, youth, people in the sex industry, injection drug users and their partners.

make drug treatment programs available "on demand."

create incentives for treatment programs by easing participation requirements, extending hours of operation, opening treatment centers in locations more accessible to clients, and providing child care in treatment facilities.

create a program to evaluate the effect of the provision of sterile injection equipment to injection drug users.

give all HIV-infected people access to early intervention services, including appropriate medical and social services and prophylactic drugs.

ensure that all HIV-infected people have access to a counselor/advisor who can provide or refer them to assistance with financial, medical, or personal concerns.

systematically trace unmet needs as identified by counselors/advisors.

appoint an HIV Standards of Practice Committee to establish the basic standard of medical care appropriate for HIV infection.

provide, through City and private health insurance plans, benefits consistent with services and drugs identified by the HIV Standards of Practice Committee.

establish more residential care facilities for HIV-infected people.

improve the current health care cost reimbursement system. This is possible only by taking a number of actions:

insurers should broaden their definition of covered care to include attendant, respite and day care;

reimbursement rates for sub-acute care must be raised;

MediCal should revise reimbursement guidelines to reflect the types of health care required by people with AIDS and HIV.

establish innovative recruiting programs to hire and train home health aides and increase health transportation, and support services that allow ill people to remain at home.

recruit talent and resources from the private sector to help community based organizations deliver services. Generate supplementary funds, supplies and equipment for these organizations."

The report contains many more specifics, including financial projections on the recommendations. Should you wish more information or a copy of the draft report, direct your inquiries to: Mayor Art Agnos, City Hall, San Francisco 94102

BAPHR Foundation Nominated For Cable Car Award

The BAPHR Foundation was nominated by the Board of Directors of the Cable Car Awards for the "Community Well-Being Award" in recognition of its distinguished accomplishments. The Cable Car Awards were presented at the GiftCenter Pavilion in San Francisco on March 3, 1990. Peter Middendorf was one of the award presenters at the event.

Social Concerns Hears CRA

Recently, the BAPHR Social Concerns Committee and interested BAPHR members had an opportunity to meet with representatives of the Community Research Alliance (which has now merged with Project Inform) to discuss that organization and its activities in relationship with other medically-oriented groups (e.g. the County Community Consortium). Since that meeting, John James, editor of *AIDS TREATMENT NEWS* and principal in the CRA, has prepared the following article (which we present in its entirety) for the BAPHRON.

"A year and a half ago, the Community Research Alliance (CRA) began as a project of San Francisco's PWA Coalition, to conduct community-based clinical trials of AIDS treatments. Since then the CRA has developed its own Institutional Review Board and Scientific Advisory Committee, and it has completed one study, a protocol-driven observational trial of herbal extracts containing hypericin, an antiviral. Twenty-six volunteers completed the four-month study; an abstract has been submitted to the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, and a short report published in *AIDS TREATMENT NEWS*.

The results observed in this study were modest, but they were available a year or more ahead of any results from academic groups using chemically synthesized hypericin. The CRA study was funded by public contributions, with assistance from the American Foundation for AIDS Research, which funded a medical-director position.

Although the Community Research Alliance has been able to start, recruit for, carry out, and publish a clinical study quickly, when many organizations have had difficulty doing so, the CRA has not been well known in San Francisco, to the public or even to the medical community. To build the name recognition and reputation necessary to obtain public support for future research would take time and would distract the organization from its central purpose, which is to carry out trials. Also, building a separate public identity and funding bases would conflict with the widespread view that AIDS organizations should now consolidate to avoid duplication and increase effective delivery of services.

For this reason, the Community Research Alliance has negotiated a tentative merger with Project Inform. Project Inform, active since 1985, does have the name recognition and public support, but so far it has not had a research arm to do IRB-approved, FDA-sanctioned studies. The merger will give the Community Research Alliance a national financial and organizational base, and allow Project Inform to conduct more research than before and to have its own IRB and Scientific Advisory Board.

CRA does not compete with the much older and larger County Community Consortium (CCC), because the groups communicate well, and CRA will not duplicate anything CCC wants to do. There is more than enough needed research to go around. The two organizations are now working together to implement a patient-driven arm of the treatment database which the CCC has developed, so that more patients can be followed with less burden on physicians and their staffs, as patients themselves will fill out most of the required forms.

Since the CCC is already doing research which is based in physician's offices, the CRA plans more centralized studies, to avoid competition for physician's time. In the hypericin study, for example, medical histories and other interviews with the volunteers occurred in the CRA's office, physical exams were in donated clinical space, and blood drawings were all at Meris Labs; all expenses were paid by the CRA. The volunteers' primary-care physicians were of course notified about the study and given access to their patients' data; but they were not asked to take on any additional responsibilities on account of the research.

For more information about the Community Research Alliance, call (415) 626-2145, or call John James at (415) 861-2432.

In Memoriam

Ralph Clark, MD

Jerry Lee Moore, MD

Samuel J. Stegman, MD

YOUR COPY: *Letters sent by the Executive Committee*

To President George Bush

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, an organization representing more than 200 physicians and other health care workers in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, strongly opposes the current United States Government restrictions on travel of HIV-infected individuals. HIV is not casually transmitted, and to suggest that there is a risk from travelers contradicts all of our efforts to reduce fear of HIV.

As currently implemented, Immigration and Naturalization Service policy will have a serious negative impact on the Sixth International Conference on AIDS scheduled for the week of June 18, 1990 in San Francisco. Because of its international scope, this conference has particular value to people who reside outside the large cities of the developed nations, yet key organizations involved in the worldwide battle against AIDS are taking actions to boycott the conference as a result of this policy. We believe the International Conference on AIDS is an irreplaceable instrument in distribution information that literally saves the lives of many people infected with HIV.

Current INS policy is discriminatory and frankly irrational. It cannot be justified on the basis of medical facts. All reputable authorities on HIV disease, including your own National Commission on AIDS and its predecessor, are unanimous on this issue.

We urge you to assure that all current restrictions on travel of HIV infected individuals be lifted as rapidly as possible, on the basis that they are scientifically unfounded and detrimental to the overall defeat of AIDS.

BAPHR FOUNDATION INTRODUCES ESTATE BOOKLET

At a gala dinner held on January 21 at La Mere Duquesne Restaurant in San Francisco, BAPHR Foundation introduced a new booklet entitled, "Where It's All At." The 28-page booklet is intended as an aid for estate planning and to assist executors of estates. It is available from the BAPHR Foundation at no cost to BAPHR members for distribution to their patients. Further information may be obtained by calling 616-3187 or writing the BAPHR Foundation at PO Box 15005, San Francisco 94115.

Pete
The dinner also recognized individuals who had made significant contributions to the Foundation during the past year. Special thanks were given to Chris Kollaja who has served as Foundation treasurer for the past four years, to Gilbert Duquesne who served the magnificent dinner at cost, and to Keith Fenton who planned and arranged the event.

New Office Location Announced

The BAPHR Board of Directors recently agreed to lease office space in the heart of San Francisco's Castro District. The new office space is located at 18th & Castro Streets on the second floor of the building which had housed the well-known Elephant Walk. Although a move-in date has not been established as yet, it appears likely that BAPHR will be able to move into the newly renovated space by the end of June. The new office address will be **4111 -18th Street, Suite 6, San Francisco 94114.**

BAPHR PARTY FOR INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

A gala party will be held in the Green Room of the War Memorial Building on Friday, June 22 during the 6th International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco. In addition to featuring an elaborate spread of appetizers and drinks, it is anticipated that there will be entertainment to please all who are in attendance. This gala event represents the first major fund-raising event BAPHR has sponsored and is open to all BAPHR members and guests as well as attendees at the conference. As more information becomes available, it will be announced by BAPHR.

