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## State Budget Conference Committee Begins Meetings June 1st



Its that time of year again – State Budget Conference Committee time!

As CPCA members and consortia, now is the time for everyone to gear up for the State Budget Conference Committee! This Committee will make the final decisions on the 2001 budget and will start meeting this **Friday, June 1st**.

We know that by putting the heat to the Legislature in the next two weeks we can realize our goals despite current budget constraints. We will need you to reach out with calls, faxes, letters, and emails to Conference Committee members (who have yet to be named). We will be contacting you over the next two weeks with further details of what we need everyone to

do. We appreciate your time and commitment and we may ask you to respond **within 48 hours or less**. Thank you for your help!

### Conference Committee Timeline:

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>: The committee meets for the first time

Week of June 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Calls, faxes, letters, etc. to the conferees in support of our budget priorities.
- Letters to the editor and opinion-editorials in newspapers
- District visits with conferees if available

Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>: PICO and CPCA Rally on the West Steps of the Capitol in Sacra-

mento- 10:30am

Week of June 11<sup>th</sup>: Calls, faxes, letters to the conferees in support of our budget priorities

### Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: The budget must be passed

With Laura Sisulak's departure, Debbie Seagle will be the designated Council interface with you in this crucial process. She will forward up-to-the-minute information and relay the support requests of CPCA as they happen. Please keep the above mentioned dates in mind and roll up your sleeves, as it looks like we have some important work to do in the next several weeks!

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### Important Dates!

- *Pharmacy & Purchasing Manager's Council (PPMC) July 19th, Cartwright Hotel, San Francisco, CA*
- *Region 9 Western Clinician's Medical Conference October 23-26th, Sheraton-Fisherman's Warf San Francisco, CA*

For further information on either event, please contact Debbie Seagle at the Council: [dseagle@ccc-sd.org](mailto:dseagle@ccc-sd.org) or telephone 619-265-2100, x 319

## Leland Kaiser, PhD Comes to the CCC!

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, through the generosity of Children's Hospital, Dr. Leland Kaiser, PhD spoke to members of the Council of Community Clinics. Dr. Kaiser is a dynamic, motivational speaker known for his ability to change the way organizations think. A recognized futurist and acknowledged authority on the changing American healthcare system, he is a provocateur and mentor to many hospitals and

healthcare organizations in the U.S.

In assisting the Council in their visioning process, Dr. Kaiser spoke about the fact that every organization has a high probability future and a preferred future. He spoke of a new vision of health being needed to guide our efforts to enhance the quality of life in our communities. The development of the

new vision of health is a shared responsibility involving all segments of the community and how it can be realized through community development and resource reallocation. He offered practical suggestions, drawing upon his experience in other communities currently involved in this national effort to improve the health of all Americans.



## Breast Cancer Early Detection Program Updates!

*BCEDP is happy to introduce three resources in our community that are available to women who are not eligible for the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program.*

### Scripps Project

The Scripps Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis Project (AKA **Scripps Project**) provides free diagnostic imaging services for medically uninsured or underinsured women under the age of 40. If a woman under 40 has a **palpable lump or other abnormality**, they must be referred to one of the participating clinics. At the clinic, they will receive a clinical breast exam, for which the patient is financially responsible. At the providers' discretion, the patient will be referred to ei-

ther the Scripps Polster Breast Care Center or the Scripps Chula Vista Imaging Center for free diagnostic services.

### AVON Cares Program for Medically Underserved Women

The AVON Cares Program will provide financial assistance (up to \$750) and relevant education and support to medically under served women throughout the country in need of diagnostic and/or related services leading to the diagnosis and treatment of **breast, cervical and ovarian cancers**. *Please note that financial assistance of breast related services applies to women 30 and older and financial assistance of cervical and ovarian-*

*related services apply to women 20 and older.*

Disbursements for medical procedures will be sent directly to the provider. Documentation of appropriate procedures will be required. All other services covered such as childcare or transportation will be self reported.

Referrals for this financial assistance program can be made by phone or internet at the following locations:

Call toll free **1-800-813-4673**, via e-mail: [info@cancercares.org](mailto:info@cancercares.org) or via the internet at [www.cancercares.org](http://www.cancercares.org)

### Council of Community Clinics

Money has been made available for excisional biopsies for women under 40. Please contact Katherine Chih, program coordinator at the Council of Community Clinics directly if funds are needed for this purpose (telephone: 619-263-9011).

Sherry Gould welcomes your inquiries regarding breast health services for men and women of all ages. Please do not hesitate to call them at Breast Cancer Early Detection Program.

## The World We Live In: A Continuing Feature on Cultural Competency in the Health Care Environment



The **Cross Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP)** at Pacific Medical Center works with health care providers, interpreters and community-based organizations to address the need for cultural competency in health care. Their series "Voices of the Communities" is an excellent resource to health care providers about certain ethnic communities. In a continuing feature, her in NewsBrief, we continue to discover cultures and explore some of the beauties (and challenges) of diversity. For more information about their resources, please visit their website at:

[www.xculture.org](http://www.xculture.org)

### The Cambodian Community:

- Traditional values include a strong family identity, respect for ancestors and the past and a desire for smooth interpersonal relationships.
- The roles of both males & females are respected.
- Elders *continue* to speak only Khmer. When interpreters are needed, nationality is not of concern to most Cambodians, but most prefer same-gender interpreters.
- Cambodians deal with illness through traditional medicine and self-medication. In Cambodia they have access to over the counter drugs at low cost but have few hospitals and physicians. Western medicine may be tried only when all known remedies have failed.
- Traditional forms of treatment are herbal remedies, dermal techniques, hot-cold balance and rituals. Dermal techniques include cupping, pinching or rubbing, also known as "coining." These techniques are used to relieve headaches, muscle pain, sinusitis, colds, sore throat, coughs, diarrhea or fever.
- Severe emotional disturbance and mental illness is usually attributed to possession by malicious spirits, to bad karma from misdeed in past lives or to inherited bad luck. It is usually denied & feared as it brings great shame to the patient's family.
- Family planning is uncommon in Cambodia; most women have many children.
- During childbirth and pregnancy, women seek the help of a midwife.
- Most women breast feed their babies. Breast feeding in public is common.
- Many Cambodians are hesitant to let Western clinicians know that they are using alternate forms of healthcare because they think the provider will disapprove.
- Procedures that are feared and not understood include blood draws, x-rays and surgery.