

## A MESSAGE from the President



**Janell Lang**  
NN2 President

Twenty years ago, many significant events occurred: Black Monday world stock market share prices crashed; Congress overrode President Reagan's veto of the Clean Water Act; W.H.O. reported that 8% of all pregnant Zairean women and 17% of Zairean blood donors were AIDS infected; the first anti-smoking ad aired on television, featuring Yul Brynner, and, of course, The National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2) organization commenced. On this twentieth anniversary, it is appropriate to look back and reflect on the history, growth, and accomplishments of our organization.

According to NN2 Executive Director Cullen Johnson\*, in 1987 Douglas Fenwick sent a notice to deans and directors of two-year college health programs announcing a national meeting for those interested in sharing concerns, issues, and best practices with each other. The following year, over 150 educators came together for a three-day meeting at the Community College of Philadelphia, and so, the national organization was founded.

The second meeting occurred in 1989, hosted by Kirby Cox in Fort Worth, Texas. The organization was named the National Network of Deans and Directors of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges and continued with that designation until 1992, at which time the organization was incorporated as the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges, commonly known as NN2.

The national conference was hosted by Carlos Soto and Robert Heeman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1990. At that time, the by-laws had been constructed and were approved by the membership, and officers were officially recognized. The first officers elected were Douglas Fenwick, President; Kirby Cox, President-Elect; Richard Boan, Secretary, and Melba Ginter, Treasurer. The Board of Directors included Clara Chann, Sondra Flemming, Carlos Soto, Clare Lewandowski, and Steven Valand.

Douglas Fenwick (Community College of Philadelphia) served two terms as President from 1988-1992. Kirby Cox (Tarrant County Community College, Fort Worth, Texas) followed as chief executive officer from 1992-1994. John Cromer (St. Petersburg Community College, St. Petersburg, Florida) served as President from 1994-1996, and was responsible for filing the corporation papers for NN2 in the state of Florida, where they still reside.

Sondra Flemming (El Centro Community College, Dallas, Texas) took up the torch from 1996-1998. She is credited with the development of NN2's first strategic plan, which was written at the organization's first board retreat in 1998 in Marblehead, Ohio. She was also instrumental in

NN2's involvement in CAAHEP and the Coalition for Allied Health Leadership. Cullen Johnson (formerly of Cuyohaga Community College) began serving as volunteer Executive Director in 1997. Richard Boan (Midlands Technical College, Columbia, South Carolina) became NN2's fifth President, 1998-2000. During Richard's tenure, he designed and printed NN2's first brochure and later registered nn2.org on the web. Steve Valand (Greenville Technical College, Greenville, South Carolina) served as President from 2000-2002. Under his leadership, the NN2 Operations Manual and Annual Meeting Planning Guide were developed.

LaCheeta McPherson (El Centro Community College, Dallas, Texas) was elected President in 2002. LaCheeta initiated the application process for NN2's Affiliate Council status with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). In addition, she renewed connections with ASAHP to work on common issues of leadership development and governmental advocacy. Barbara Jones (Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe, LA) became President in 2004. Under her guidance, Affiliate Council standing with AACC was achieved with subsequent committee and conference representation. During her tenure, a new logo was designed for NN2, as well as a new format for the brochure and newsletter. As the current President, I am in the midst of a major restructuring of the NN2 website and planning for the 20th anniversary celebration of NN2.

NN2's newsletter, Connections, was launched in 1995 with Tom Kobar (Cincinnati State Community and Technical College, Cincinnati, Ohio) as Editor. Anne Loochtan (also of Cincinnati State) served as Editor from 1997 until 2003. Since that time, either the President-Elect or Past President has served as Editor (LaCheeta McPherson, Janell Lang, and Barbara Jones).

The mission of the National Network is to promote and encourage innovation, collaboration, and communication among two-year colleges sponsoring health career programs. One of NN2's organizational goals is to advocate for the members' and institutions' interests by building relationships with professional, governmental, and accrediting agencies. NN2 officers and board members have worked diligently to put the issues of health career education in the forefront through speaking engagements, serving on boards and committees, and representing NN2 at meetings and conferences. NN2 has been actively engaged with the Health Professions Network (HPN), Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP), National Society of Allied Health (NSAH), Association of Specialized and Programmatic Accreditors (ASPA), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions (BrHP), Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), Health Professions Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC), National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (N-OADN), and American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

NN2's commitment to be a "national voice" with a "common purpose" for two-year colleges offering health career programs has been demonstrated by:

- former Presidents, Steve Valand and Barbara Jones testifying about the role of the community colleges in preparing a trained healthcare workforce at the hearing of the Bureau of Health Professions Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages in Washington, DC.