BAPHR LAPEL PINS

BAPHR has purchased small lapel pins as a symbol of membership in the organization. The enamel and brass pins, which have the BAPHR logo set in a lavender background, are being distributed to all BAPHR members and are available to friends of BAPHR for \$5.00. Non-members who wish to order pins may call 558-9353 or write to BAPHR at 2940 16th Street, #309, San Francisco 94103.

HOSPICE OF MARIN

Expanded AIDS services are now available through Hospice of Marin in Corte Madera. Hospice of Marin is a licensed and Medicare-certified home health agency/hospice which offers a wide range of hospice home care services to AIDS clients in Marin County. Nursing and supportive services include: Intermittent RN home visits; availability of a 24-hour a day (on call) RN; home health aides, counseling and volunteer help. In addition, the agency offers nurse case management and various home care services including limited attendant care to specific clients free of charge. For more information, call (415) 927-2273.

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Executive Board	April 3	6:30	30 Miguel St. SF (Ken Mills 752-5290)
AIDS Grand Rounds	April 4	5:30	St. Marys Hospital, SF
General Meeting Gay Life in Soviet Union Georgii Vlasenko, Speaker	April 19	7:30	2002 Sacramento St. #1604 Ask for Dr. Evert's Party
Executive Board	May 1		183 Douglas St. SF (Bob Scott 431-2165)
General Meeting The Psychological Epidemic: The Impact of AIDS on Uninfected Gay and Bisexual Men Walt Odets, PhD, Speaker	May 20	5:30	470 Beacon St. SF (Lenny Simpson 641-5845)
Sixth International Conf. on AIDS	June 20-24		San Francisco
BAPHR Party	June 22		Green Room, War Memorial Building
Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade	June 24		Market Street to Civic Center San Francisco
Gay Games III	August 4-11,		Vancouver, Canada
Casino Night BAPHR Foundation	Aug. 25		181 Lowell St. Danville, CA (Larry Silverman)

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BAPHR'S ARMBANDS CATCH ON

[Press Release of May 9, 1990.]

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights has decided to sponsor an educational booth at the Sixth International AIDS Conference in San Francisco in late June. This decision was reached after considerable deliberation about current US immigration policy regarding HIV-infected people. This discriminatory policy of the United States Government is scientifically and epidemiologically unsound and is a personal affront to everyone affected by HIV. The decision of many individuals and organizations to boycott the Conference in protest of this policy is an understandable one.

To show our support for those who are not attending and to serve as a visible reminder that the immigration policy must be changed, we will wear red armbands throughout the Conference. We encourage speakers, exhibitors, participants and others to do the same. Armbands will be available at our booth at the Marriott Hotel during the Conference. Join us!

[Editor's Note: As we were going to press we learned that Conference organizaers, Dr. John Ziegler and Dr. Paul Volberding intend to wear our armbands during the Opening Ceremonies.]

Green Room Event

BAPHR Salute For AIDS Healthcare Workers

As announced in the April *BAPHRON*, BAPHR is holding a reception to salute healthcare workers in the fight against AIDS on Friday, June 22nd from 6 to 8 pm in the Green Room of the Veteran's Building in San Francisco. The event coincides with both Lesbian/Gay Pride Week and the Sixth International Conference on AIDS.

This gala event is expected to attract more than 500 Conference participants, BAPHR members and guests as well as a number of the principal Conference speakers. Admission is only a \$10 donation per person and there will be great entertainment, food, and drinks. Members are also being solicited to help this BAPHR Fundraiser through \$100 Patron donations. Patrons and Sponsors will be listed on the invitations which will be mailed to BAPHR members and others in mid-June and will be distributed at the BAPHR booth during the AIDS Conference. For early reservations, call 558-9353.



Fate and Faith, Part II: Reflections on the Sixth International AIDS Conference

Do you recognize the by-line logo above? If so then consider yourself an old-timer. Although it hasn't been used in years, it was first introduced in November, 1982, in my article entitled, "Fate and Faith: That's Life." The article was a hodgepodge of personal memories about how various events came together and "converted" me into becoming a gay activist. These included BAPHR's first march in the Freedom Day Parade, the "NO on 6" Campaign, and the events surrounding Harvey Milk's death. It would be a few months before we completed our first edition of "Safe-Sex Guidelines." The "Bathhouse Issue" was many months away. We had no idea of the extent of the disaster before us. Fate and Faith seemed a little simpler then.

Now, San Francisco is about to host the 6th International Conference on AIDS, and Fate continues to provide us with a bumper crop of ironies. Here in the "Gay Mecca", "The City That Knows How," and the home of "The San Francisco AIDS Model," we have the incredible opportunity to host THE pre-eminent AIDS meeting in the world - and what happens?! US immigration policy, so homophobic, so AIDS-phobic, so unsound scientifically, and so embarrassing and infuriating, has resulted in literally thousands of people, in fact, entire governments, boycotting the conference in protest, and with good cause! At one point, Larry Kramer, one of the most provocative and controversial leaders in the AIDS activist community, called for gay men and lesbians to come to San Francisco during the Conference for "a fucking riot." The Conference ends on Sunday with an address by Secretary Louis Sullivan, even as the world's largest lesbian/gay parade marches a few blocks away. There are as many twists and turns here as there are in the plot of "Twin Peaks"!

So what's a person to do? Well, I hope we can keep from getting so polarized about the issues. The choice to boycott or to attend the Conference is not a matter of right vs. wrong. People and organizations who are coming to the Conference will be here to share and learn new information about how to win the War on AIDS. People and organizations who are boycotting will make an important statement about a ridiculous, discriminatory government policy. BOTH groups are working on the positive sides of an issue, it's just that the issues are different. And it's clear that the gay and AIDS organizations are not of one mind. Shanti Project is on one side; the SF AIDS Foundation is on the other. ACT-UP New York is on one side; ACT-UP SF is on the other, etc., etc., etc. I don't think there is any one right answer. I hope we can respect the decisions of people who make differing choices.

That's what BAPHR is trying to do when we undertake to staff an educational booth at the Conference but choose to wear red armbands as a sign of protest about the INS policy. We hope each of you attending the Conference can support this. We have some Faith that this will be helpful "consciousness-raising" for Conference delegates and others. What Fate has in store, in such turbulent times, is yet to be seen.

Whether or not you are attending the Conference, I hope you will consider coming to our event in the Green Room on Friday, June 22. You can be proud to invite your friends and colleagues and I hope you will seriously consider becoming a \$100 patron. The cost of this event is being underwritten by donations from several corporate sponsors so all of the money from ticket sales and individual patrons will go directly to help further the work of BAPHR, not to pay expenses.

This year, I especially encourage you to walk with us in the Parade on Sunday the 24th; this will be our 13th year to march and we have invited healthcare workers attending the Conference to join us. Bring your friends - and wear a red armband!

Honors and Awards To BAPHR Members

Stanley Yarnell, MD, a long-time BAPHR member, was named Health Care Professional of the Year by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Dr. Yarnell, a rehabilitation specialist, who is legally blind, founded the first post-polio clinics in the country. He is director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program at St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco. The award was presented by President Bush in a ceremony at the White House.

