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Association of Black Health-System Pharmacists

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31st Annual ABHP
Midyear Meeting
December
6-10, 2009
Las Vegas, NV

Overview:

The ABHP meets annually during the ASHP Midyear Meeting. This year marks the 31st year that ABHP has met at the ASHP Midyear Meeting. As in past years, the meeting activities are geared toward providing a forum for:

- *The discussing and developing strategies for achieving its goals and objectives
- *Having meaningful dialogue and idea sharing among members
- *Recognizing the professional achievements and contributions of its members and friends
- *Raising awareness of minority health issues

Registration:

There is no registration fee for participating in ABHP activities. With the exception of the Annual Luncheon, all ABHP functions and programs are free.

Dear Reader,

If you are not a member of ABHP and would like to join, please click on the following link to complete a membership application: [Membership Application](#)

Current members, thank you for your continued support. As a friendly reminder, please remember to keep your contact information current so that you will not miss important updates and happenings with the organization.

If you would like to have a member acknowledged in the "Member Kudos" section or would like to submit an article for inclusion in the next ABHP Insider Report, please send an email to Pamela Moye at moye_pm@mercer.edu. Submissions should be received the month before the next issue. All submissions are welcome!

Future Issues: December, March, June

ABHP News

Mickey Leland to be Honored by ABHP

The ABHP will honor the noted Senator and pharmacist from Texas, [George "Mickey" Leland](#) by changing the name of its Legislative Achievement Award to the Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award. **The Mickey Leland Political Achievement Award** will recognize an individual, a team of individuals, or an organization that has performed special service in state or national political and legislative affairs that strengthen, improve, and further the interests of the ABHP and pharmacists in general. This award will be given to those individuals who best personify the spirit of Mickey Leland and whose work will have a significant impact on the community at large. Mickey Leland graduated from Texas Southern University (TSU) School of Pharmacy in 1970. While attending TSU, Leland became a vocal leader of the civil rights movement and continued to be a champion for the poor and the disempowered through out his brilliant political career. He strongly believed that the poor, the hungry, and the less fortunate should have equal access to health care and fought strongly for legislative change long before it was



Meeting Programs:

Please take advantage of the opportunity to meet the ABHP Board of Directors and other strategic leaders at the ABHP Board of Directors meeting and at the Meetings Planning and Organizing Committee meeting.

ABHP also invites you to a Hospitality Reception. This is a great opportunity for you to meet old friends and network with colleagues from throughout the country.

Educational Program:

The ABHP Educational Seminar will address Medical Adherence: The Use of Medicines and Patient Adherence to Recommended Care. This program has been designed for all pharmacists, students, technicians, and any other health professionals interested in the topics. All sessions will be held in the meeting rooms of the Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. In addition, the program provides up to two (2.0) ACPE approved continuing education hours for pharmacists and technicians.

Exhibition:

For additional information about ABHP, please visit our booth in the Venetian Resort and Sands Expo Center, Las Vegas, NV. The Exhibits will be open Monday - Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

For more information regarding the Annual Meeting, Click here.

FEATURED ARTICLE*****Myths About Healthcare Reform**

MYTH 1: There is no health care crisis

CLAIM: The health care system currently works fine, and only a purportedly small number of uninsured people would benefit from reform

REALITY: Roughly 25

called health care reform. In a communication with his wife, Mrs. Alison Leland, she stated, "Mickey was very proud of being a pharmacist and healthcare was his passion. It is an honor to have this award named for him."

Call for Student Achievement Award Nominees

Do you know a student who has exemplified exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the pharmacy profession and/or the community? Are you a student who believes you have shown such traits? If so, consider nominating him, her, or yourself for the ABHP Student Achievement Award! Each year, ABHP recognizes a student pharmacist at the Annual Midyear Luncheon who has displayed an outstanding record of accomplishment and service.

Student nominees must have begun at least the second professional year of pharmacy school, completed a hospital rotation, and worked in a hospital or other healthcare facility prior to or while attending pharmacy school.

Additional information related to the application and selection process can be found at:

<http://www.myabhp.org/studentaward.php>. Completed application materials should be sent to Dr. Andrew Gentles at andrew.gentles@gmail.com by **Friday, October 23, 2009**. Once all applications have been reviewed, the award recipient(s) will be notified by **Friday, November 6, 2009**. The recipient(s) of the ABHP Student Achievement Award should plan to attend the Annual ABHP Midyear Luncheon.

ASHP News***Obama Lauds Pharmacists' Place on Patient Care Teams***

During a speech to the American Medical Association's (AMA) House of Delegates in Chicago, President Obama pointed to pharmacists' participation on "multidisciplinary rounds" as an "island of excellence" that should become the "standard of care in our health care system." ASHP has worked to educate the Obama administration on the important role that pharmacists play in medication-related patient care services. The society continues to reach out to lawmakers as they develop health care reform proposals.

Pharmacy News***H1N1 and the Cost to Hospitals (Information, Inc. (9/10/09))***

With concerns about pandemic flu and the spread of H1N1 on the rise, hospitals are putting risk management strategies into action to ensure patients are seen and treated quickly to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. As a result, hospitals are designating hallways and conference rooms as locations to house suspected flu cases, and others are establishing hotlines and Web pages to keep the public and staff members informed about H1N1. Some facilities even have established periodic meetings with infection control specialists and other staff to ensure they use proper protective equipment.

million Americans were underinsured in 2007. According to Cathy Schoen, senior vice president of The Commonwealth Fund, "From 2003 to 2007, the number of adults who were insured all year but were underinsured increased by 60%. Based on those who incur high out-of-pocket costs relative to their income not counting premiums despite having coverage all year, an estimated 25 million adults under age 65 were underinsured in 2007." [Testimony from Schoen before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, 2/24/09]

MYTH 2: Health care reform will impose rationing

CLAIM: Progressive health care reform proposals will introduce a system of "rationing" into American medicine.

