

PHEN Communiqué: July 2011

Dear PHEN Member,

PHEN sends this *PHEN Communiqué* to members on a monthly basis, providing announcements and information on health ethics resources and events. If you do not wish to receive this monthly email bulletin, please reply to this email and write "unsubscribe" in the subject heading.

PHEN Announcements and Events

Clinical Ethics Consultation Boot Camp

Registration is now open for the upcoming Clinical Ethics Consultation Boot Camp in Banff, Alberta from November 3 - 5, 2011. This intensive, interactive and high-quality learning experience in clinical ethics consultation will be led by a diverse team of clinical ethicists from across North America. In the relaxed and inspirational setting of spectacular Banff, participants will be provided with theoretical background and practical, hands-on training on the entire ethics consultation process, from intake and preparation, to meeting facilitation and evaluation. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/bootcamp/index.asp>

PHEN Operations Update

PHEN has been in discussions with Health and Wellness Minister Gene Zwozdesky and the Department regarding its core operational funding. The funding agreement currently in place expires September 30, 2011 and work is underway to extend this agreement to June 30, 2012. Another meeting with the Minister is anticipated to take place in the coming weeks to discuss and clarify PHEN's and others' roles in providing services and building capacity in ethics in Alberta. PHEN is still seeking to secure a longer-term, sustainable funding agreement in order to effectively and efficiently fulfill its mandate. Further updates will be provided as developments unfold.

Job Posting: Programming Coordinator

PHEN is accepting applications for the position of Programming Coordinator, based out of PHEN's Edmonton office. The position involves coordinating and collaborating on the development and delivery of new and ongoing projects and programmes, as well as a variety of administrative work. This is a maternity leave position, and is subject to confirmation of PHEN's funding. For more information, please visit <http://www.phen.ab.ca/bioethicsjobs/index.asp>

PHEN Financial Statements

PHEN has received, and its Board has approved, its audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2011. In the absence of an annual general meeting to take place soon, the statements have been posted for review on the PHEN website at <http://www.phen.ab.ca/financials.asp>. Members having questions or

comments in regards to the statements are asked to submit them to middleton@phen.ab.ca.

Other Announcements and Events

Residency in Clinical Ethics

The Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta invites applications for a full-time, one-year residency in clinical ethics, beginning Fall 2011. The residency is aimed at individuals with significant academic training in health ethics who wish to expand their clinical experience and prepare for a position as a Clinical Ethicist. The application deadline is August 19, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthjobs.ab.ca/ViewPosting.aspx?a=108902> or contact Denise Hugeman at denise.hugeman@albertahealthservices.ca or 780-735-6910.

Call for Cases: Population and Public Health Ethics

The CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health is soliciting cases of current ethical issues in population and public health for a new casebook publication. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/44006.html>

Accreditation Canada Ethics Conference

Toronto, ON: November 3 - 4, 2011

The aim of this conference is to reflect on a variety of ethical issues in health care and learn, share and refine strategies and tools that support ethical decision-making in organizations. Day one will focus on the ethics framework as a strategic tool, and day two will focus on supporting ethical practices. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.accreditation.ca/educational-resources/education-sessions/conferences-and-seminars/>

Health Ethics in the News

PHEN posts links to current news articles related to health ethics at <http://www.phen.ab.ca> - a few of the most recent articles are outlined below. Some of these sites require registration with the external website, but registration is free and only needs to be completed once.

Who Said Doctors Can't Be Ethical and Successful?

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/open-page/article2288190.ece>

How Much Do We Really Need to Know?

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/health/much+really+need+know/5182727/story.html>

Judge Rejects Lawsuit Against Stem Cell Research in US

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/story/2011/07/27/stem-cell-research-lawsuit-dismissed.html>

At What Price, Immortality?

<http://www.vancouversun.com/what+price+immortality/5100429/story.html>

World's First MSc in End-of-Life Ethics

<http://www.imt.ie/news/latest-news/2011/07/worlds-first-msc-in-end-of-life-ethics.html>

Delegates Ask AMA Council How to Just Say No to Patients

<http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2011/07/04/prso0704.htm>

Ethics Left Behind as Drug Trials Soar in Developing Countries

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2011/jul/04/ethics-left-behind-drug-trials-developing>

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If you have a health ethics event or announcement to publicise, please email it to middleton@phen.ab.ca for inclusion in an upcoming issue of PHEN Communiqué.