Larry Peiperl, a medical student BAPHR member, is an editor and regular contributor to *Synapse*, the UCSF student newspaper. He writes frequently on gay/lesbian issues and has been active in the UCSF AIDS educational programs.

Jerome Goldstein, MD, a founding BAPHR member, and director of the San Francisco Headache Clinic, has participated in several international symposia on headache. Dr. Goldstein, a well-known celebrity and entertainer, received an award at last year's BAPHR banquet for his many contributions to our organization.

This column is a new feature of the BAPHRON. If you have received some special recognition and would like it noted in this column, please notify the editor.



March with
us in the
Freedom Day
Parade on
June 24th!!



BAPHR officers plan for 6th International AIDS Conference. (Left to right: Secretary Ken Mills, Treasurer Lenny Simpson, President Ric Andrews, Vice-President Bob Scott)

BAPHR at AIDS Conference

Toby Marotta To Speak On Sex Workers At July General Meeting

A General Meeting has been set for Thursday, July 26th (location TBA) with Dr. Toby Marotta, Senior Research Associate for the Institute for Scientific Analysis in San Francisco, speaking on his ethnographic research in homosexual subcultures.

Dr. Marotta, under the auspices of the Prospero Project, has been collaborating with a group of social scientists on the most extensive research study into male prostitution ever undertaken. In his presentation, Dr. Marotta will explain the typology of male sex workers being used and reveal some preliminary findings about HIV infections, healthcare issues, and safe sex practices in this generally overlooked population of homosexually active men.

Dr. Marotta holds a PhD and an MPA from Harvard University. In addition to his work with the Institute for Scientific Analysis, he has served as a consultant about adolescent male prostitution for the Southern California Training Center for Child Sexual Abuse Treatment. He has had a number of his writings published including: *The Sons of Harvard: Gay Men from the Class of 1967* and *The Politics of Homosexuality*.

More information about this program will be available in late June. Watch for the program announcement in the mail!

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Annual Banquet November 2nd

The 1990 BAPHR Annual Dinner has been scheduled for Friday, November 2nd at the Mandarin Hotel in San Francisco. Although the program has not been set, this is BAPHR's annual presentation of awards and announcement of the election results. Mark the date on your calendar now so you can be certain to be present for what should be one of the best meetings ever.

Clarification

A recent mailing regarding the availability of pentamidine was intended solely for your information. This resource is not endorsed nor promoted by BAPHR.

In Memoriam

Russell Pemberton, MD

It is appropriate that BAPHR play a role in the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco this month since we have been involved in the epidemic since its onset. The July 1981 issue of the BAPHRON reported on Kaposi's Sarcoma in gay men, independently of the CDC's first MMWR report dated July 4, 1981.

Many BAPHR members will be attending the meeting and a number will be presenting papers and exhibits. The meetings which are expected to draw over 12,000, will be held June 20-24 at Moscone Center and the San Francisco Marriott Hotel.

For the first time, BAPHR along with AAPHR will have an educational booth staffed by BAPHR members in the exhibit space at the Marriott.

On Friday, June 22 we will have our first major fundraising event at the Green Room of the War Memorial Building. (See article Page 1) Tom Taylor, well-known for his spectacular parties and events, is arranging the decor, food, and entertainment, so those who attend are in for a treat.

On Sunday, June 24th BAPHR and AAPHR once again will be marching in the Big Parade. All members, friends and like-minded healthcare workers of any stripe are invited to look for our banners at the foot of Market Street between the Ferry Building and the Hyatt Regency Hotel at eleven AM. We expect to be near the front of the parade. You may jump in to join us anywhere along the route.

Your copy:

*Letter sent by your executive committee
to the gay press*

TO THE EDITOR:

It has come to BAPHR's attention that individuals are obtaining DDI from "unauthorized" and so-called "underground" sources. We realize that in an ideal situation, the need to obtain this medication through non-medical sources would not exist. Nevertheless, given the realities of limited resources, a number of individuals are obtaining DDI from non-traditional providers. Our message to our community is not to condemn or judge but to express concern and a warning.

As physicians, we are increasingly aware of the possibility of significant and perhaps lethal side-effects (e.g. peripheral neuropathy, seizures, or pancreatitis) that can occur with the continued use of DDI. We urge anyone who does decide to take DDI to be followed closely by a reliable health care provider.

Walt Odets Speaker at May General Meeting

Thirty-five BAPHR members and guests heard psychologist Walt Odets speak at the May General Meeting on the Psychological Impact of AIDS on Uninfected Gay Men.

In his remarks, Dr. Odets discussed the reality of "survivor guilt" and the responses it generates among gay/bisexual men who are HIV seronegative. He indicated that many men have depression, anxiety, sexual/social and occupational dysfunction as a result of their seronegativity. He also stated that the "homosexualization" of AIDS has resulted in a blurring of the boundaries between having or not having AIDS and being gay. Many gay men seem to have taken the identity of those who are sick with AIDS even though they are not. As a result, he pointed out, many gay men are reverting to unsafe sex practices.

Although he was unable to go into detail about his analysis during his presentation, he indicated that copies of his paper are available on request. Call (415) 845-4628.

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Support Group

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Medicine's Losses to AIDS

The cover article in the April 9, 1990 issue of *Medical World News* on medicine's losses to AIDS included 16 BAPHR members (our toll is actually much greater) who have died of AIDS. Photographs and a brief description of each individual were given. The cover photographs showed six physicians, of whom four were BAPHR members. An additional article reported on six physicians who are coping as HIV patients. Reprints of the article have been sent to all BAPHR members and will be distributed at the AAPHR/BAPHR booth at the 6th International Conference on AIDS in June. Copies also are available from the BAPHR office.

Needle Exchange Program Discussed

George Clark of Prevention Point, a coalition of community-based AIDS prevention organizations, met with the BAPHR Social Concerns Committee on May 15th to discuss what that group is doing with San Francisco's injection drug users and needle exchange. Mr. Clark outlined Prevention Point's activities and the purposes of the needle exchange program. He reported that at the multiple sites in San Francisco, approximately 600 clients show up during a two hour period to exchange their needles. He also indicated that they get many requests from clients for help in getting into a drug treatment program. The group is looking for physician and pharmacist volunteers to assist in the program. Interested volunteers should contact Prevention Point directly (415) 861-6710.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Executive Board	June 5	6:30	179 Lower Terrace, SF
AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	June 6	5:30	PPMC, SF
County Community Consortium	June 13	5:30	SF Medical Society
BAPHR Party	June 22	6-8	Green Room, War Memorial Bld
Sixth International Conf. on AIDS	June 20-24		Moscone Center & Marriott San Francisco
Lesbian/Gay Parade	June 24	11am	Market & Spear St. SF
AIDS Update for Primary Care	June 27		Alta Bates Hospital, Berkeley
Executive Board	July 3		TBA
Lesbian/Gay Health Conf. George Washington Univ.	July 18-22		Washington Hilton Hotel Washington, DC
BAPHR General Meeting Speaker: Toby Marotta, PhD Homosexual Subcultures & Health Care (See Article this Issue)	July 26		TBA
Gay Games III	August 4-11		Vancouver, Canada
AAPHR Annual Meeting [call (415) 255-4547]	Aug 16-19		Chestnut Park Hotel Toronto, Canada
Casino Night BAPHR Foundation Benefit	August 25	7 pm	181 Lowell Drive Danville, CA (Larry Silverman)
BAPHR Retreat	Sept 7-9		Wildwood Ranch, SF
Annual Banquet	Nov 2		Mandarin Hotel, SF

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BAPHR HAS HIGH PROFILE AT AIDS CONFERENCE

Leonard A. Simpson, MD

Once again, BAPHR has shown that we can make a significant difference on a number of levels. Prior to the convening of the Sixth International AIDS Conference, the officers discussed the thorny issues of the INS travel restrictions and boycotting the conference. We all did ultimately decide to attend the conference, but suggested that each delegate wear a red armband, protesting the INS policies and to serve as a visible symbol of solidarity with those individuals and organizations that decided, for various reasons, that they could not attend the conference. BAPHR purchased enough ribbon to make more than 6,000 armbands, and in a flurry of activity, Brian, several of the officers and members of both BAPHR and AAPHR were able to pin nearly the entire 6,000 armbands in three days.