- sending members through the Coalition of Allied Health Leadership (CAHL) Institute, a leadership academy funded, in part, by a grant from HRSA involving participants from HPN, NN2, ASAHP and NSAH in two one-week workshops in Washington, DC.

- Five NN2 members serving as Commissioners and Board Members of CAAHEP.

- participating as a Council Affiliate with AACC and serving on the Commission for Economic and Workforce Development and Licensure committees, presenting forums on healthcare education programs at AACC's Annual Conventions and Workforce Development Institutes, promoting NN2 at a booth on Council Row at AACC's Academic Marketplace and publishing articles and essays in *Community College Journal* and *Community College Times*.

The October 10-13, 2007, Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio will mark NN2's twentieth anniversary. What better time to reflect upon and celebrate the history of events and accomplishments of NN2 and to plan together for its future? The newsletter contains the preliminary meeting agenda. Please join us for this memorable event!

\* A special thanks to Cullen Johnson for providing many historical facts contained in this article.



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*Editor's Note:*  
NN2 strives to prepare a newsletter that is informative to members. We encourage the submission of information and best practices related to health career education and training, which you think will be helpful to other members. Articles may be submitted to Barbara Jones, NN2 Connections Editor, by email: [bjones@ladelta.cc.la.us](mailto:bjones@ladelta.cc.la.us).

# NN2 CELEBRATES 20TH ANNUAL MEETING WITH PIRATES!

NN2's 20th annual meeting is being held this year in Cincinnati, Ohio at the beautifully-restored Hilton Netherland Plaza. The conference theme, "Back to the Future," includes a hearty dose of past, present and future, beginning with the Hilton Netherland Plaza. "Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this Art Deco landmark is across from the [recently renovated] Fountain Square in the heart of downtown Cincinnati. The hotel is part of the Carew Tower complex featuring over 50 upscale shops and restaurants. The hotel is within walking distance to many of Cincinnati's finest establishments...Enjoy contemporary American cuisine in the revered Palm Court Restaurant located just off the lobby. The restaurant features elaborate frescoes and murals along with original sculptures and a fountain from Cincinnati's famous Rookwood Pottery." ([http://www1.hilton.com/en\\_US/hi/hotel/CVGNPHF-Hilton-Cincinnati-Netherland-Plaza-Ohio/index.do](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/CVGNPHF-Hilton-Cincinnati-Netherland-Plaza-Ohio/index.do))

The conference program opens with a networking reception on Wednesday October 10, from 6-8 PM. Past conference attendees have indicated that they really enjoy this opportunity to network with other colleagues, vendors, and board members.

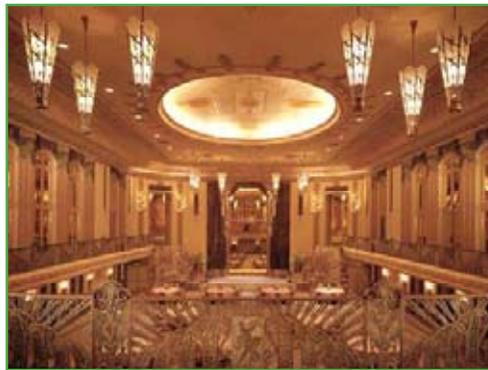
The conference also features a 20th anniversary celebration evening of dinner and networking on Thursday, October 11, at the Cincinnati Museum Center. By coincidence, the Museum Center will be hosting the world premiere of "Real Pirates" a national exhibit of the ship 'The Whydah', which sank in a storm off the

coast of Cape Cod in April 1717 (go to: <http://www.cincymuseum.org/> for more details). The exhibit includes artifacts recovered from the wreck and will "take visitors on a voyage back to the days of piracy in the early 18th century Caribbean, a time when the region was the economic engine of the early modern world. See the actual ship's bell that was the proof that the ship was the Whydah. Weapons and armaments, mundane objects including clay pipes, a teakettle, wine spigots and an inkwell, and golden treasure bring this world to life. These artifacts, recovered by underwater explorer Barry Clifford, tell the compelling story of the slave ship that became a pirate ship commanded by "Black Sam" Bellamy. Meet many of the real people who populated this world: artisans, musicians and gold workers from West Africa, slave ship captains, Native American divers, impoverished sailors from all over Europe, pirates of all origins, and not just men but women and a boy of no more than 11 years."

