

AOEC e-News April 2009

Michael Shannon, MD, MPH - In Memoriam

Michael Shannon was many things beyond his role in AOEC as a pediatrician and toxicologist in the Boston PEHSU. He was the loving husband of Elaine Shannon and the devoted father of Evan Michael and Dalila Noel Shannon. In addition to his medical talents, he danced the part of Drosselmeyer every year in "Urban Nutcracker." At the time of his death on March 10, 2009, he was returning from Argentina where he and Elaine had been taking tango lessons.

Contributions in memory of Michael may be made to Kids Clothes Club, 120 Cypress Street, Brookline, MA. 02445; Barro Sinplomo, c/o Ellen Carno, 16 Kingswood Road, Auburndale, MA. 02466; Dr. Michael Shannon Fund for Dance, c/o Boston Dance Alliance, ATTN: Ruth Bimberg, 19 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA. 02116 or go to <http://www.bostondancealliance.org/home/home.php> .

Coffee and Conversation at AOHC

The annual AOEC Breakfast will be held on April 25 beginning at 7am in the Emma A room of the Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego. We'll have coffee and continental breakfast items available until 8:30 am. Please join us. For those of you heading out to the Residency Director's Meeting, it will begin at 8:00 am in the Emma B/C room.

Exhibiting at the AOHN Conference

As usual, we count on the nurses to have better options than just coffee for breakfast. Instead of hotel muffins, AOEC has an exhibit at the AOHN annual meeting. Ingrid Denis will be at Booth 306 to answer questions, listen to concerns, and generally converse with anyone interested in AOEC activities.

AOEC Board Meeting

The AOEC Board of Directors will hold its spring meeting a bit late this year. They will be meeting on June 27, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria, VA.

Jobs

Clinical Nurse III – University of California Irvine

Supervisor Clinic-Occupational Health Salary Starting between: \$31.32-42.28-53.25/Hr. Shift: Days Appointment: 100%

Summary: Under the direction of the Administrative Nurse Manager, the incumbent is responsible for all supervisory functions related to the delivery of patient care, as well as the

quality of nursing practice and the standards of care in the Occupational Health Clinic. Supervises and directs all staff and functions in the clinic while maintaining clinical nursing practice skills and clinic specific expertise. Specific duties include directing patient care activities, monitoring unit budgets in conjunction with the Administrative Nurse / Medical Director, and providing oversight to staff. Participate on departmental and medical center wide performance improvement projects as applicable. Serve as a role model and clinical resource to colleagues, staff, patients and others.

PLEASE NOTE: In support of UC Irvine Medical Centers mission to provide the highest quality patient care, all candidates offered employment will be required to complete a physical examination, pass a drug screen and successfully complete a background check prior to starting work. UC Irvine Medical Center encourages submission of a fully completed application which includes a complete salary history. The filing deadline pertains to all applicants. Qualified applications will be sent to the hiring department after the filing date has passed.

See Link below for details

<https://public.ha.uci.edu/hris/bulletin/OtherLinks.asp?filename=btJobView.asp&strURL=btJobView.asp&jn=MU03609Y&t=Clinical%20Nurse%20III%20-%20Supervisor&pt=MU&ps=>

Environmental Health Scientist-ATSDR/CDC

Please be advised that the announcements for the Environmental Health Scientist, GS-601-13, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)-Division of Regional Operations (DRO) is open Monday, April 6th under announcement numbers HHS-CDC-T2-2009-0492 and HHS-CDC-D2-2009-0202 and closes on Friday, April 24th.

SALARY RANGE: 70,615.00 - 91,801.00 USD per year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, April 06, 2009 to Friday, April 24, 2009

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0601-13/13 P

POSITION INFORMATION: Full-Time Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: Anchorage, AK

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: This job is open to U.S. citizens. You do not need current or prior federal experience to apply for this position.

Nonfederal government employees should apply under the "D2" announcement.

"D2" announcement at USAJOBS.GOV

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=80299721&AVSDM=2009-04-06>

Announcements

Worker Memorial Day

As people prepare for this year's Worker Memorial Day events, I urge you to view a new initiative from United Support and Memorial for Workplace Fatalities [USMWF.org] known as

the "Faces Campaign". This campaign is putting a human face on the tragedies of occupational safety and health. Please join us by using this theme in your programs and help us spread the word about this campaign. If people have WMD events that should be listed on the USMWF website, please send the information to Tammy Miser at <tammy@usmwf.org>. Thanks for your support!