During the opening ceremonies, every speaker wore an armband and when one looked out over the vast audience, there were many delegates wearing those armbands - the number increased over the several days of the conference. It was apparent to all those attending that the armbands made a significant difference, not only on an individual basis, but collectively, in regards to the success of the conference itself. For some delegates, it appeared that the decision to wear an armband was their first step on a hopeful road of becoming more active in opposing unjustifiable policies in relationship to the HIV pandemic.

For the officers and members of both AAPHR and BAPHR, as well as our executive coordinator, who helped pin armbands on various delegates, it was a time of instant camaraderie and excitement coupled with a sense that we were making a significant impact by hammering away at the ridiculous INS restrictions.

BAPHR and AAPHR co-hosted an informational booth which was visited by hundreds of conference delegates who picked up about 100 membership applications, 500 BAPHRONS and nearly 2,000 reprints of the Medical World News article on Medicine's Losses to AIDS.

BAPHR hosted a very successful reception at the Green Room on Friday, June 22nd with a number of BAPHR members and supporters in attendance. More than 500 members and guests attended this gala event. The officers are extremely grateful to Tommy Taylor for the excellent food, drink, flowers and entertainment presented that evening. We are also grateful to Caremark for their presence and generous financial contribution.

During this week of activity, BAPHR also was prominent in marching with the conference delegates in the June 23rd AIDS March down Market Street. BAPHR and AAPHR marched behind the conference organizers and Drs. June Osborn and Jonathan Mann in the march that linked-up with AIDS (continued on page 2)

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activists at 3rd and Market Streets and continued on to Justin Hermann Plaza. Again, the camaraderie and sense of solidarity among the groups was evident. It appeared to many of us that the merging of the two parade contingents on that Saturday was symbolic of the hopeful merging and cooperation between physicians, researchers, and activists.

Lastly, the week of heightened activity ended with a remarkable Gay Freedom Day Parade in which BAPHR proudly marched down Market Street, displaying our banner and a number of placards denouncing various policies and politicians. We were proud to have a large number of Conference delegates join us thereby making the BAPHR contingent the largest we have had to date.

BAPHR ORGANIZING SUPPORT GROUPS

Our organization is encouraging any physician or health care provider members of BAPHR who are interested in becoming part of an emotional support group to call the BAPHR office. The support group will be structured, will meet regularly and will have a knowledgeable facilitator. The group(s) to be formed will specifically focus on individual health care concerns (e.g. HIV sero-status and disease) and specific issues related to providing care to those with HIV disease (e.g. "burn-out" issues). All those interested are urged to call Brian at (415) 558-9353.

INTERNIST/FAMILY PRACTITIONER NEEDED to join busy downtown Gay practice. Experience treating HIV patients helpful. Call: Larry Waites, MD (415) 788-4535

OFFICE MOVE SET

BAPHR's move to new office space at 4111 - 18th Street has been set for Saturday, October 6th (assuming all renovations on the building have been completed by then). Telephone numbers are expected to be the same. If you have a pickup truck and can help, let us know.

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**IN MEMORIAM
MITCHELL KOCH, MD**

FALL RETREAT SCHEDULED

BAPHR's fall retreat will be held at the Wildwood Resort in Guerneville from Friday, September 7th through noon on Sunday, September 9th. The weekend event (which costs \$175 per person or \$325 per couple) will focus on Organization-building, member support, and socialization. For details, call (415) 558-9353. Deadline for registration is August 31st.

YOUR COPY: Letters to the Media

TO THE EDITOR:

With astonishing mindlessness, the US Senate and House have approved a restriction to the Americans With Disabilities Act (the Chapman Amendment) which would allow persons infected with the AIDS virus to be barred from jobs that require them to handle food. In doing so, our legislators have ignored the medical facts and the advice of HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan that no such danger exists. Their action could lead to loss of livelihood for tens of thousands of people. It could lead countless others to avoid HIV testing at great risk to their lives. Amendment proponents say it is the perceptions in the public mind that are at issue, not the realities of the means of transmission.

In this, we relive the struggles of Ryan White as he was forced out of school by the hysteria of "public perception" in spite of the medical facts. These same legislators eulogized at Ryan's passing recently, in what we now must see as a massive federal spending of crocodile tears.

Oh, Ryan, how quickly we forget! Whether through bigotry, timidity, or unpardonable carelessness, our elected leaders are forcing thousands to suffer in your place. (this letter was printed in the NY Times)

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 1990-91 GRANTING CYCLE

BAPHR Foundation will accept applications for grants for 1991 until September 20, 1990. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt or have a tax-exempt sponsor to qualify. The Foundation will consider grants for specific, clearly-identified projects affecting gay and/or lesbian health and wellness issues within the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Foundation does not fund operating budgets (staff salaries, overhead expenses etc.) endowments, or clinical research projects. For grant application forms, write BAPHR Foundation, PO Box 15005, San Francisco 94115 or call (415) 346-7070 or (415) 558-9353.

THE EDITOR (the MAIN EVENT)

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, a volunteer organization of over 200 physician members, would like to commend you for your important and courageous article on Dr. Tom Waddell (April, 1990). Dr. Waddell's life serves as inspiration to all, as physicians and as human beings, no matter what one's sexual orientation.

Your article is an important one, as education through such exemplary citizens as Dr. Waddell is a significant contribution in the battle against fear, ignorance and bigotry.

FLASH!! BAPHR FOUNDATION HAS HANDY PASSTHROUGH ACCOUNT. .

Your contribution to any nonprofit gay and lesbian health and welfare cause may be passed through this account with interesting advantages to BAPHR and the Foundation.

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- gives much wider exposure to the BAPHR name
- heightens goodwill (politically, socially and professionally)
- every contribution is guaranteed to be sent in your name for credit to you when transferred from this account.

Excellent psychotherapy office for rent in San Francisco. Beautiful Victorian building (totally rebuilt) with elevator. 1700 Pierce St (at Sutter) 1 block from Mt Zion/UC Hospital. Office is new, sound-proofed, carpeted and air-conditioned. Rent \$550. Contact Alvin Baum, LCSW. 563-0290

MALE SEX WORKERS HIGHLIGHTED AT JULY MEETING

Dr. Toby Marotta gave an informative, stimulating and scholarly presentation of his extensive research on male sex workers (often referred to as hustlers) at the BAPHR general meeting on July 26th at the Park Hill Recreation Room in San Francisco. The site of the meeting, a former convent chapel, was a somewhat unlikely but most pleasant setting for his talk. He described male prostitution during the 19th and 20th centuries, outlining the diversity that has occurred as a result of social change as well as HIV. Prior to World War II, most male prostitutes were soldiers and sailors who needed to supplement their pay, and their clients came from the upper classes who could easily afford their services.