The Museum Center is also packed with other exhibits including a turn-of-the-century exhibit of waterfront Cincinnati, complete with buildings and a riverboat. Dinner will be held in this exhibit area, and attendees will be able to view other parts of the Museum Center as well. The Museum Center is actually composed of several separate museums, including: Union Terminal (still operating), Omnimax Theater, Cincinnati History Museum, Duke Energy Children's Museum, Museum of Natural History and Science, and hosts many special events every year. NN2 attendees will be able to experience the past, present and the future at this event.

Friday night includes a reception at our host college, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, with "dine arounds" at famous Newport on the Levee, on the Ohio River in Northern Kentucky. Attendees will be able to join 10-15 other colleagues at selected local venues. Transportation will be provided to the levee, and return transportation will be available via the local South Bank Shuttle, which will drop attendees off at the entrance to the hotel.

The conference will be jam-packed with great speakers, panels and networking opportunities. This year's keynote speaker-The Norman Clark National Issues Lecture - will feature Dr. Mark Taylor (<http://taylorprograms.org/>) who will examine issues related to millennials in health education programs. Dr. Taylor entertains as well as informs, and his speech promises to leave us wanting more. This year we will also look at proprietary schools, distance learning, human patient simulators, partnerships, community health worker programs, accrediting agencies updates, our ever-popular "Hot Topics" and much, much more. A preliminary program and information are available on the following page.



*Please plan on joining us in Cincinnati in October!  
We can't wait to see you!*

# Preliminary Agenda

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6-9 PM	Registration
6 – 8 PM	EVENT: Welcome Reception

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30-8:15	Registration/Breakfast/VENDORS New Member Orientation & Breakfast
8:15-8:30	<b>Welcome and Remarks</b> , Janell Lang, President NN2, Owens Community College, Dr. Ron Wright, President, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
8:30-10:00	<b>Keynote: Millennials in Health Educational Programs and Careers</b> , Norman Clark National Issues Lecture, Dr. Mark Taylor
10:00-10:15	BREAK/Vendor Exhibits
10:15-11:00	<b>Mission Integration Through Career Pathways</b> , Dr. Carolyn O’Daniel, Jefferson Community and Technical College
11:00-12:00	<b>Upstate New York Consortium Blended Approach to Delivering AAS Degree in Dental Hygiene to Rural Communities</b> , Frank Rhinehart, Monroe Community College
12:00-1:15	LUNCH/Vendor Exhibits
1:15-2:00	<b>On the Move with Mobile Technology</b> , Connie Beal and Kimberly Dunker, Sinclair Community College
2:00-3:00	<b>Panel Presentation: Proprietary Schools-Perspective from Two-Year Public Colleges</b> , Panel TBA
3:00-3:15	BREAK/Vendor Exhibits
3:15-4:00	<b>Health Career Collaborative</b> , Dr. Marianne Krismer, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
4:00-4:45	<b>Advising Resources to Enhance the Experience of a Diverse Population of Students</b> , TBA
5:30-8:30	EVENT: NIGHT at the MUSEUM CENTER-20th Anniversary Celebration, Exploring the Past, the Present and the Future

### Mission/Purpose

*The purpose of the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges is to promote and encourage innovation, collaboration, and communication among two-year colleges sponsoring health career programs.*

### Opening Networking Reception

**Wednesday, October 10, 6-8 PM**

One of the major benefits of the National Network is having the opportunity to develop relationships and share ideas with peers from all over the United States. On Wednesday, October 10, join the Executive Board members, vendors, sponsors and meet other conference attendees for an opening reception at the historic Hilton Netherland Plaza. We look forward to seeing you!