ACR/NIOSH Symposium on Radiology of Pneumoconioses

For the first time since 2004, the ACR will collaborate with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to jointly sponsor the Symposium on Radiology of the Pneumoconioses. This symposium is designed for radiologists and other physicians who are familiar with the interpretation of chest images and the International Labor Office (ILO) radiographic classification system.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! — April 24-27, 2009

[ACR/NIOSH Symposium on Radiology of the Pneumoconioses](#)

Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, Va. (near Dulles Airport)

Visit the ACR's Web site for more information

Healthy People in a Healthy Environment

The 2009 National Environmental Public Health Conference-Healthy People in a Healthy Environment seeks to promote the nation's environmental health capacity by enhancing the expertise of environmental health professionals-including public health and healthcare professionals, academic researchers, representatives from communities and organizations, as well as advocacy and business groups with a primary interest in environmental public health.

The conference will be held October 25-28 in Atlanta.

<http://www.team-psa.com/2009nephc/main.asp>

Abstracts are due May 8; submit an abstract electronically at <http://www.team-psa.com/2009nephc/Abstract_Submission.asp>

The conference will focus on the following six tracks:

- Healthy Places
- Public Health & Environmental Exposures
- Sustainability & Public Health
- Environmental Systems & Public Health
- Environmental Health Emergencies
- Environmental Health Science and Practice

The conference agenda is being developed to include issues, topics, and initiatives that will be incorporated throughout the program, including but not limited to:

- Environmental justice
- Health disparities
- Vulnerable populations
- Policy and program development

Clinical practice, public health law and ethics
Community capacity building
Health economics
Health promotion, education and communication
Effective public participation practices

NC OSHERC NORA Seminar

Date: Wed April 15, 2009, 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET

Topic: Occupational Mental Health & Recognizing the Signs of Stressed Employees

Speaker: Judith Holder-Cooper, PhD, Director of Duke Professional and Personal Development Program and Employee Assistance Program, Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC

To access the free seminar, go to <http://breeze.unc.edu/sphnoraseminar>

Modest fee for CE credit

Application for continuing education credit has been made. If approved, the seminar will have 0.15 CEUs or 1.5 contact hours. To obtain CE credit, submit completed evaluation form, PID number (if someone does not have a PID, I will need the date of birth to create one), and check for \$4.00 payable to

NC OSHERC by April 30, 2009.

For more information, contact Susan Randolph using information below.

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Budgets and such

Neither NIOSH nor ATSDR were given any additional funding in the final stimulus bill. However, they did better than expected in the omnibus spending bill that passed March 10.

The ATSDR budget is \$74,039,000 which is a decrease of about \$1,183,000. However, it isn't quite a big a hit as it appears since in the FY2008 budget, ATSDR was directed to reserve \$1,500,000 for individual learning accounts (ILA) leaving an available base budget of \$73,712,000. In the FY 2009 budget the verbiage was changed to \$1,000 per full time equivalent (FTE). Since ATSDR has just over 300 FTEs, the available base budget is roughly the same as last year. Allowing for a 4% cost of living salary increase for those FTEs cuts the available funds are down a bit but it is much better than the 10% cut that ATSDR was preparing for last fall.

For NIOSH, it is trickier to get an exact figure for their budget since much of it is intertwined within the overall CDC budget. However, it should end up being about \$360,000,000 which translates into an increase in base funding of roughly \$17 million or roughly 4%. It doesn't look like an increase from last year because of less World Trade Center (WTC) funding. However, you have to look at WTC funding in a different light. WTC funding is not only specifically for

one project, it is what is referred to in the budgets as “no year” money. That means that unlike the usual appropriation, it isn’t “use it or lose it” in a specific time frame.

The EPA budget is also of interest. They are doing very well at the moment with both an increase in the omnibus budget as well as a healthy chunk of the stimulus package. The good news for our PEHSU program is that both EPA Administrator Jackson and Michelle Obama have stated publicly that children’s environmental health is a priority.

And finally-OSHA. As noted in an April 8, 2009 e-mail to the members, Sec. Solis has selected Jordan Barab to be Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA and Acting Assistant Secretary, effective Monday, April 13. OSHA also did well in the budget battles with roughly a 5% increase. Interestingly, the funding came with language attached from the Committee stating that OSHA should spend more of this money on enforcement, improved recordkeeping, and specific issues such as diacetyl, cranes and derricks, pandemic flu, ergonomics guidelines, silica, etc.