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Gender-Based Violence & HIV Risk

“It is essential to understand that sexual rights are human rights, and everyone’s right to health includes entitlements to sexual health, sexual freedom and sex education and information (de Mesquita, 2007).”

This July, Dr. Anne Teitelman, of the Penn CFAR, as chairperson held a preconference symposium in Gaborone, Botswana for the International Council on Women’s Health Issues addressing gender based violence and HIV risk among adolescent girls.

The half-day symposium included several others from Penn and strove to shed a light on the glaring risks of HIV among adolescent girls who are enshrined in violent social environments. Looking not only at social determinants but the resiliency of adolescent girls, psycho/social impact, theory, effective service delivery models, and the ethics of involving adolescent girls in HIV/AIDS research.

Throughout the symposium you heard the tremendous gains in knowledge that has occurred in recent years but you also heard a need for more research and changes in policy that would slow down if not eliminate the risks for girls worldwide based on the gender inequality that is so often faced by women of all cultures and ages.

For more information about the symposium please contact Dr. Anne Teitelman at teitelman@nursing.upenn.edu

Protocols to Watch

- Implementing PATH-India: Reducing HIV risk Among Dually Diagnosed in India (T. Ghose) Contact (215) 898-5514

- HIV Serostatus & its Influence on Mother Influence Behaviors & Adolescent Engagement in HIV Risk Behaviors (S. Marcus/ J. Cederbaum) - Contact: (215) 573-7941

- Epidemiology of HPV Infection in HIV infected Women with Precancerous Cervical Lesions in Botswana (D. Ramogola/ H. Friedman). Contact: (215) 662-3557

Electronic Submissions .... By Christian Bitto

The best advice I can give to you is to always check the User's Guide when preparing a proposal. It's a huge document but you can search the PDF for specific things you need to do. Especially helpful is Appendix A which is a "how do I" section detailing some common things that one does in PD. There are also quick reference guides available on the

Quick Reference Guides - http://project.pennera.upenn.edu/PDQuickRef.asp

We also run a lot of trainings for PD and it is advisable to take those if you’ll be preparing submissions. (It is also required in

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Red Ribbon Awards are Coming

The CFAR CAB invites you to join them as they honor the 2008 Red Ribbon Awards Honorees at City Hall on World AIDS Day, Monday, December 1, 2008. The Red Ribbon Awards Ceremony is one of the cornerstone events for the CFAR CAB. There is still time to nominate individuals. If you know of anyone you think is deserving of a thank you, you did a great job, you have inspired me moment in the field of HIV/AIDS in the following categories: Policymaker; Community Member; Researcher; and Youth Community Member (under the age of 25) please send in your nomination by October 7, 2008. For more info contact Rick Britt, Chair. at philarickbritt@yahoo.com

PennERA homepage.
The 1572-Your Contract with the FDA

The FDA has just released a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document concerning the FDA form 1572—a form that is every investigator's contract with the FDA assuring the Investigator will conduct the specific research study in accordance with GCP and government research regulations.

Did you know:
* The FDA does not recognize the title of "Co-Investigator"? Each site has a Principal Investigator (PI), and all investigators involved in the study at a specific institution are either Sub-Investigators supporting the PI, or are PI themselves and must complete their own 1572 form.
* The FDA FAQ document clarifies what type of role/person is appropriate to enter in the block #6 of the form: Names of Sub-investigators; and yes, depending on responsibilities CRCs can be entered as sub-investigators.
* Anyone listed on the 1572, not just the PI, must submit information about financial interests:
  * a CV or a statement of qualification is required only of the PI.
  * CVs or statements of qualification for others listed on the 1572 do not need to be submitted to the Sponsor or FDA.

To access this new guidance document on FDA form 1572, point your browser to: http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/FDA-2008-D-

Where to find
* Assessment Tools
  http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/aids/cores/bssc/assessment.htm
* Office of Research Services to promote the research endeavors at Penn
  http://www.upenn.edu/researchservices/
* CRISP - searchable database of federally funded biomedical research projects.
  http://crisp.cit.nih.gov/
* NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices - grant policies, guidelines and funding opportunities
* Grants.gov - is your source to FIND and APPLY for federal government grants.
  http://www.grants.gov/index.jsp

November 4, 2008
ELECTION DAY
VOTE!!!
Bring a friend to the polls.

November 11, 2008
CFAR CAB meeting
3535 Market St, Ste. 4000
12p-2p (TBA)

December 1, 2008
Annual Red Ribbon Awards at City Hall RSVP by 11/20/08 at tybrown@mail.med.upenn.edu

December 18, 2008
CFAR Seminar Series
Tom Coates, PhD
BRB II/III Auditorium
1pm-2pm

1. At Risk in America: The Health and Health Care Needs of Vulnerable Populations in the United States by Lu Ann Aday
2. The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucrats, Brothels, and the Business of AIDS by Elizabeth Pisani
3. Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present by Harriet Washington
5. And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic, 20th Anniversary Edition by Randy Shilts

Electronic Submissions—
order to gain access if you're not a PI) They can be found on KnowledgeLink. If you have any other questions contact Christian Bitto at cbitto@upenn.edu or 215-746-6287.

What's on your IPod?
1. 40 Licks by the Stones (you may be licking your wounds from the grant submission process)
2. Let It Be by the Beatles (what you tell yourself everyday)
3. Overture of 1812 by Tchaikovsky (there isn't a theme song for the War on Terror so this will do)
4. Summertime by Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince (its officially over but it will come again)
5. Happy Feelings by Frankie Beverly and Maze (how you feel when you see your students leave at the end of lecture)
6. Sarah Palin's Vice Presidential Acceptance Speech at the RNC (every once in awhile you need to be inspired or a good laugh)
7. Little Red Corvette by Prince (I hear it will be a hybrid soon to lessen the guilt of a midlife crisis)