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BAPHR RESPONDS TO SENATE ACTION ON HIV+ EXCLUSION

BAPHR has joined hundreds of other public health, medical, and community-based organizations in protesting the outrageous action taken by the US Senate in February. This effort to codify an existing discriminatory immigration policy was met by a virtually unanimous negative response from the health community as a whole.

As a result, BAPHR has written a host of legislators and the President as well as joined a coalition of Bay Area AIDS agencies and Immigrant and Refugee Rights organizations to urge President Clinton to take immediate action on ending the mandatory HIV testing and immigration exclusion of immigrants, refugees and travelers living with HIV. During his election campaign, President Clinton pledged to end the immigration exclusion and mandatory HIV testing carried out by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The letter to President Clinton (written prior to the Senate action) urged him to end the current exclusion and to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt as a final regulation the rule proposed in January 1991 that would establish the list of communicable diseases of public health significance. It notes, "it has been two years since this regulation was proposed by Secretary Louis Sullivan, implementing the

Congressional intent in enacting the Immigration Act of 1990 to revise the immigration exclusion list. There is no sound public health rationale to continue to delay the adoption of the January 1991 proposed regulation removing HIV and other diseases from the current exclusion list and ending the mandatory HIV testing of immigrants and refugees."

Letters to President Clinton (and to members of the House of Representatives - which soon will address the bill containing the Senate's HIV+ exclusion action) on this issue from concerned individuals are encouraged.

NEW DEFINITION OF AIDS IN EFFECT

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) officially adopted a new, more inclusive definition of AIDS which was implemented on January 1. In addition to changing the definition to include a T-cell count of 200 and under, the new definition adds pulmonary tuberculosis and bacterial pneumonia to the list of other conditions.

ROTATING CHAIR POLICY ESTABLISHED

Since no Board Chair was elected for the current year, the Board of Directors has initiated a rotating chair, for two-month cycles, until the Annual Dinner and election of officers in October.

The interim chairs are:

Ric Andrews - February and March
Robert Akeley - April and May
Robert Scott - June and July
Kenneth Mills - August and Sept

BAPHR MEMBERS ATTEND COOKING CLASS

On Sunday evening, January 10th, BAPHR members and their guests met at Brad Forest's new restaurant, "The Heartland Cafe" for an evening of instruction and gourmet dining. We were treated to a fine white wine as chef/owner Brad Forest demonstrated the creation of a four course gourmet dinner. A spicy carrot soup, tossed greens, halibut baked in parchment, crisp vegetables and a wonderful dessert comprised the meal. When all was ready, with all questions answered and ample notes taken, each of us was treated to the wonderful taste as we sat and sampled the food.

If there is continued interest and demand, BAPHR may repeat this event. Please let us know.



A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

By Ric Andrews

Hello again. I'm doing a two-month stint as Chair until the April Board meeting. The Board decided on this format to give some relief to Lenny Simpson, who has been our tireless leader for more than two years. Thanks Len for the superb job.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Steve Morin will be our speaker at the March 15th Dinner Meeting at Sinbad's Restaurant. Steve has been a friend for 15 years. We met as consultants working for Social Security, where a host of other BAPHR leaders (including Lenny, Bob Scott, Ken Mills, Jim Krajewski, and David Kessler) also have put in some time over the years. As the legislative aide to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, he has become one of the most recognized and respected experts on AIDS and gay issues on Capitol Hill. When he met with us several years ago, he shared some fascinating insights about the legislative process. And now, we finally have a "friend" in the White House, a man who used the word "gay" in his acceptance speech and "AIDS" in his inaugural address. Many of you know I have been an ardent Clinton supporter for a long time so I am particularly looking forward to hearing Steve's comments.

BAPHR is underwriting some of the costs of the evening to encourage your attendance - feel free to bring a guest or significant other. However, seating is limited so don't delay in sending in your reservation.

While we are on the subject of politics, let me give my strongest encouragement to all of you who are considering going to Washington for the National March on April 25. Those of us who went to the first one

in 1988, remember how overwhelmingly positive it was.

Imagine going to our nation's capitol and being *a part of the majority* for a change! And this year, we are expecting 500,000 to 1 million people! Imagine the President of our United States addressing us. I think it is no coincidence that this march is occurring 30 years after Rev. Martin Luther King's historic Civil Rights March. I hope all of us will remember that non-violence, which of course includes civil disobedience, **must** again be our standard. This gathering has the potential to become another one of those extraordinary events that changes history. Imagine yourself a part of this and plan now to be there in April.

Thanks for your membership renewals, your support, and your constructive criticisms. We especially welcome our new members and those who have joined us from AAPHR. We look forward to a productive year and an historic Annual Meeting in October when we will have our first woman chair, the remarkable Lisa Capalini. Stay tuned!!

LIFE AIDS LOBBY ANNOUNCES 1993 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The LIFE AIDS Lobby has planned an ambitious agenda for 1993. Foremost on that agenda is **protection of AIDS funding** in the state budget. Last year, after much struggle, the AIDS budget was protected from cuts despite a state deficit in the billions. This year's budget battle looks equally difficult. In addition to proposing no increased HIV/AIDS spending, Governor Wilson is recommending reductions in MediCal services and \$2.4 billion in cuts from the Health and Welfare Agency.