After the free-love period of the 1960's and 70's, commercial sex became a larger industry that was more professional, institutional, ethical and businesslike. The sex workers, many of whom came from the middle class, were more upscale and advertised their services as masseurs, models/escorts in newspapers rather than relying on the streets for clients. They use telephones, and like doctors, often carry beepers. The buyers are younger, more middle class and frequently include women.

In 1976, Marotta conducted ethnographic studies during which time he lived in the Tenderloin and studied teenage prostitutes who frequented Central City Hospitality House. These men were gay-identified, hunky, and self-confident. He found that even though they had many clients they were predominantly free of disease because of the nature of their sexual activities.

Drug abuse, primarily with "speed" and "ice", has now become more prevalent and clients often seek drugs as well as sex. Cross-dressing male prostitutes now compete with female prostitutes. He noted that more than 50 studies of male prostitutes have been published but there have been no studies of their clients.

Dr. Marotta is author of *The Sons of Harvard: Gay Men From the Class of 1967* and *The Politics of Homosexuality*. He is senior research Associate of the Institute for Scientific Analysis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Executive Board	9/4	6:30	258 Edgewood SF
AIDS Grand Rounds	9/5		TBA
Retreat	9/7-9	7:00	Wildwood Resort
County Consortium	9/12	5:30	SF Med Society
Executive Board	10/2	6:30	470 Beacon SF
General Meeting (ACT-UP Speaker)	10/18	6:30	TBA
Annual Dinner	11/2	6:30	Mandarin Hotel
BAPHR Foundation Annual Dinner	12/2	6:30	TBA

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ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER COMING

The thirteenth annual BAPHR awards banquet will be held on Friday, November 2nd at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in San Francisco. The elegant and intimate Embassy Room, as well as the adjacent Library have been reserved for the dinner and a pre-dinner cocktail hour. If its reputation proves to be true, we can expect a culinary treat.

We hope each of you will join us in honoring and recognizing our current president's energetic and invaluable years of service to BAPHR; in listening to and honoring Donna Hitchens, recently elected Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California; meeting, speaking with, and honoring Alan Berube, author of *Coming Out Under Fire*; and finally, greeting and honoring James Holobaugh, former ROTC cadet and Gay Activist. This will be an evening of camaraderie and a chance to celebrate the achievements of these very special individuals.

I am excited about the banquet program and urge each of you to make the effort to attend this dinner and ensure its success. Please make certain you have a space at this event by returning the dinner reply card you received in the mail - or by calling Brian Dobrow at the BAPHR office (415) 558-9353.

Leonard A. Simpson, MD

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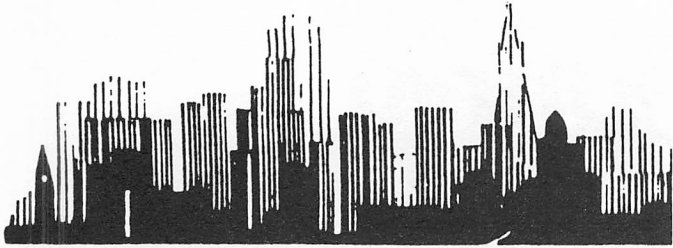
SEROPOSITIVE PROVIDER STATEMENT OKAYED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Social Concerns Committee and the Board of Directors have prepared a BAPHR position on the issue of seropositive health care providers for distribution to the media and others. The position statement basically affirms previous statements issued by BAPHR and compliments positions of other similar organizations. The statement is:

"It is the position of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, as it has been for some years, to encourage all who are at risk for any blood-borne infection, including HIV and Hepatitis B, to learn their sero-status. This advice applies to all persons including health care workers. We continue to recommend and advise that all HIV-infected individuals be under the care of a competent and knowledgeable physician.

Although the risk of HIV transmission in a medical setting is remote, standards of medical care and ethics demand that this issue be addressed. Recognizing that each situation is unique, the approach in each case must be individualized. In rare instances, modification of medical practice may be indicated. BAPHR is concerned about these issues and encourages their further study by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and medical specialty groups."

Since adoption of this statement, CDC has announced that it will release its guidelines on seropositive providers in mid-October. In early October, the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association (meeting in New York City) adopted a statement (copies available on request) similar to that prepared by the BAPHR Board.



PROGRESS NOTES
by Ric Andrews, M.D.

FUNDRAISING: A REALITY FOR BAPHR

This is my last column as President (I promise!) I've said goodbye, reviewed the year, encouraged you to participate so many times that I must sound like a broken record. Journalism was never my forte, so I will keep this short and sweet.

No one could ask for a more talented, supportive, committed group than my fellow officers and staff: Bob Scott, Ken Mills, Lenny Simpson, and Brian Dobrow. You four have made these last two years a family experience for me. Next year, with the addition of Robert Akeley to the group, I know the organization will be in good hands. I promise to be an active Past President. I also want to acknowledge all of you who have attended Board meetings and contributed your wisdom and expertise: Jim Campbell, Ken Everts, Bob Frascino, Jim Krajieski, Pete Middendorf, Sam Thal and Steven Belford.

The most memorable event of the year for me was seeing the thousands of red armbands that were worn throughout the International AIDS Conference here last June; it proved once again that a few people with a good idea can make a difference. The most important symbolic event of the year has been our office move to the Castro, which feel like "coming home" to me.

I leave this office with many, many fond memories, not a few frustrations and too many tears over the losses we continue to suffer. BAPHR and our community have remained intact and we will continue to move forward in the years ahead. Thank you all for entrusting your organization to me at various times over the years. I will never forget these experiences; I'm such a lucky guy.

Dialing for dollars is never more apparent than during the autumn of election years. Pleas for support from worthy candidates and year-end solicitations from benevolent organizations seem endless. And, once again BAPHR annual dues and referral panel fees are upon us. Except for occasional special events, BAPHR does not ask its members or the community for additional financial support. We realize that our members are amongst the most generous for all worthy causes. BAPHR has always depended on a tightly balanced budget to maintain its fiscal integrity.

Despite cost containment and resource management efforts, BAPHR now requires funds above those generated from the dues and the referral panel in order to continue the highest level of services.

One area of increased expense is our new office in the Castro. However, an excellent lease was negotiated and the rent increase is modest. This move was deemed appropriate for our visibility and image in the community. The new location also lends itself to easy access for the membership. Other expenses have been held tight. And we propose no increase in membership dues. We continue our outreach efforts to expand our membership base.

The bottom line (as they say in accounting circles) is that the time has come for BAPHR to enter into some formal fundraising in order to maintain a buffer for our operations. **WE ARE OPEN TO ALL IDEAS. LET US KNOW!** Many of us give annual to the BAPHR Foundation but the ByLaws of that organization prohibit any funds be directed to the operation of BAPHR itself.

We will probably be structuring an endowment fund where a percentage of the money may be used for operations and the remaining invested so that interest only may be used by the organization annually. You will hear more. But as the year ends and you receive all those requests for tax-deductible contributions, please remember your **BAY AREA PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS!**

Kenneth Mills, MD



FOUNDATION UPDATE

Casino Night '90 was the most successful in the event's history. Over 440 tickets were sold with gross receipts of about \$60,000. BAPHR Foundation will receive about \$20,000 from the event (after sharing the proceeds with the Contra Costa County AIDS Project). Many thanks again to Dr. Larry Silverman for producing this extraordinary event. The list of donors and sponsors will be published separately in an upcoming Foundation report.

Applications for grants from the Foundation have been received and are now being reviewed. The successful candidates also will be published as soon as the grants are awarded.