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30-8:15	Registration/Breakfast/VENDORS
8:15-8:30	<b>Welcome and Remarks</b>
8:30-9:30	<b>Panel: The Connected Community Partnership &amp; Community College/CBO Partnerships</b> , Geneva Baker, Ivy Tech, Linda Squires Grohe
9:30-10:15	<b>Human Patient Simulator Panel: How are We Using Simulators in Curriculum?</b> Panel TBA BREAK/Vendor Exhibits
10:15-11:30	<b>CAAHEP Update and Video: Assessing the Skills of Health Educators for use in a Crisis</b> , Kathy Megivern, CAAHEP
11:30-12:00	<b>Other Accreditation Updates</b> , NN2 members
12:00-1:30	EVENT: Lunch and Annual Business Meeting
1:30-2:15	<b>Distance Learning in Health Care Programs: It Can Be Done, Current State of the Art</b> , Anne Loochtan, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
2:15-3:00	<b>A National Community of Practice for Developing and Delivering College-Responsive Educational Programs for Community Health Workers</b> , Donald E. Proulx, Lee Rosenthal, Mark Hamon, Sergio Matos
3:00-3:15	BREAK/Vendor Exhibits
3:15-4:15	<b>Setting up a Divisional Tabletop Exercise for Crisis Response</b> , Col. (Retired) Robert Baylor, formerly of the Ohio Air National Guard and Program Chair, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
4:15-4:45	<b>AACC Update</b> , Roxanne Fulcher, AACC
5:30-8:30	EVENT: Reception at Cincinnati State, Dine-Arounds in Newport on the Levee, KY

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00-8:00	NN2 Board Meeting
8:15-8:30	Introductions, Updates, Remarks
8:30-9:30	<b>Simulator Technology: Moving Toward Curriculum Integration</b> , TBA
9:30-10:00	<b>Spellings Report Update: What does it mean for us?</b> Janell Lang, Anne Loochtan
10:00-10:15	BREAK/Vendor Exhibits
10:15-11:00	<b>Hot Topics</b> , NN2 Members
11:00-11:45	TBA, TBA
11:45	<b>Final Comments</b> , Meeting Adjourn

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## ANNUAL MEETING

*Cullen Johnson, Executive Director*

NN2 was represented at the AACCC Annual Convention in Tampa, Florida in April. NN2 officers and members participated on the Commission for Economic and Workforce Development and the Affiliated Councils committee, provided presentations on healthcare education program issues, and staffed a newly designed booth at the AACCC Academic Marketplace at the convention. A number of community college presidents stopped at the NN2 booth for information and to see if their college was listed on the membership display. Over 300 brochures and note pads with NN2's contact information were handed out. It is hoped that the Presidents will pass the NN2 information on to the Deans, Directors, and Program Managers in Nursing and Health Sciences to encourage them to join the National Network. NN2 members who attended and hosted in the NN2 booth were Janell Lang, Barbara Jones, Marianne Krismer, Sharman Willmore, Vivian Lilly, and Cullen Johnson.

For those old-timers, Dr. Carlos Soto and Dr. Fred Law stopped by and visited the NN2 booth. Dr. Soto is a charter member of NN2 and Dr. Fred Law was involved with NN2 for many years. We hope to see them as well as many of you at our 20th Anniversary Celebration at our National Meeting in Cincinnati, October 10-13.



## HEALTH PROFESSIONS NETWORK *Spring Meeting ~ April 26-29, 2007*

The Health Professions Network (HPN) announced at its spring meeting that it is now fully incorporated as a 501c3 organization. This new status will facilitate HPN contact with other agencies, enable the organization to apply for and receive external funding, and allow HPN to move forward to meet the many challenges facing allied health.

Indeed, HPN is already developing a large-scale proposal to heighten public awareness of the critical need for healthcare professionals. To accomplish this, HPN is proposing a two-phased approach: Phase One will be a nationwide public relations campaign, and Phase Two will address the long-range opportunities to focus consumer awareness on educational and capacity issues associated with the education of health care professionals.

HPN held its spring meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota April 26-29. The conference theme was Education, Collaboration & Partnerships. Dr. Paul Wing, Deputy Director, Center for Health Workforce Studies, provided the keynote presentation. Ensuing sessions focused upon utilizing the community of health resources, health care providers, educators and employers, to address the national shortages. These included Susan Moreland's depiction of the exceptional work being performed by Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), Valerie DeFor's presenta-

tion of the successful efforts of Minnesota's Healthcare Education Industry Partnership (HEIP), and Candy Leopold's national Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) update.

Of lively interest to the audience was a panel discussion entitled "The Issue of Degree Creep and its Implications on Healthcare Workforce Development." The panel members were Dr. Charles Cooper, Director of Pharmacy, Hennepin County Medical Center; Dr. David Gibson, Dean, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Health Related Professions and President, Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP), and Dr. Barbara Jones, Dean of Instruction, Louisiana Delta Community College and Immediate Past President, National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2). (Please go to the NN2 Website, click on Resources, and you'll be able to see Barbara's PowerPoint presentation.)