Protecting the confidentiality of a person with HIV is a cornerstone of California's AIDS policies. The expanded CDC definition of AIDS bases an AIDS diagnosis on a T-cell

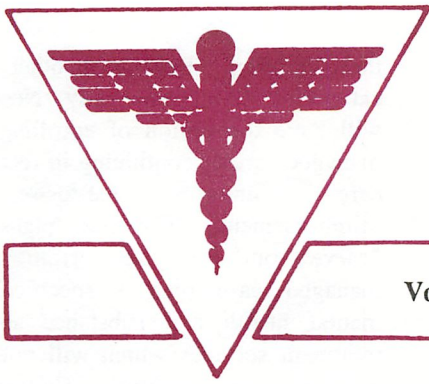
count of 200 or less. California law only protects the confidentiality of HIV antibody test results. The State is pursuing emergency regulations to require laboratories to report CD4 counts of 200 or less with the patient's name directly to the local health department. LIFE is committed to clarifying existing statutes and protecting against breaches of confidentiality in lab-based reporting.

AIDS and Health Insurance Reform remains a top priority. LIFE will sponsor comprehensive legislation implementing many of the recommendations contained in the State Insurance Commissioner's Task Force Report on HIV and Insurance (including regulation of health insurance products and practices).

This year, LIFE intends to sponsor legislation which addresses ancillary costs related to "experimental" or "investigational" medications or treatments. In particular, LIFE will sponsor legislation mandating coverage for persons taking Treatment Investigational New Drugs or National Cancer Institute Group C drugs.

After seven years of struggle, California now requires AIDS education in the grades 7-12 public school curriculum. LIFE wants to ensure that those teaching AIDS first receive a consistent, accurate and thorough AIDS education themselves. Prevention education is the best tool we have to stem the epidemic and it is critical that today's youth be taught by informed and trained teachers.

BAPHR continues to be an active participant in the activities of the LIFE AIDS Lobby through its membership on the Board of Directors. For more information about the LIFE AIDS Lobby and its activities, contact LIFE in Sacramento at 926 J Street, Sacramento 95814.



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET

San Francisco's Sex Clubs are "hot" - at least as far as the media are concerned. A number of news stories on television and in the press have appeared recently on this topic and the activities of the Coalition for Healthy Sex.

In order to inform the BAPHR membership about the activities of the Coalition and to explore what is really going on in the sex clubs, BAPHR has scheduled a General Membership meeting for Thursday, July 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Medical Society (located at 1409 Sutter Street - near Franklin).

Mitch Katz, MD (Director of the AIDS Office) will join Dan Wohlfeiler (Stop AIDS), Tracey Packer (of the AIDS Office) and a sex club operator in a discussion of the Coalition for Healthy Sex, the AIDS Office, and the current status of the sex clubs.

Please join us for what promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

BAPHR T-SHIRTS

BAPHR T-shirts are available to members and friends for \$10 each. Sizes large and extra large only. Call the office for yours now. (415) 558-9353 The supply is limited.

AAPHR SYMPOSIUM IN PORTLAND

The eleventh Annual AAPHR Symposium will be held at the Benson Hotel in Portland Oregon from August 19th through the 21st.

During its two days of meetings, AAPHR members and others will examine such lesbian and gay health issues as:

- o Chemical dependency and gay physicians
- o Physician-assisted suicide
- o Lesbian & gay families
- o First-hand experiences of lesbian and gay physicians in the military
- o Biological determinants of sexual orientation
- o Current lesbian health concerns
- o Lesbian and gay sexuality
- o Financial planning for terminal illness
- o The psychology and politics of homophobia
- o Medical concerns of lesbian and gay adolescents
- o The contributions of lesbian physicians in the 19th and early 20th centuries.
- o Physician organizing around anti-gay voter initiatives

Awards will be presented to: Gus Van Sant; Joseph Fernandez, PhD.; Sari Staver; Audrey Covner, JD; Jeff Levi; and Patsy Fleming.

To register or get more information, contact AAPHR at (415) 255-4547.

ALRP ISSUES REPORT ON HIV DISCRIMINATION

For ten years, the AIDS Legal Referral Panel has provided access to free and low-cost legal services for thousands of people with HIV and AIDS. Building on this experience, its Public Policy Project has addressed the issue of discriminatory capping of HIV/AIDS health care benefits. The result of that effort is a new publication entitled, "**Capping Justice: Discriminatory Limits on HIV/AIDS Health Care Benefits.**"

This report is designed to increase awareness and understanding of the legal and public policy dimensions of capping and provide concrete factual and analytical support for those legal, legislative and advocacy efforts needed to end this discriminatory practice.

One copy of the report is available on a loan basis from the BAPHR office. For those who wish a personal copy, contact Paul De Donato at the AIDS Legal Referral Panel at (415) 291-5454.