The Foundation brochure on Wills and Bequests (entitled, *Where It's All At*, is still available on request. Copies may be obtained by calling the BAPHR office (415) 558-9353 or by writing the BAPHR Foundation at PO Box 15005, San Francisco 94115. There is no charge for this important publication.

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AIDS CARE BILL JEOPARDIZED

Although the Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act was signed by President Bush several weeks ago, Congress did not appropriate monies to fund its various provisions. As of this date, no appropriations have been made for this essential piece of legislation which is intended to provide funds for an array of direct service HIV programs. Spearheaded by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, a major effort has been initiated to contact key members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to urge their support of this Act. BAPHR has contacted Senators Arlen Specter, Robert Byrd, Mark Hatfield and Tom Harkin to urge their support in an effort to head-off disaster.

THE LIFE CENTER MOVES AHEAD

For the past six months, the NAMES Project Foundation and Trinity United Methodist Church have been studying a proposal to construct and operate an HIV Life Center at the intersection of Market and Noe Streets in San Francisco. In addition to completion of a Feasibility Study and conduct of a Design Competition (which was won by Yo-Ichiro Hakamori), The Life Center Board of Directors authorized conduct of a survey which has resulted in identification of six broad areas of AIDS/HIV support service to be included in the Life Center when its doors open in early 1993. The six areas are:

- General Information and Referral Services
- Volunteer Recruitment and Training
- Treatment Information and Access
- Multi-Cultural Support Services
- Emotional Support/Grief Counseling and Crisis Intervention
- Benefits Counseling

The Life Center intends to contract with existing agencies to provide the above services in the Life Center building. The Life Center itself will not enter into direct service provision, but will encourage existing organizations to cooperate in this valuable step towards consolidation and centralization of HIV support services.

(NOTE: BAPHR has indicated that it is interested in moving its Medical/Dental Referral Program into the Life Center at some future date.)

OCTOBER IS AIDS AWARENESS MONTH!

This month is set aside to raise the consciousness of the general community and others about this long-lasting emergency. It's also a time to acknowledge those who have been doing so much as healthcare providers, caregivers and volunteers to help the HIV-infected, their families and loved ones.

BAPHR is proud to add its voice to those offering thanks and appreciation to those who have done and are continuing to do so much in dealing with the problems created by the AIDS crisis.

RISKS OF ORAL SEX REPORTED

As reported at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association held recently in New York, researchers from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health have revealed the results of a recent study of HIV positive men. The study indicates that 15 percent of the 82 men who tested positive for the AIDS virus claim to have no other risk outside of oral sex. "The study follows last year's report by the San Francisco Department of Health that they had documented the first two cases of HIV transmission through oral sex."

Professor Warren Winklestein reported, "Although unprotected receptive anal intercourse still remains the highest risk of infection, the new study confirms that unprotected oral sex is risky."

As many BAPHR members will recall, BAPHR's 1989 edition of *MEDICAL EVALUATION OF PERSONS AT RISK OF HIV INFECTION*, indicates that "recent studies ... do not preclude that a small number of infections may have been transmitted through oral sex. Recent case reports suggest that HIV transmission may have occurred through both receptive and insertive fellatio." As a result, no changes are anticipated in BAPHR's official pronouncements on this matter.

Copies of *Medical Evaluation of Persons at Risk of HIV Infection* are available through the BAPHR office)

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GRACE CATHEDRAL's annual *Day of Remembrance* will take place on Saturday, November 3rd. This is a celebration of life and a day of prayer and healing. For more information, contact Andrew Small at (415) 885-2370 from 10 am to 4 pm.

SAFE PET GUIDELINE AND TOXO BROCHURE IN PRODUCTION

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) needs your support on a project to rewrite the *SAFE PET GUIDELINES* brochure and prepare a new brochure on *TOXOPLASMOSIS*. If you are interested in reviewing these brochures and helping PAWS help educate immunosuppressed pet owners about zoonoses, AIDS and the human animal bond, please contact PAWS brochure designer: Mimi Heft Design and Illustration (Attn: PAWS brochures) 300 Brannan Street, Suite 509, San Francisco 94107. Telephone: (415) 495-3308 (FAX is 415 543-0682). They will send you the preliminary brochures and a questionnaire for you to return. Of course, donations are welcome too.

ZOONOSES UPDATES (from J.A.M.A.)

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) has recently published a book containing a series of short articles on zoonoses for veterinarians and physicians. The information is practical and easy to read.

Thirty common zoonoses are covered including toxoplasmosis, cat scratch disease, cat and dog bites and heartworm disease. Each article begins with a short case history, followed by a series of questions and answers that help summarize common questions asked by clients, patients and others needing information on zoonotic disease. This series is a collection of articles that have appeared in the AVMA Journal since 1986.

All veterinarians, physicians, and health and pet care workers should have this book in their personal library - especially if they work with people who are immunosuppressed.

To receive your copy of *ZOONOSES UPDATES* send \$4.00 per copy to AVMA, 930 No. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60196 or call (800) 248-2862 (please say PAWS referred you!).

Ken Gorczyca, DVM

BAPHR FOUNDATION DONOR RECOGNITION EVENT

BAPHR Foundation has announced that its annual Donor Recognition event will be held on Saturday, December 2 at Kassman Pianos on Franklin Street in San Francisco. Invitations for the event will be mailed by the end of October.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
BAPHR Open House	10/25	5-7pm	BAPHR Office, SF
Annual Dinner	11/2	6:30pm	Mandarin Hotel, SF
Executive Board	11/6	6:30pm	BAPHR Office, SF
County Consortium	11/14	5:30pm	SF Medical Society
Foundation Donor Recognition Dinner	12/2	6:30pm	Kassman's 131 Franklin, SF
Executive Board	12/4	6:30pm	TBA

APHA ADOPTS HIV POSITIONS

At its recent Annual Meeting in New York, the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association adopted three significant position statements dealing with HIV disease. Two of these position statements were authored by Brian Dobrow (BAPHR's Executive Coordinator). They dealt with *THE COST OF HIV DRUGS* and *HIV AND US IMMIGRATION POLICIES*. Although there was some limited discussion about the appropriateness of naming specific drug companies and the semantics of the words "drugs" and "pharmaceuticals" in the statement on drug costs, both statements were adopted by the 200-member Council unanimously. The third policy statement, authored by Dr. Caswell Evans of Los Angeles, focused on *GUIDELINES FOR SEROPOSITIVE HEALTH CARE WORKERS*. As reported elsewhere in this issue of the *BAPHRON*, this statement is similar to BAPHR's position and was adopted by the Council after limited debate. Copies of all three statements are available on request.

*** IN MEMORIAM ***

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SUPPORT GROUP BEING FORMED

Physicians have traditionally put their emotions aside so they may objectively carry out their mission. Being the ultimate caregivers, they often dismiss their needs in order to care for others. The physician who is infected with HIV must break with that tradition and make his/her own needs and concerns a top priority.

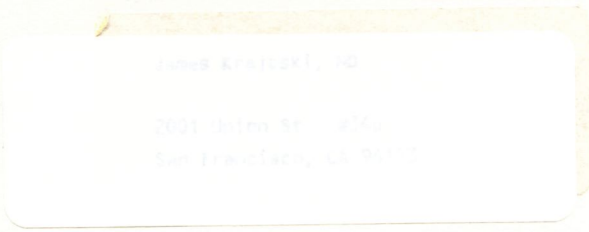
A safe place to learn to stop the vicious cycle and to acknowledge personal needs, pain, grief, and hope is available in San Francisco. A group, specifically tailored to the health professional facing HIV, is now being formed. The group will meet every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood. The group is ongoing and requires an initial two-month commitment. A pre-group consultation is also required. There will be a weekly charge of \$35.

