

Editor's Corner

CJHP-Sponsored Writing Workshops in California

The Californian Journal of Health Promotion has cosponsored a number of writing workshops (CHES credits available) for practitioners and academics to bring together potential authors with our editorial board. At these workshops, I cover the basics about what is needed in your manuscript to increase your chances of getting published in our journal. Potential authors bring to the workshop their work-in-progress and receive helpful advice to strengthen their manuscripts. In the past, we've had faculty, graduate students, and health educators attend our sessions. If a professional association or college would like to co-sponsor a CJHP writing workshop to be held in your area, please contact me (mtomita@csuchico.edu). There is no cost to hold the workshop. A computer lab is the ideal place to hold the workshop, but we've held workshops in large rooms with tables and electrical outlets for participant laptops. Each participant must bring a hardcopy of their work-in-progress. In the past, professional associations such as Northern California SOPHE have handled the CHES credits for us.

San Jose State University MPH Program Goes Online

Yes, beginning this Fall 2006 semester, you can earn an online MPH degree from an accredited program at San Jose State University. See the SJSU web site for details (<http://mphdistance.sjsu.edu/>). Dr. Dan Perales, who is also a CJHP Associate Editor, is the Program Director (dperales@sjsu.edu). This online degree program is greatly needed in Northern California (north of Sacramento and the Bay Area) where there are no MPH degree programs, and it is too far to drive each week to attend classes. The issue of time demand on the working professional needs to be addressed in academia. What working professional has time to drive one to two hours each way in the evening to attend graduate courses? I'm really glad SJSU is taking the lead in this area and addressing a great need in public health.

Graduate Student Publishing- June 2006 Issue

Why is the Californian Journal of Health Promotion dedicating the June 2006 issue to scholarly works by graduate students? Most graduate students do not publish, and most of their scholarly works go unrecognized. Faculty, please get in contact with your former or current graduate students and encourage them to publish their thesis, project, or paper. We welcome papers co-authored by faculty.

In the June 2006 issue, we will also be including the first part of the issue with articles about the SOPHE/AAHE Baccalaureate Program Approval Committee (**SABPAC**), a voluntary programmatic credential for undergraduate professional programs in health education.

Medical Marijuana

Michael Koger's article on the medicinal use of marijuana struck me as a timely article, especially in California where many residents believe marijuana should be legal. Every semester, my students at Chico State and Butte-Glenn Community College are always surprised to learn that THC has been used in medicine for a long time. As an oncology RN in the early 1980s, I can remember administering THC to terminally ill cancer patients for nausea. These patients were probably on clinical trials. The THC was locked in the narcotics cabinet, and it required two RNs to count the number of capsules (a soft and springy material similar to that of Softgel®) were left. I used to call them "dingo balls." When removing the lid from the jar, you had to be careful or else all the dingo balls would end up on the floor, and the RNs would have to assume undignified positions to find all of them before we ended up in jail for missing THC. I can't recall the exact doses (my memory is fading), but I believe we were administering two or three different doses?

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