BAPHR MEMBER HONORED

Treatment activist from ACT-UP Golden Gate and BAPHR member, Andy Zysman was honored following the candlelight vigil in May by Mobilization Against AIDS. Andy was named an AIDS Hero of the Year by MAA for his many activities on behalf of those with AIDS. BAPHR joins Andy's colleagues and friends in extending congratulations and appreciation for his dedication and hard work.



From the Chair
Robert C. Scott, MD

BAPHR has been fighting this epidemic from the beginning. It has been a scourge upon our community, cutting short life's potential. It has debilitated, maimed, and killed. We continue to do our best to intervene as a group and as individuals, knowing that our best hope lies in prevention through education. With Reagan and Bush there was not only neglect, but an attitude that fanned the flames of the epidemic. In spite of our hopes for Bill Clinton, it is ironic that now our government is about to propagate the pathogen. Yes, Homophobia is an epidemic social disease, and its clinical expression is soon to become public policy.

As I write, Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy of allowing gay men and lesbians into the military is being announced. It endorses anti-gay attitudes and officially sanctions this pernicious social disease. It is homophobia, not homosexuality, that is the real threat to "good order and unit cohesiveness" in military life, and it is the homophobia within the military and among the Joint Chiefs that perversely finds good policy in living a lie, punishing truth, and capitulating to ignorance. Meanwhile in Congress, Senators Nunn, Coates, and others are threatening to codify their hatefulness with disease-promoting legislation.

As physicians and health care experts, we know the health hazards of the Closet. We are concerned . . . no, outraged, that our government is promoting pathology over health. In BAPHR, we have collective and individual weight to bring to bear upon the issue. We must speak out!

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(202) 224-3121

MANAGED CARE UPDATE

The San Francisco Department of Public Health is currently organizing its plan for the implementation of managed care in San Francisco - in compliance with mandates in the State of California's Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. The State's plan for the expansion of its Medi-Cal plan was released in April of this year. Since then, governmental units and non-governmental HMOs have been struggling to prepare plans which will meet State requirements. In San Francisco, the State intends to have two managed care contractors (by March of 1995). One will be a "mainstream" HMO (non-governmentally operated and Knox-Keene licensed) and the second will be established through "local initiative." The mainstream contractor will be selected by the State through a bidding process. The local initiative will be developed by the Board of Supervisors.

Plans call for the implementation of managed care for three aid categories of Medi-Cal recipients: Aid to Families with Dependent Children; Medically Indigent Children; and Medically Needy Families with no share of the cost. In other words, the current plan will only capitate care for families, primarily women and

their children. Patients in other aid categories (e.g. Medically Needy) will have the option of enrolling in managed care or continuing to receive care under fee-for-service reimbursement. The State plans to "carve out" services from the managed care plan - specifically, mental health and substance abuse treatment services which will not be covered. In addition, California Children's Services (CCS), which would include most children with HIV, will remain on a separate fee-for-service scale. The State also has noted that HIV/AIDS patients are not to be capitated under the current plan.

ASPА CLOSES ITS DOORS

The AIDS Service Providers Association, founded in 1988 as a membership organization of more than 130 agencies and individuals, closed its doors on June 30th.

Three of the ASPA programs will continue to operate but under different agency auspices. The Bay Area HIV Advocacy Network (BAHAN), ASPA's collaborative public policy project with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, will continue under SFAF's policy department. The SFAF also has agreed to offer support to the Coalition on HIV and Prisons. The AIDS Volunteer Clearinghouse of Alameda County will continue to operate with the Alameda Volunteer Center as its fiscal agent.

BAPHR FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for the 1993 granting cycle will be available on July 1 and must be received by September 3, 1993. The Foundation will consider grant requests from non-profit organizations for specific, clearly identified projects that benefit gay and/or lesbian health within the nine Bay Area counties. For further information, write BAPHR Foundation, P.O. Box 15005, San Francisco 94115 or call (415) 558-9353.

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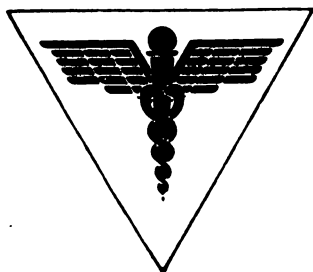
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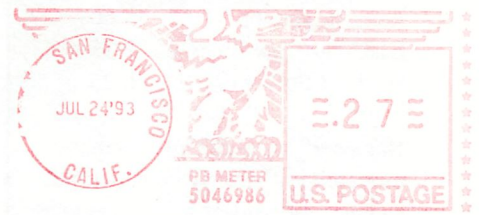
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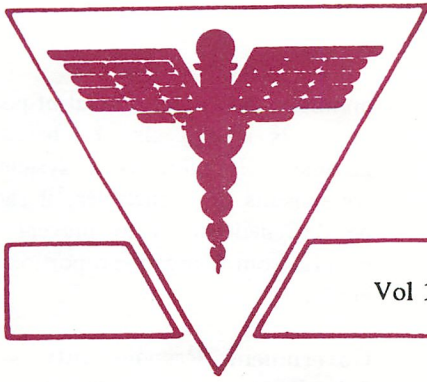
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BAPHR General Membership Meeting San Francisco's Sex Clubs: an Information Exchange	7/29 at 7:00 pm	San Francisco Medical Society 1409 Sutter Street San Francisco
BAPHR Board of Directors Meeting	8/3 at 7:00 pm	Home of Dr. Charles Meltzer (call BAPHR for address)
Community Consortium AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds (topic to be announced)	8/4 at 5:30 pm	Marin General Hospital
AAPHR 11th Annual Symposium	8/19-21 (call 415/255-4547 for details/registration)	Benson Hotel Portland OR
BAPHR Annual Dinner	10/8 at 6:30 pm	The San Francisco City Club
6th National AIDS Update Conference "Learning from the Past, Focusing on the Future"	10/19-23	Civic Auditorium San Francisco