The group will be facilitated by Bud Hinkle, MFCC, an experienced therapist in private practice. He specializes in fear of success and HIV issues and works with individuals, couples and groups. Over the past four years, he has facilitated several support groups.

To reserve a spot or to get more information, contact Bud Hinkle at (415) 255-7346.



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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Leonard A. Simpson, MD

It is not without a sense of responsibility, trepidation, and pride that I assume the role of BAPHR's presidency for this coming year. I want to thank the voting members for demonstrating their confidence in me, and would like you to know that I will attempt to hold up my side of the bargain. Working with Robert Scott as Vice President, Robert Akeley as Secretary, and Kenneth Mills as Treasurer (as well as leaning on the advice, support and energy of Ric Andrews) will, I anticipate, serve as an effective and enjoyable team.

Our organization is lucky that we have the continued experience, organizational ability and diligence of Brian Dobrow to lean upon.

The recent Annual Awards Dinner, held at the Mandarin Hotel on the night of November 2nd was both a truly elegant affair and an inspirational night for me. It was particularly nice to have my lover Peter Bradley, my eight-year old son and his mothers present - along with many of my friends and colleagues in attendance. I hope the night served not only as an evening of camaraderie and friendship, but also as an inspirational time with renewed dedication to the aims and goals for which BAPHR stands.

In this coming year, I see a number of issues with which BAPHR must become more involved:

1. We need to re-define our Mission Statement (BAPHR's purpose and goals) and attempt to make our presence more widely known, especially among the younger professionals moving up in the ranks, and to be sure that our energies are appropriately directed. For a number of years, BAPHR has not effectively reached the numbers of newer physicians and health professionals who are just commencing their

careers in the Bay Area. I hope that we can get the message out to many of the healthcare workers around the Bay Area regarding our existence, goals, and the need to involve all sensitive professionals in our work.

2. Increase our membership. I hope each and every one of you will rapidly renew your membership, and hopefully pass on a membership brochure to a colleague or friend you think might be a valuable new BAPHR member. I see the need to reach out to health professionals (other than physicians). A renewed drive is needed to increase the number of dentists, podiatrists, psychologists, and other health professionals active in our organization.

3. We need to increase not only the number of members but the participation of those members in the formal activities of our organization. Participation in BAPHR committees, attendance at Executive Board meetings, offering new ideas and helping us achieve our various goals are very much needed. Personally, I would like to increase the number of members serving on the Executive Board - realizing the incredible cumulative wealth of knowledge and experience held by our collective members.

4. We need to increase our revenues. Fortunately, Kenneth Mills has agreed to serve as Treasurer this year. Many of his ideas, as well as input from the rest of the members, I hope will serve to increase our revenue base. For a number of years, BAPHR has spent more each year than has been raised in revenue. It is now imperative that we increase our revenues.

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5. We need to continue to address the medical and scientific issues facing the gay and lesbian community. Of course, unfortunately, the primary issues revolve around AIDS. Issues regarding the HIV-positive healthcare worker, access to healthcare, development of new and cost-effective therapy modalities for AIDS, women's health issues, and issues of burnout all require increased attention and development.

6. We need to explore ways in which BAPHR can better serve its membership as an organization offering camaraderie and friendship. How can we attract more members to our annual/semi-annual retreats.

There are many issues and problems that BAPHR can address in the coming year. I have raised only a few of them, knowing that there are many that I have not even recognized. BAPHR can, and will, remain a strong, viable organization with much to do. Our success will depend on not only the efforts, energy and time spent by our officers and Executive Board members, but also the energy, input and commitment shown by each of you. I hope you all feel free to let me know your concerns, the issues that you would like to see our organization address, and that I will see many of you at our next few meetings.

IT'S DECEMBER! REMEMBER BAPHR!!

In addition to all the holiday festivities, December is also a month to make many decisions about year-end donations to charities, foundations, and other worthy causes. The **BAPHR FUND** has been created to serve as an operating buffer and an endowment for the organization itself. This money is needed to assure the continuing full service of BAPHR. You will be receiving a mailing soon. All donations are voluntary, fully deductible **AND APPRECIATED**. Make your contribution now.

Kenneth Mills, MD - Treasurer

DUES DUE

By now, all current members of BAPHR have received their dues renewal notice for 1991. We urge you to return the Membership Renewal Card and your check as soon as possible. Don't allow a lapse in membership to deprive you of participation in BAPHR's many planned events for 1991.

FOUNDATION ELECTION RESULTS

New officers and Board members of the BAPHR Foundation were elected for 1991 at the last meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors. William Shekter, MD and Kent Sack, MD were elected Co-Chairs. Re-elected as Recording Secretary - Keith Fenton, as Corresponding Secretary - Sam Thal, MD, and as Treasurer - Chris Kollaja. Continuing as board members are Richard Poley, MD, Charles Graham, MD, Ken Everts, MD, RoseMary Mitchell, Ted Winn, MD, and William Kapla, MD. New members of the Board are David Lumadue, Robert Walker, JD, and Susan Hogeland. The new members will bring their special talents to the vibrant and productive board.

**** IN MEMORIAM ****

JOHN EGGLESTON, MD

PETER MIDDENDORF

A TRIBUTE TO PETER MIDDENDORF

Peter Middendorf came to BAPHR as a volunteer to help organize and manage the BAPHR office. He served as an unpaid Executive Coordinator for several years. During his tenure, he helped develop the Referral Panel and was invaluable in arranging BAPHR's successful symposia on AIDS and gay health care. In 1981, he developed the idea of the BAPHR Foundation and served as co-chairman of the Board of Directors until his death. In addition, he also was a founding board member of Gay Games and was president of the Front-Runners. He gave new meaning to the word "volunteer". Peter is survived by his sister, Carter Middendorf, his companion, David Lumadue, and Mrs. Lobelia Breland and many friends. We will miss his friendship, dedication, tireless efforts, and wise counsel. Contributions to the BAPHR Foundation may be sent to PO Box 15005, San Francisco 94115.

FOUNDATION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

A total of \$31,000 has been awarded to 18 organizations by the BAPHR Foundation to promote and improve the health and well-being of the Bay Area's lesbian and gay community. Awardees for the 1990-91 grant year are:

AIDS PROJECT OF THE EAST BAY - for the purchase of journals and books in a resource information center.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - for counseling and retraining physicians who are HIV positive.

BAY AREA PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - for a facilitator and materials for a burnout retreat for lesbian and gay physicians.

CHRONIC FATIGUE IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION FOUNDATION (CFIDS) - for staff education and training to assist the lesbian community.

CONTINUUM HIV DAY SERVICES - for an emergency preparedness program serving AIDS day care patients.

EXODUS TRUST/DEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES - for pilot training for health care professionals serving latino gays and lesbians and for video production of a Spanish language program promoting condom use.

KAIROS HOUSE - for a one-day conference to bring together professional and volunteer AIDS caregivers.

LYON-MARTIN WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES - for renovations in a new clinic.

MEN OVERCOMING VIOLENCE (MOVE) - for community outreach to prevent gay domestic violence.

PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH - for a new phone system to support the lesbian/gay switchboard in the East Bay.