As always, there was time for enjoyable activities. These included riding Segways along the Mississippi River, wine and dessert cooking classes, and learning about St. Paul's fabled history as a "gangster sanctuary" in the 1920s. HPN will host its fall meeting in Anaheim, California September 27-30, 2007.



*David Gibson, ASAHP and Barbara Jones, NN2 past President - panel presenter on "degree creep."*



*After the conference sessions, HPN members take time to enjoy the scenery along the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis*

# ASSOCIATION OF SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITORS

## Spring Meeting ~ March 25–27, 2007

Janell Lang, NN2 President

The Association of Specialized and Programmatic Accreditors (ASPA) held its spring 2007 meeting March 25-27 in Arlington, Virginia. The conference focused upon national issues impacting accreditation, in particular, and higher education, in general. Just a few days earlier, the Spelling's Commission released a 25-point list of "action items," the result of a day-long National Higher Education Transformation Summit, sponsored by the United States Department of Education (USDE) on March 22. Included in the recommendations were the demands for completion rates, graduation rates, more data, more analysis, more accountability, more transparency in published reports, and, of course, rule-making authority. (For additional information on Neg/Regs, see <http://www.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/health-rulemaking/2007/nr.html>)

Of special interest was "Let's Talk," with Vicki Schray, Senior Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary, US Department of Education (USDE) and lead negotiator in the accreditation rule making process. This was an interactive session with members of the audience raising questions in a "town hall" format. Fueling the discussion was what Doug Leaderman, Editor of Inside Higher Education, has coined, "...the Education Department's full-court press on accreditors in a desire to have the agencies ratchet up the pressure they, in turn, place on

colleges to measure (and prove) that their students are learning and, importantly, to try to find ways to compare institutions' success to one another" (April 2007).

In her discussion paper, *Assuring Quality in Higher Education: Key Issues and Questions for Changing Accreditation in the United States* (February 2006), Schray asserted, "The lack of consistency and transparency in the accreditation system has now created major concerns about whether the accreditation community is able to assure consistent levels of quality and be counted on to support national and state efforts to improve performance, promote innovation and expand transfer credit."

Indeed, during this exchange, Schray declared that "...we need to balance the needs of the institution with the needs of the public...we need to embrace and use the powerful lever of accreditation as a means to address the public's knowledge...."

Across the country, serious objections have been voiced regarding what is being perceived to be the push for federal control over higher education. For example, an editorial in the June 6 Florida Times-Union calls for resistance to "federal intrusion" in college accreditation (<http://enews.ama-assn.org/t/10187/239157/155/0/>).

Other presentations addressed topics of legislative advocacy, reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, and distance learning and substantive change.

A Pre-ASPA meeting was held with the accreditors and representatives from the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) and the National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2). Hugh Bonner, Dean at State University of New York Upstate Medical University College of Health Professions, and David Gale, Dean, Eastern Kentucky University College of Health Sciences, represented ASAHP, while Janell Lang, Dean, Owens Community College School of Health Sciences, represented NN2. Principal items of discussion centered on how the American Medical Association is attempting to pass legislation in every state to limit physicians as the only professionals who may be addressed as "doctor," and review of a survey conducted by ASAHP regarding state requirements for standard credit hours (minimum/maximum) needed for the awarding of associate (60 minimum), baccalaureate (120 minimum), master's (30-45) and doctoral degrees (3 years FT beyond masters).

## HRSA/BUREAU OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS ANNOUNCES NEW ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS - 7/07

Becky Duke, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Administrator announced that Dr. Marcia Brand will begin serving as the Associate Administrator for Health Professions in the Bureau of Health Professions, effective immediately. She will also continue to serve as the Director of the Office of Rural Health Policy, which will remain a separate office reporting directly to Duke. Tom Morris will continue to serve in his current role as the Deputy Director for the Office of Rural Health Policy. Dr. Brand brings to her new job a deep commitment to addressing healthcare work force issues and excellent leadership abilities. She is committed to HRSA's mission and accomplishes that mission through partnerships and collaborations both within HRSA and with external partners.