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16TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The San Francisco City Club again will be the site of BAPHR's Annual Awards Dinner. The October 8th event, which starts with an elegant reception at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., will include the presentation of awards to C. Brian Christianson (Davies Medical Center HIV Institute); Gisela Schecter, M.D. (Director of the San Francisco Department of Health Tuberculosis Clinic); William Schecter, M.D. (Acting Chief of Surgery at San Francisco General Hospital) and, posthumously, Ian Barlow, M.D. (a long time, active member of BAPHR).

BAPHR's new Chair, Lisa Capaldini, M.D., will assume office and is expected to announce the names of her executive committee.

If 1992 was any indication of what to expect at this year's event, all those who attend are in for a treat. Some seats are still available (but numbers are limited) for the \$100 per person gala. If you have not made your reservation, and do wish to attend, please call the office ASAP. We will be pleased to add you to the guest list. Call (415) 558-9353. See you there!

6TH NATIONAL AIDS UPDATE CONFERENCE

October 19-23, 1993
San Francisco Civic Auditorium

Call: 415 255-1293

BAPHR FOUNDATION REPORT

Advertisements for grant proposals were published in several editions of the Bay Area Reporter (BAR), the San Francisco Sentinel, and the San Francisco Bay Times in August. Over 200 application forms were mailed to prospective applicants. The deadline for receipt of applications was September 30th. In the past, grants ranged from \$500 to \$3,500. This year, the maximum grant amount was set at \$25,000. Applications will be reviewed by the Foundation Board in October and awards will be made in early November.

The BAPHR Foundation is the world's largest foundation promoting gay and lesbian health and wellness. It funds non-profit organizations for projects with these goals in the nine county Bay Area. For 1993, priority will be given to projects for youth, the elderly and the emotional effects of illness. The Foundation does not fund operating budgets, clinical research, direct medical expenses or endowments.

The Foundation Board recently heard presentations by several investment advisors and financial managers interested in assisting the Foundation meet its goal of increasing investment income. Safety of the Foundation assets remains the first priority for the Board. Consideration will be given to investments in socially responsible firms when appropriate.

The Fall edition of the Foundation newsletter will be published in November. The annual year-end fund raising program will begin then.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE BILL

On Friday, September 10th, all the grassroots organizing around Speaker Willie Brown's needle exchange bill, AB 260, paid off. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 21-16.

Governor Wilson now has until Sunday, October 10th to take one of three actions. He could: (1) sign the bill into law (in which case it would take effect on January 1, 1994); (2) veto the bill; or (3) do nothing (in which case it will automatically become law without his signature).

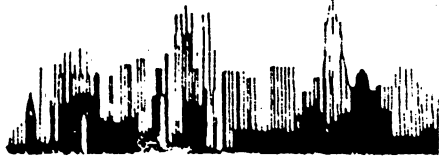
Although a release date has not been announced, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study on needle exchange will be released before the Governor's deadline, so he can consider the findings when making his decision.

BAPHR has strongly supported this legislation to this point. Now is not the time to let up on that support. In addition to a letter from BAPHR, your individual help is needed. By October 5th, please send a brief note/letter to Governor Wilson urging him to sign AB 260 into law. Address your letter to:

The Honorable Pete Wilson
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

IN MEMORIAM

Ian Barlow, MD
William C. Sawyer, MD
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Charles Yates, MD



PROGRESS NOTES

Kenneth Mills, Interim Chair

The upcoming BAPHR Annual Awards Banquet traditionally heralds the new year for our organization. Not only is it a time for celebration and recognition, it is also an opportunity for vision and planning. Fortunately for us, this occurs prior to the pressures of the holidays and the other agendas of the New Year.

As many of you know, BAPHR has undergone organizational restructuring over the past several years. We are now guided by a 15-member Board of Directors, with officers elected from that Board. For the sake of continuity, the officers now include a chair-elect. We also are more fiscally stable, our operations have been streamlined, and we have developed closer ties with AAPHR.

With the beginning of our new year, we are focusing on the central questions of "what we are" and "what we want to be" -- the old strengths and weaknesses planning strategy. We represent over 160 lesbian and gay health care providers with 16 years of organizational history. We have an impressive record of responding to important community health issues and, in particular, to the HIV epidemic. We are supportive to our members and have provided a breadth of informational events.