SAN FRANCISCO SUICIDE PREVENTION - for promotion of their Nightline and volunteer recruitment.

SAN FRANCISCO WOMEN'S CENTER - for facilitator training in the East Bay lesbian cancer support groups.

WEST COAST CRONES/OPTIONS - for production of a mental health video for older lesbians.

OPERATION CONCERN/GLOE - for a computer to expand the Friendly Visitor Program to match clients to volunteers.

WOMEN, INC. - for materials to assist in marketing a program to curb lesbian domestic violence.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE - for information resources to help troubled gay and lesbian youth on the Peninsula.

INSTITUTE FOR HIV RESEARCH AND TREATMENT (DAVIES MEDICAL CENTER) - for computer support in clinical drug trials to assist AIDS patients.

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MORE ON THE SAFETY OF ORAL SEX (Courtesy of SCPHR)

How safe is unprotected oral sex? Though the CDC still continues to classify it as "high-risk" behavior, many community-based organizations have "declassified" the practice of oro-genital sex without condom protection as low-risk.

An article in the Journal of the American Dental Association (vol. 188, June 1989) concludes that "saliva from healthy men, women and children contained a factor that inhibits HIV-1 infections of lymphocytes."

"This finding is consistent with the documented low risk of oral transmission of this virus and the infrequent isolation of HIV-1 from human oral fluids." They further concluded, "The inhibitory activity displays an important characteristic of a pharmacological agent." Something in saliva is preventing the HIV virus from entering lymphocytes. Work is now ongoing to find this agent. Researchers are now questioning the CDC's prohibition against HIV-positive mothers breast-feeding their infants.

The consensus is that oral sex without a condom is low risk. According to Kevin Armington, coordinator of medical information for Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) in New York City, GMHC educational materials recommend either using a condom during oral sex or, if no condom is used, refraining from ejaculating in a partner's mouth. There are isolated reports of HIV transmission via oral sex. AIDS groups urge that "low-risk" does not mean "no-risk." Marcus Conant emphasizes that the individual must decide how much risk he is willing to take. People take risks every day in the activities of daily living. Living is a gamble. If you decide to play the odds with becoming infected, you should remember that however long the odds may be, unprotected oral sex does sometimes transmit HIV. One is advised that risk is relative. No oral sex carries no risk. The HIV status of the partner is critical but one does not always know with certainty, especially with anonymous partners where there is a very high incidence of lying. One should not allow ejaculation in the mouth. No one has yet addressed the question of pre-ejaculate fluid as an infective agent.

(Editorial Note: At the October, 1990 Community Consortium AIDS Grand Rounds, preliminary results of redent epidemiology studies were presented suggesting possible HIV transmission via oral sex. The issue of safety and unprotected oral sex obviously requires further study. At this time, BAPHR again urges caution, noting that risk exists.

BAPHR BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Copies of BAPHR's 1989 edition of "Medical Evaluation of Persons at Risk of HIV Infection" (edited by James M. Campbell, MD) are still available from the BAPHR office. BAPHR members may obtain up to five (5) copies at no charge. Other interested individuals and organizations may purchase copies for \$6.00 each. (quantity prices are available on request. Direct inquiries to: BAPHR - 4111-18th Street, Suite 6, San Francisco, CA 94114 (or call 415-558-9353).

RYAN WHITE CARE BILL FUNDED

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990 will begin its first year of operation with a total of \$350.5 million. Of this amount, approximately \$144 million is new federal funding since the bill incorporated and reauthorized a number of demonstration projects that received funding last year but may have expired this year without Congressional approval of the CARE Act.

While the new \$144 million will be helpful in the nation's response to the AIDS epidemic, it is far short of what advocates had hoped to secure. The CARE Act as authorized by Congress permitted up to \$880 million annually in care-related assistance to cities and states throughout the nation.

The most acute impact of the low funding figure is likely to be felt by the sixteen hardest hit cities that had hoped for substantial amounts of "disaster relief" from the federal government this year. In addition, states that have been very successful in the past in securing demonstration grants will not necessarily find any substantial increases in federal assistance in FY 1991. While no state is likely to receive less than the overall amount of funds they received last year for AIDS-related care, increasing caseloads and level funding could result in a reduction of service.

The final results of appropriations for the CARE bill may not be wholly satisfactory to many but the fact remains that without substantial efforts and intense lobbying, no funding would have been forthcoming.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Community Consortium	12/5	5:30pm	VA Hospital, SF
BAPHR Executive Board	1/8	6:30pm	BAPHR Office, SF
Community Consortium	1/16	5:30pm	SF Medical Society
BAPHR GENERAL MEETING	1/24	7:00pm	Davies Medical Center
BAPHR	2/5	6:30pm	BAPHR Office, SF

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The first BAPHR General Meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday, January 24th at Davies Medical Center in San Francisco. We plan to devote this meeting to a discussion of the HIV positive healthcare worker and explore the controversial topic of the possible risk of transmission of HIV in clinical practice. As many of you are aware, the CDC is currently attempting to revise its previous guidelines (issued in 1987 & 1988). Several unofficial communications suggest that a preliminary draft of these guidelines (to be released in early 1991) will call for draconian restrictions on the professional activities of HIV positive healthcare providers. BAPHR must be ready to respond to any recommendations, regulations or guidelines and offer its expertise. We must make sure that they are based on sound scientific and medical principles, and be ready to vigorously oppose any regulations or restrictions based on fear, ignorance or assumption. BAPHR anticipates that several experts, including members of the Community Consortium, will be present. We urge all interested healthcare providers - particularly dentists - to be present.

GOVERNOR-ELECT RECEIVES AIDS FINANCING RECOMMENDATIONS

Representatives of a number of AIDS-related organizations met in Sacramento in early November under the auspices of the Life AIDS Lobby, the California Association of AIDS

Agencies and APLA to prepare a series of recommendations on the financing of California's AIDS efforts for Governor-Elect Wilson's Transition Team. The product of this effort, a 12-page document, was presented to the Governor-Elect and key members of his transition team on November 16th. It was noted at the time that "development and delivery of this paper is the first in a series of actions to increase state resources for care and treatment and prevention education."

The preamble to this important document states, "During the next four years the policies of Governor-Elect Wilson's Administration and the Legislature will significantly determine how many Californians will become ill, and how many persons with HIV disease will die unnecessarily.

California state government has two distinct choices in responding to the HIV epidemic. It can create a policy that is both humane and cost efficient by implementing the recommendations contained in this document; or it can promote an inhumane and needlessly expensive policy of abandoning persons with HIV disease until they are acutely ill and require hospital care."

The first recommendation in the paper calls for the state to provide the funding that was authorized for California under the CARE Act of 1990, but that was not appropriated. This amount will range from \$80 million to \$120 million, depending on final federal determinations. This funding is critical if we are to reverse current state financing trends. State funding for non-MediCal care and treatment has declined by 35% over the past three years for each person living with AIDS.

Another major recommendation is the development of partnerships between various levels of government, AIDS service organizations, and representatives of the diverse communities impacted by the epidemic. The document calls for these partnerships to establish program and spending priorities, especially in the area of prevention education.

The briefing paper is intended as a living document, to be amended and used throughout the legislative year. Issues that did not deal directly with financing were deliberately excluded. Those will be addressed in future briefing papers, through legislation, and with the Assembly AIDS Budget Task Force.

BAPHR will attempt to remain in close contact with the LIFE Lobby and CAAA to keep up with developments. We will report back to you as we learn anything new on this matter.



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