

# REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AND MENTAL HEALTH

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Subject: Annual Report

Presented by: Jenny Boyer, MD, Chair

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

It is the goal of the Council on Public and Mental Health (CPMH) to represent the Association in all matters related to public and mental health including, but not limited to, maintaining effective liaison with public and private organizations engaged in public health activities of this type, and the sponsorship of programs for the betterment of public and mental health. In 2009, The Council on Public and Mental Health met on these dates: February 18, 2009, September 9, 2009, and December 3, 2009.

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:**

The Council on Public and Mental Health continues under the leadership of Jenny Boyer, MD, Chair of the Council. The Council's major effort this year was to define its priorities. Five main issues were designated as the focus of work: improving the state's health rankings, obesity, tobacco, aging issues and mental health.

The CPMH agreed to write articles for an OSMA Journal dedicated to prevention. The topics will consist of obesity, aspirin therapy, prevention in mental health, and tobacco use prevention. Several patient pages will be included as well as a resource guide. Below are titles of some of the articles that will be published in this edition:

- Tobacco Issues/Tobacco Advisory Trust Fund – Bob McCaffree, MD
- Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan (OHIP) – Commissioner Cline/OSDH
- Obesity: Addressing Cultural Barriers –Boyd Shook, MD
- Aspirin Therapy – Commissioner Cline/OSDH
- Prevention in Mental Health – Steven Buck/DMHSAS
- Clinical Prevention Research Projects (may have 2 articles) - Jim Mold, MD/OKPRN
- Tar Wars Program – Paul Wright, MD
- Physicians Campaign for a Healthier Oklahoma (PCHO) – Robert Weedn, MD/Melissa Johnson
- Prevention Resource Guide – Melissa Johnson

Dr. Bud Oehlert gave a presentation on the Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan (OHIP), an initiative through the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Turning Point. The plan's first year objectives include: childrens' health, tobacco use, and obesity. Dr. Oehlert recommended that the Council support and get involved in this initiative. The Council approved supporting this plan.

## **LEGISLATION:**

The Council voted to have a legislative breakfast in 2009. The breakfast was held March 24, 2009. Two committees were invited to the breakfast; the Public Health committee and the Senate Health and Human Services committee. The Council partnered with OSMA's Legislative Council, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The breakfast served to educate legislators on some of the main public and mental health issues that affect Oklahoma. The Council wants the legislature to know that OSMA physicians care about the state of health of Oklahoma's citizens and they want to work with the legislature to improve the health of our state. Approximately 15 legislators and 25 physicians and medical students attended the breakfast.

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1 The Council also monitored any proposed legislation that could affect public health or mental health  
2 issues and worked with the Legislative Council on this legislation in 2009.

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4 **CONCLUSION:**

5 The Council on Public and Mental Health is dedicated to provide the citizens of Oklahomans, as well  
6 as OSMA members, with timely information regarding the medical aspects of public and mental health  
7 and to oversee programs in these areas. The next meeting of the Council on Public and Mental Health  
8 is scheduled for March 2009.

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10 Respectfully submitted,

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