Now we need to hear from you as to where we go. Only with direction from the membership can the Board pursue a vision. We are now welcoming a woman as our chair. However, we need to reach out more to the lesbian health care providers. We need to develop new outreach to medical students and house officers. Although we are a unique organization, we cannot be all things to all people. From time to time, we will need to examine our vision and mission. Time constrains us all, but we need to hear from you. In the past, we have pleaded for your money. We still like your money, but now, we beg your ideas!

AIDS ACTION COUNCIL[^] OUTLINES HEALTH CARE REFORM CRITERIA

The AIDS Action Council (in which BAPHR is an active member) recently released the criteria against which the HIV/AIDS community will measure proposed health care reform. HIV/AIDS poses the same challenges to the health care system as any chronic disabling condition. The reformed health care system must be able to meet the needs of all Americans--and all Americans are at risk of becoming disabled, whether the cause of their disability is HIV, Alzheimer's Disease, stroke, or any other condition. "To be acceptable, any proposed administrative structure must meet all of the following criteria:

Universal Coverage - coverage should be universal and uniform. All U.S. residents should be covered with the same set of benefits.

Comprehensive Coverage - all medically necessary health care should be part of any benefits package, including coverage for in-patient and out-patient primary health care services, including full gynecological services, preventive health services such as prenatal and well-baby care, prescription drugs, hospice care, long and short-term home and community-based services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, outpatient rehabilitation services, dental care, vision care, and the healing arts. Case management should be provided to link people with appropriate health and social services.

Freedom of Choice - individuals should be free to choose their own health care provider and should not be required to join a plan or delivery system if the individual does not believe that program will meet his/her needs.

No Financial Barriers to Care - payment for coverage should be based on ability to pay, not based on a flat

premium schedule. Out-of-pocket payments should also be based on income. If there is a system of copayments or deductibles, it should be designed so as to prevent sick people from being disproportionately burdened.

Government Responsibility - the federal government must exercise its authority to assure that health care is delivered equitably and cost effectively through:

- global budgeting which sets targets for health care spending by sector and is the most effective way of assuring appropriate distribution of scarce health care resources while reining in inflation in health care
- undertaking initiatives to redistribute the availability of health care
- guaranteeing the involvement of consumers in all aspects of decision-making
- guaranteeing confidentiality in all aspects of patient care
- achieving quality assurance through establishment of federal standards of care and minimum standards for quality assurance methods
- requiring nondiscrimination
- assuring that appropriate care is given to all Americans
- assuring access to care under existing mechanisms during transition to a new health care system
- maintenance of traditional public health programs - not de-institutionalization
- assuring full disclosure to and appropriate education of all participants regarding access and options."

BAPHR is interested in your comments about both these principles and the National Health Care Reform announced by President Clinton on September 22.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEETING

This year, from October 24 to 28, San Francisco will host the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Most sessions will be held at Moscone Center and the Marriott Hotel. A full program is available in the August issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

In addition to the regular scientific program, the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of Public Health Workers has scheduled a series of workshops and social events which are open to BAPHR members. On Monday, October 25th, Caucus members will

join AAPHR for a joint reception. (Check with AAPHR for the location.) On Wednesday, October 27th, there will be a dinner at Ivy's Restaurant (contact Brian Dobrow at 415 558-9353 if you are interested in attending this event).

With more than 10,000 attendees from all over the country, this meeting promises to be both exciting and informative. We hope you will be able to at least participate in part of it.

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6th National AIDS Update Conference "Learning from the Past, Focusing on the Future"	10/19-23	Civic Auditorium San Francisco
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting	10/24-28	Moscone Center San Francisco
BAPHR Board of Directors Meeting	11/2 at 7:00 pm	Call Office for location



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BAPHR FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED

The BAPHR Foundation Board of Directors has awarded \$40,000 to 12 organizations for projects this year. These were selected from 59 applications totalling \$536,000. This represents the largest number of applications the Foundation has received in any year since it was established in 1983. The Foundation has now disbursed over \$225,000 in grants for 108 projects.

Evaluating the applications was especially difficult this year because of the large number received. Each application was reviewed separately by each member of the granting committee prior to review by the entire Board of 12 members. Representatives from each successful organization were also interviewed for additional information to be certain the project met the necessary criteria for grants. Difficult decisions had to be made because many of the proposals were worthwhile and in need of support.

Priorities for funding this year were concentrated on problems of gay and lesbian youth and the elderly and to emotional effects of illness. All organizations receiving funds must be non-profit and must serve the gay and lesbian communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Foundation receives its funding from BAPHR members, the Board of Directors and the community. In recent years, bequests have made up a large portion of funds received. Funds are solicited throughout the year but particularly at year end.

CDC EMBARKS ON NEW PREVENTION EFFORT

Beginning this year, state and local health departments will have to adhere to new community planning guidelines in applying for and implementing their CDC funded HIV prevention programs. Based on a dialogue between the state and local health agencies and affected communities, health authorities will decide how to integrate statewide and regional community planning within their jurisdictions.

The paradigm shift is that HIV prevention programming in each state will be guided by statewide prevention plans based on regional needs. The six Cooperative Agreement cities will be guided by needs and recommended interventions specific to their jurisdictions and targeted to defined populations.