The Marketing Committee has been involved in many projects to help promote NN2. The committee selected and designed a portable table display banner for NN2. The new banner displays the new NN2 logo and healthcare pictures that articulate the organization's mission. The new banner was used at the booth at the AACC Convention in Tampa in April. The Marketing Committee is selecting a special commemorative item for the NN2 20th anniversary conference. The Marketing Committee was involved in providing ideas for the revision of the NN2 website. Ann Loochtan, past NN2 officer and board member, has been secured to update the website. She has done a wonderful job. While the site is still under construction, many improvements have been made and new information and links added. Please take the time to check out the website and provide us with your feedback at <http://www.nn2.org/>



Cullen Johnson, NN2 Executive Director and Marianne Krismer, NN2 member working the NN2 booth at AACC Convention

# Pandemic Influenza Planning Should Be a Priority

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Policemen in Seattle wearing masks made by the Red Cross, during the influenza epidemic. December 1918. Officials feared mass hysteria in major cities. Citizens were urged to stay indoors and avoid congested areas. Here, policemen patrol the streets to ensure public safety. Record held at: National Archives at College Park, MD. Record number 165-WW-269B-25.



Since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the national awareness of the importance of disaster preparedness has peaked. Natural disasters come in all shapes and sizes and often we forget that one of the greatest natural disasters to hit our shores was not a hurricane, tornado, or earthquake but a pandemic (1918). As we prepare for the current hurricane season we must be aware that the potential for being overwhelmed by a viral tsunami, pandemic influenza, is real. As health care professionals and educators, we must be on the leading edge of promoting public health preparedness and be leaders in the effort to mitigate the adverse outcomes associated with a pandemic among the general population. To do this, it is imperative that we remain as up-to-date as possible concerning the present H5N1 characteristics and the resources available for preparedness and response planning.

The federal government has established a clearinghouse for pandemic influenza information and resources at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>. The website is continuously updated with information and detailed guides for federal, state/local, individual, workplace, school, healthcare, and community preparedness and response planning. There are also links to individual state agencies responsible for pandemic influenza.

The following are three of the most recent initiatives. Detailed information and documentation can be found at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/> :

## *Pandemic Flu Leadership Blog*

This is an effort by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide a national dialogue concerning pandemic influenza. National leaders and citizens are encouraged to contribute their thoughts and ideas. "The blog is part of HHS' ongoing campaign to encourage leaders to convince and help Americans prepare for a potential pandemic flu."

## *Pandemic Severity Index*

As part of the "Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation," a Pandemic Severity Index (PSI) has been developed to help citizens understand the severity of an outbreak and to help communities plan their response. Using the PSI, future pandemics will be categorized into five discrete categories of increasing severity (Category 1 to Category 5), similar to how we currently categorize hurricanes. Most people who live on the east and Gulf Coast understand the difference between a category 1 and a category 5 hurricane. It is hoped that citizens will learn to gauge future pandemics in a similar fashion, and that communities can direct their response more effectively.

## *The Pandemic Influenza Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Guide*

This guide has been developed to encourage the private sector to begin pandemic influenza planning immediately. Directed toward large, medium, and small business, the guide gives strategies for actions that can be taken now to prepare for, respond to, and recover from, a localized outbreak, as well as the broader pandemic.

Take advantage of these resources. Act now. Go to <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/> and begin preparing for the next pandemic. Don't wait until you hear the sound of the approaching tsunami.

## Are you receiving the AMA's Health Professions e-Letter?

The Health Professions e-Letter is a free monthly e-mail newsletter from the American Medical Association (AMA), publisher of the annual Health Professions Career and Education Directory.

First produced in April 2000, the e-Letter covers educational, accreditation, and career-related trends in the allied health professions.

Our 12,000 readers and contributors include health professions education program directors, allied health deans, accrediting agencies, professional organizations, certifying/licensing boards, and federal/state governmental agencies.

The e-Letter covers a wide range of issues affecting allied health—everything from workforce concerns and faculty shortages to key public health issues affecting all health professionals, and all Americans. Recent articles include:

- What is allied health?
- Different worlds: Rural and urban differences in emergency medical services
- Health care academy changes lives
- Medical librarians help separate health info wheat from chaff
- New Web tool offers one-stop shop for health workforce info

Current and archived issues of the e-Letter are available online: <http://www.ama-assn.org/go/hpe-letter>

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**National Network Of  
Health Career Programs  
in Two-Year Colleges**

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
October 10-13, 2007  
Meeting Registration**

**Registrant Information:**

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