

# ASTPHSW

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## **President's Message:**

*It has been a pleasure, for the last two years, to serve as president of the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Social Workers. With your support, and the hard work of the ASTPHSW Board of Directors, we are now positioned to grow and be a part of making a vital contribution to the many critical needs of our public health world.*

*As an active member of the ASTHO Affiliate Council, ASTPHSW now has member Mary Philip chairing their Workforce Committee. And as ASTHO and the Council develop the focus of the Alliance for the Healthiest Nation, we will be at the table to make sure that social work values and principles are included in that process.*

*So please stay involved and seek new ways to get involved and to energize ASTPHSW. We now have a new breath of air and an opportunity to join together to focus on initiatives which will address many critical issues.*

*Now join me in welcoming our new ASTPHSW President Kathy Burk, from the Mississippi State Department of Health, and our new ASTPHSW Member at Large Mary Philip, from the California Department of Health. Our new officers' terms will begin January 2009. ASTPHSW will thrive from their active and involved leadership.*

*Remember ASTPHSW needs you, so commit to get involved.*

*Take good care,*

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# Board Recognitions

Moving a few steps away – but not leaving!

Marvin “Reg” Hutchinson ... a public health social worker who has provided decades of Board Services to the Association of State and territorial Public Health Social Workers.

Reg’s term on the Board as member-at-large ends this December. This will mark the 1<sup>st</sup> time in many years that Reg Hutchinson has not been a member of the ASTPHSW Board. For many years he has provided support in some pomposity or another. He has been and will continue to be a dedicated professional social worker who works to do all that he can to make ASTPHSW the best it can be. As he moves to the regular membership status, he will always be an honorary member of the Board because of the sheer number of years of service. So hats off to Reg, a dedicated professional, who has worked to keep ASTPHSW alive and well.

Dollie Hambrick  
ASTPHSW Board

**Dedication and leadership: What a way to share!**

Debbie Stokes will be rotating off the ASTPHSW Board in January 2009. It will not be the same without Debbie. She has given tirelessly to ASTPHSW. She has served on this Board for many years and is a past president. In fact, she held the position of president longer than any other. When the organization was reorganizing, she graciously agreed to continue her role as president until things settled out.

Debbie is retired from the Ohio Department of Public Health where she served as Social Work Consultant for MCH. She continues to be involved in her field and community. Over the years, Debbie has presented at conferences-including ASTPHSW-across the country. She was very active and served in leadership roles in APHA as well. Debbie has made many contributions to public health social work, but one that stands out to several of us, is her leadership in developing the new standards and getting them published.

Her national leadership deserves our appreciation.

Reg Hutchinson  
ASTPHSW Board

# States Sharing News

## South Carolina

The Office of Public Health Social Work, directed by Reg Hutchinson, shares their professional services via their agency website. It's professional design displays social work interventions in many critical areas facing public health and how general and specialized social work skills, knowledge, and values are effective in changing the milieu of public health. It also brings to the forefront the depth of understanding that social work has about the many factors influencing our public health world.

Check out South Carolina public health social workers' [successes](#) in 2007.

## Louisiana

Louisiana's Office of Public Health, Children's Special Health Services (OPH-CSHS) has completed a pilot of a Care Coordination and Transition (CC&T) Process within one region of the state. Based on Maternal and Child Health Bureau mandates and Medical Home initiatives, CSHS care coordination aims to provide children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and their families comprehensive services that provide not only for the medical needs of CYSHCN, but also the educational, social-emotional and other needs that combine to promote health, wellness and independence.

CSHS staff researched risk factors/health indicators important for children and youth with disabilities and formulated a needs assessment that addresses 20 key wellness and independence areas. These factors include routine health exams by a primary care physician, yearly dental care, proper nutrition, access to all necessary medical supplies and equipment, management of one's own health care, awareness of and linkage to adult primary care and specialty physicians, adult living alternatives, vocational/rehabilitative services, reproductive health, relationships, school adjustment, etc. CSHS designed a database that records each of the 20 indicators and allows staff to track the status of each indicator for individual clients. The database also contains information on staff follow up assignments, specific action steps, and deadline dates for achieving follow up. Staff can generate from the database several reports on client indicator status that can be disseminated to the primary care physician, CYSHCN and family, and other service providers involved in CYSHCN's care.

The pilot Process targets CSHS transition age recipients, defined as youth between 14 and 21. CSHS chose transition age youth because moving from pediatric care to adult care is a difficult process for many CYSHCN and their families. Transition often requires advance planning to identify adult providers who accept persons with disabilities, especially those who are Medicaid eligible or uninsured. Eventually CSHS will expand the CC&T process to all age groups and will begin implementing the process in every region of the state.

Preliminary evaluation of the pilot based on youth and parent satisfaction surveys reveal that clients who received CC& T services felt more prepared for transition and were satisfied to very satisfied with the Process and staff follow up on care plans.

[Pat Scott](#), Director  
Public Health Social Work

# APHA News

The American Public Health Association held its annual meeting in San Diego, California, October 25-29, 2008. The meeting was very exciting. Professor Sir Michael Marmot, of London, was the opening speaker and addressed the work he has been active in for years around the social determinants of health. The APHA Social Work Section had several productive business meetings, and the presentations sponsored by the Social Work Section were all excellent. It was an exciting time connecting with public health social workers from around the country. Next year's meeting will be in Philadelphia. Please be on the lookout for requests to submit abstracts for presentations and consider submitting one. The theme will center on public health and water.

Reg Hutchinson

# Membership News

It is time again to renew your ASTPHSW membership dues. Our membership year begins January, 2009. To renew your membership or get additional information, contact [Kathy Burk](#).

# ASTPHSW Listserv

Our Listserv is sponsored by the University of North Carolina School of Social Work. To communicate with ASTPHSW membership, simply send an email to: [astphswmembership@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:astphswmembership@listserv.unc.edu). There are a few "rules of the road," but the setup is designed to be user friendly. If you have questions, please contact our Listserv Manager: [Jennie Vaughn](#), MSW (919) 962-8352

## **NEWS, NEWS, NEWS WANTED!** **Please share your NEWS with ASTPHSW!!**

Members and friends, I have received input of ideas and information to place in our newsletter. This is great and helps me to be creative as well. If you have not shared your ideas or news, it is never too late to do so. Don't overlook activities or information that others would enjoy learning about. Of course, we are always wanting to hear of any personal events/successes that you may wish to share with the membership.

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