Prevention planning groups (e.g. the HIV Prevention Planning Council now being established in San Francisco) will develop a local plan which details high-priority HIV prevention strategies and interventions and "recommended" prevention spending plans that ultimately will be used to allocate funds for programs directed toward particular risk populations. Planning groups may use AIDS case data and current and projected cases of HIV infection to support their recommendations. Health departments in the 6 Cooperative Agreement cities must incorporate the HIV Prevention Plan and its recommendations in their next application for CDC Cooperative Agreement monies and will be responsible for implementing the prevention programs and activities

outlined in the plans in their jurisdictions. This means that, on a local level, the San Francisco AIDS Office will be expected to shift the emphasis of its prevention programs to those that have been identified in the local plan as having a high priority.

Brian Dobrow, BAPHR Executive Coordinator and staff of the Prevention Branch of the AIDS Office, has been charged with the responsibility for coordinating this effort for San Francisco. If you are interested in participating in this process as an informed participant (in focus groups or expert panels), please contact him at either (415) 558-9353 or (415) 554-9499. This is probably one of the most significant movements in HIV prevention since the onset of the epidemic. Don't let it pass you by.

BAPHR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

BAPHR seeks interested and caring members to take time out from busy schedules to relax and share some ideas. Looking for colleagues with common interests or frustrations? Enjoy challenging debate? Need support in tending a sick loved one? How about breaking a sweat over a game of volleyball or scrabble?

The BAPHR Board seeks a more active and inclusive membership. Won't you help? Please complete the questionnaire in this issue and return it to the BAPHR office by March 1st to help us make a number of critical decisions.

FLEAS AND CAT SCRATCH DISEASE

"Researchers have found new evidence suggesting that fleas may play a role in development of cat scratch disease, which causes lymph nodes to swell, according to a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers discovered that kitten owners were 15 times more like to become sick with CSD; people who had been scratched or bitten by a kitten had a risk 27 times greater; the biggest risk - greater by 29-fold - was highest among people who had at least one kitten with fleas.

CSD is found in one in 11,000 people. In addition to lymph node swelling for a month or more, sufferers may also complain of fever, malaise, soreness or infection. Occasionally, the disease is more severe, especially if a person is immune-suppressed. In people with AIDS, a bacteria similar to the CSD bacteria (*Rochalimaea* species) causes a disease called Bacillary Angiomatosis. This is not commonly recognized and is often misdiagnosed as Kaposi's Sarcoma. Fortunately, this disease is treatable with common antibiotics." (Good News Vol 1 No 2, December, 1993)

ACLU BROCHURE

The ACLU's AIDS Project has produced a new brochure entitled, *The Americans with Disabilities Act: What It Means for People Living With HIV Disease*. The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) is the civil rights law for people with HIV disease -- it provides uniform, forceful, enforceable federal protections for all persons with HIV disease (or perceived as being infected with HIV) in the workplace, in places of public accommodation, and in state and local government programs.

If the ADA is to fulfill this promise, people with HIV must learn of its importance and be given information about how to take advantage of its provisions. The new brochure has

been written specifically for people with HIV disease. Its question-and-answer format and simple, direct language make the stipulations of the ADA easy to understand and explain how people can best utilize its guarantees.

ACLU will provide BAPHR with as many copies as its members believe they can use in their offices. So we can place an order and fill your needs, let us know how many copies you believe you can use. Just leave a message on the office phone (415) 558-9353 with your name and the quantity you wish by March 11th.

TB AND HIV LEAFLET AVAILABLE

With funding from the BAPHR Foundation, BAPHR has produced a new leaflet for those who are HIV infected and at risk of TB exposure.

The new leaflet is written in non-technical terms and is designed to provide written support for the guidance you give your patients. Copies are available free of charge. Just let us know how many copies you wish for your office and we will send them to you as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM HIGHLIGHTS

The Community Consortium has announced the membership of its Executive Board. Chaired by Donald Abrams, members include: Steve Follansbee (Vice-Chair); Carol Brosgart; Robert Neger; Kenneth Mills; Wally Krampf; Toby Dyer; and Gifford Leoung. In announcing its new Board, the Consortium thanked two retiring members (Leonard Simpson and James Campbell) for their long time service on behalf of the Consortium.

The new Board has decided to continue the combined sessions of its General Business Meeting and AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds as an alternative to having two separate monthly meetings.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Lutheran Social Services has announced the inauguration of AIDS Financial Services. This program is designed to provide people living with HIV/AIDS and who are on SSI/SDI or GA the monetary assistance necessary to secure affordable housing. For people receiving SSI/SDI, the services include representative payee services, money management and a no-interest loan for security deposit. For people on GA, the service provides rental subsidies and a modified housing payment. (It should be noted, however, that while the SSI/SDI services are already operational, funds for GA services are not available until the end of February. All services are without charge.

If you have patients who would benefit from these services, and wish to make a referral to AIDS Financial Services, call Kevin Fauteaux, Program Manager, at (415) 474-8400

HOLD THE DATE!