REALITY: Insurance companies already ration care. Insurance companies acknowledge that they ration care, restricting coverage of procedures and tests like MRIs and CAT scans and denying coverage for pre-existing medical conditions.

MYTH 3: Health care reform will raise your taxes

CLAIM: Health care reform would be funded by broad-based tax increases.

REALITY: The surtax in House bill applies only to income exceeding \$350,000 per year for joint filers. The House healthcare legislation

Additionally, hospitals have to make sure they have enough supplies, including vaccines and hand sanitizer (Nurse.com).

According to a recent Modern Healthcare article, there are 105,000 ventilators in the United States, but a flu pandemic of the same proportion as the 1918 pandemic would require hospitals to have 700,000 ventilators available. To help with these additional financial burdens, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued \$350 million in federal grants, with \$260 million allocated for state, regional, and local health agencies and \$90 million for state and local hospitals.

Member Kudos: Congratulations!



Jasper W. Watkins III, MSA, C.Ph., was appointed as an Advisory Board member of Minnesota MultiState Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) at their 2009 Annual Meeting. MMCAP was created in 1985 as a free, voluntary group purchasing organization operated and managed by the

Materials Management Division of the State of Minnesota's Department of Administration for government healthcare facilities. MMCAP's mission is to provide, through volume contracting and careful contract management, the best value in pharmaceuticals and related products to its members (eligible governmental healthcare facilities). MMCAP member facilities purchase over \$1 billion annually and have national account status with all of the major brand name and generic pharmaceutical manufacturers. Advisory Board members participate in the reviewing of Request for Proposals seeking responses from pharmaceutical manufacturers on over 6,000 products, contract reviews, and actively participate in MMCAP annual evaluations and planning efforts.



Manouchkathe Cassagnol, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP, was appointed by the current ASHP President to the Council on Education and Workforce Development for the 2009-2010 term as a New Practitioner on the Council. The council is concerned with ASHP professional policies related to the quantity of pharmacy practitioners in hospitals and health systems. Within the Council's purview are (1)

student education, (2) postgraduate education and training (3) specialization, (4) assessment and maintenance of competence, (5) credentialing, (6) balance between workforce supply and demand, (7) development of technicians, and (8) related matters. When asked what she hoped to accomplish in this position, Dr. Cassagnol stated "I hope to bring insight to the challenges that new practitioners face in these very trying economic times...[including] securing funding for pharmacy residency programs, ensuring job security and stability for all pharmacy graduates and for those who pursue higher education, and increasing the visibility of profession to underrepresented minorities...[All of these things] come with hopes of increasing diversity within the pharmacy profession".

would establish a 1 percent tax on joint income exceeding \$350,000 but not greater than \$500,000 per year; a 1.5 percent tax on joint income exceeding \$500,000 but not greater than \$1 million per year; and a 5.4 percent tax on joint income exceeding \$1 million per year. Single filers would be subject to the surtax starting at income exceeding \$280,000 per year. In a July 15 Huffington Post piece, Rep. George Miller (D-CA) stated that "[o]nly the highest earning 1.2 percent of American households will pay a surcharge."

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ABHP Calendar

National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) 24th Annual Educational Conference
October 14-16, 2009
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
Orlando, FL
For more information visit:
www.nahse.org

44th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting & Exposition
December 6-10, 2009
Venetian Resort and Sands Expo Center
Las Vegas, NV
For more information visit:
www.ashp.org

3rd ABHP Minority Health Conference & ABHP Annual Meeting
May 21-23, 2010
Renaissance Houston Hotel
Greenway Plaza
Houston, TX
For more information visit:
www.myabhp.org/ABHP2010.htm

Announcements

ASHP/ABHP Leadership Award Call for Nominations

ABHP, in collaboration with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), is seeking nominations for the **2009 Leadership Award**. Established in 2009, the ASHP/ABHP Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Click here [Click here](#) to download more information about the ASHP/ABHP Leadership Award and view the ASHP Awards Nomination Form. The deadline for nominations is **October 2, 2009**. Selections will be in late October 2009. If you have any questions about the nomination process, contact ASHP staff member Cheryl Imirie at cimirie@ashp.org

National Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week

National Hospital & Health-System Pharmacy Week: **October 18-24, 2009** acknowledges the invaluable contributions that pharmacists and technicians make to patient care in our nation's health care institutions. It is an ideal time for departments of pharmacy to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements in ensuring safe and effective medication use in their institutions and to share those accomplishments with patients, other health professionals, and the community.

Call for Abstracts and Poster Presentations for the 2010 ABHP Minority Health Conference:

The ABHP is currently accepting abstracts for poster presentation at the 2010 Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting in Houston, TX. Sample topics include those addressing minority health issues, racial and ethnic disparities, cultural competency, and health literacy. Presentations that showcase collaborative practice models, or innovative disease-state management and/or medication therapy management (MTM) programs and services in minority populations are also welcome. The deadline to submit an abstract is **Friday, February 5, 2010**. For more information on the Poster Presentation or the 2010 ABHP Minority Health Conference and Annual Meeting, please visit: <http://www.myabhp.org/ABHP2010.htm>

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