BAPHR's first membership dinner meeting of 1994 has been scheduled for Monday, March 14th at Ivy's Restaurant in San Francisco. The topic and dinner speaker are still tentative but will be confirmed by the end of February. Look for the announcement in the mail.

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**AAPHR ANNOUNCES
NEW LEGAL GUIDE**

AAPHR recently announced the publication of "The Legal Rights and Obligations of HIV-Infected Health Care Workers." The guide was a joint project of AAPHR and the National Lawyers Guild AIDS Network and was underwritten by a grant from the BAPHR Foundation.

The 47-page guide examines the many legal ramifications of being HIV-positive and a health care provider. It provides information on employment discrimination, state policies on HIV-infected health care workers, informed consent law, privacy and confidentiality, and insurance issues.

The purpose of the guide is to provide up-to-date information on the state of the law pertaining to HIV-infected health care providers. Although the issue of HIV-positive health care workers has faded from the headlines, the fact is that discrimination persists and health care workers around the country continue to need assistance.

The guide is available from AAPHR for \$10.00 to the general public and \$5.00 for AAPHR members. Checks, made out to AAPHR-MERP, should be sent to AAPHR, 273 Church Street, San Francisco 94114.

TRAVEL ANYONE?

Left Coast Travel has launched a program of gay tours throughout the world. Our community is very concerned about cultural exchanges. Group travel can help make those contact become a reality. Left Coast Travel is happy to offer its services to gay associations, such as BAPHR for designing, arranging and conducting tours to any destinations.

Left Coast Travel already has designed a gay tour of China (scheduled to depart on May 16, 1994 for 14 days). Shows and visits alternate with cultural presentations about gay culture in China. We believe this exciting program is the start of many Left Coast Travel cultural gay tours. All tours are deluxe and escorted from the U.S. For further information, contact Eric Grousseau, Tour Developer, Left Coast Travel at (415) 771-5353 or 1-800-823-5338.



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BAPHR Board of Directors Meeting	3/8 at 7:00 pm	Call Office for location
BAPHR General Meeting (Dinner)	3/14 at 7:00 pm	Ivy's Restaurant Gough and Hayes Sts., San Francisco
Community Consortium General Business Meeting/AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	3/16 at 5:30 pm	Mission Center Building, Room 125 1855 Folsom Street, San Francisco
AIDS Grand Rounds	3/23 at 3:30 pm	Dept. of Public Health 101 Grove St., San Francisco



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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please return to BAPHR by March 1, 1994)

1. Does BAPHR meet all your professional membership needs? Yes No

2. Do you want regularly scheduled quarterly professional meetings? Yes No

3. Please suggest three (3) topics or speakers which would interest you.

4. Do you want more frequent BAPHR-sponsored social activities? Yes No

a. If you answered yes, how frequent?

___ annual ___ semi-annual
___ quarterly ___ bi-monthly
___ monthly ___ other (specify) _____

b. What types of social activities would you consider attending?

___ dinners ___ weekend brunches
___ TGIF events ___ excursions (day hikes)
___ volleyball ___ skiing
___ bowling ___ bridge
___ wine tastings ___ other (specify) _____

5. Would you be interested in acting as a mentor for a gay medical student or house officer? Yes No

6. Should BAPHR underwrite gay house officers attendance at national meetings? Yes No

7. Please give us the name and address of any potential new member(s) you think should belong to BAPHR.

Return to BAPHR: 4111-18th Street, Suite 6, San Francisco, CA 94114 by March 1, 1994



THE BAPHRON

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET

BAPHR's next General Membership meeting has been scheduled for Monday May 16th at Vince's restaurant in San Francisco.

The event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and dinner, features Dr. Mervyn Silverman (former Director of the Department of Public Health and president of AmFAR), Dr. Sandra Hernandez (current Director of the Department) and Dr. Mitch Katz (Director of the AIDS Office) discussing the issue of Sex Clubs (and the possible reopening of a gay bathhouse) in San Francisco.

This issue is being debated in both the gay and straight press and has been a major topic of discussion for BAPHR over time. This is your opportunity to become better informed and to contribute to a rational discussion.

A flyer, announcing this event and calling for reservations, was mailed out to members in mid-April. Encourage your friends to attend. For further information, call (415) 558-9353.

AIDS BUDGET LOBBY DAY

Come to Sacramento on May 16th to join with hundreds of other Californians with concerns about California's commitment to combating HIV. Encourage others to attend also. To register or to obtain additional information, call (415) 864-5855 Extension 2537.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

This is a reminder for all those members who have not yet renewed their 1994 membership dues.

BAPHR's membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year. Your membership officially lapsed at the end of March but we have extended the grace period for one month (to April 30). At that time, all members who have not renewed will be dropped from the mailing list and will no longer receive the BAPHRON or announcements of upcoming events.

If you have questions about whether or not you have renewed your membership, please call Brian at (415) 558-9353. To simplify your renewal, fill out the enclosed card and send it with your check made out to BAPHR to 4111 - 18th Street #6, San Francisco 94114. *If you know you have already renewed, please pass the membership card on to someone who may not be a current member.*

AIDS BUDGET COALITION URGES INCREASED HIV FUNDS

The AIDS Budget Coalition (ABC), a statewide group of organizations representing HIV service providers and other advocates, is implementing a strategy for defending and advocating increased HIV funding in the FY 94-95 state budget. Coalition members include AIDS Project Los Angeles, California Association of AIDS Agencies, LIFE AIDS Lobby (in which BAPHR is a member), Planned Parenthood Affiliates of

California, and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

ABC has developed a budget augmentation request for \$5 million, including \$3 million for prevention and education and \$2 million for counseling and testing. Although Governor Wilson's sixth year of proposed level funding for all HIV programs is wholly inadequate, these two programs are currently the most seriously under-funded.

There are two important ways for interested individuals to advocate for increased state HIV funding and fight cuts in entitlement programs:

1) Write, call or meet with your legislators NOW and ask them to support a budget augmentation for HIV programs and to oppose any cuts to entitlement or HIV programs.

If you are represented by one of the following Bay Area Assembly Members or Senators, it is especially important to contact them because they serve on committees which will be reviewing the budget: Assembly Members Valerie Brown, Burton, Lee, Quackenbush, and Vasconellos; and Senators Alquist, Boatwright, Kopp, Lockyer, McCorquodale, Mello, and Thompson. To find out who your legislators are and how to contact them, call your county Registrar of Voters.

2) Come to Sacramento on May 16th for the AIDS Budget Lobby Day.

YOUR COPY

(the following letter was sent to the Gay Press in mid-March)

"Dear Friends:

Living these many years through the epidemic of AIDS, we in the gay and lesbian community have all come to know this disease, as it has robbed us of friends and lovers. Many of us have been able to make healthy changes in our sex lives in order to care for and protect ourselves and our partners. But sex is colored with anxiety and apprehension for many of us, because even with full knowledge of the risks, resolve about safe sex can be difficult to maintain. As it should be, it is a free choice to be safe or unsafe, but whether or not we are supported in our behavior can be critical.

Considering this, we at BAPHR want to call to your attention a valuable public health initiative that has been developed in San Francisco by a group called the Coalition for Healthy Sex. This coalition is made up of representatives from community groups: The San Francisco Public Health Department, privately supported AIDS agencies, and operators of sex clubs. Those operators who work with the Coalition have tried very hard to create environments that support healthy sexual choices. The goal of the Coalition is to reduce transmission of sexual infections of all kinds. Their strategy is to promote healthy sex practices through education, providing condoms and other protective devices, and monitoring the activities at clubs that belong to the Coalition. Periodic reports are made to the general community on the degree of cooperation and success at each location so that potential patrons can be fully informed. The first public report was announced early last summer. It provided helpful guidance to the public by publishing by name the clubs that were cooperating effectively in supporting safe, and discouraging unsafe sex.

Last July the program was presented in detail to our medical group. We at BAPHR found the participants in the Coalition to be knowledgeable, committed and able people. We feel that their approach is realistic, and that it provides a careful, reliable and useful public health service. We encourage our community to be alert to their reports.

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights

AAPHR ANNOUNCES SYMPOSIUM

AAPHR, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, has announced its 12th Annual Symposium which will be held in New York City from September 2 to 4.

The multi-disciplinary symposium will offer an educational view of current challenges facing the lesbian or gay physician or the physician serving lesbian and gay patients. It is intended for physicians and medical students, as well as health policy makers, regardless of sexual orientation. The symposium will devote Friday, September 2nd to AAPHR's Annual AIDS Update and Saturday and Sunday, September 3rd and 4th, to cutting-edge lesbian and gay health presentations.

Built around the theme: *Empowering Physicians: Moving the Lesbian and Gay Health Agenda Forward in the '90s*, the symposium will explore topics such as: Marshalling Physicians' Political Power; The Impact of Health Reform on Lesbian and Gay People; Sexual Diversity Within Our Community; the Role of Lesbians in Abortion Services and Treating Sexual Abuse Survivors.

A brochure has been included with this newsletter for your information and use. For additional information, contact AAPHR directly at (415) 255-4547.

SUPPORT BAPHR WHILE TRAVELING

ORION TRAVEL is offering BAPHR members and friends a way to travel for business or pleasure while supporting BAPHR.

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Sunday, June 19th

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AAPHR GALA RECEPTION

in conjunction with Stonewall 25 AAPHR is holding a reception for lesbian, gay and bisexual physicians and medical students at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City on Friday June 24th. Free tickets are available from AAPHR (415) 255-4547

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AIDS Budget Lobby Day	5/16 (all day)	State Capitol Sacramento
Consortium AIDS Clinical Grand Rounds	5/17 at 5:30 pm	Mission Center Building, Room 125 1855 Folsom Street, San Francisco
Public Health/AIDS Grand Rounds	5/25 at 3:30 pm	101 Grove Street San Francisco
8th Annual AIDS Update Alta Bates	6/3 (all day) (information: 510 204-3884)	Parc Oakland Hotel Oakland
Freedom Day Parade	6/19	Downtown San Francisco



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