

Public Health Graduate Student Organization, 2015-2016 Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- I. Student Dues (Speaker: Ciarra Dortche)
  - a. \$15 per semester or \$25 for the entire year
  - b. Meet with any PHO Executive Board Member to give check or cash to make payment
- II. Announcements (Speaker: Olivia Whitt)
  - a. Committee Chairs
    - i. Introduction (Speakers: Troy McAllister, Tiffany Eden)
      - 1. Troy Activities Committee
        - a. Intramurals, team bonding experiences
        - b. Survey will be sent out to see interest for intramurals
        - c. Would like to do a monthly activity (ex. Bowling, laser tag, movie night, corn maze)
      - 2. Tiffany Service Committee
        - a. Would like to do a service event each month
          - i. Ex. Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House or homeless shelter
    - ii. Next committee meeting place and time
      - 1. Will contact committee members with information
    - iii. Continued search for Historian & Media Committee Chair
  - b. Travel requests and funding through GPSS (Speaker: Larrin Stewart)
    - Powerpoint presentation, Please contact Larrin if you would like a copy of her presentation
  - c. Health Sciences Career Fair
    - i. November 5, 2015, 10am-1pm East Carolina Heart Institute
    - ii. Bring ECU OneCard and wear business attire
  - d. Dr. Kearney's Migrant Farmworker Donation (Speaker: Ciarra Dortche)
    - i. Collecting from Oct 14 until Dec 4
    - ii. Items needed: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, toiletries
  - e. Public Health Graduate Student Organization and Department of Public Health Christmas Party (Speaker: Ciarra Dortche)
    - i. Proposed Date: Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
    - ii. Dress Attire: Formal

- iii. Partnering with Other Brody School of Medicine Graduate Organizations
- f. Decorating Bras and Bidding (Speaker: Molly Robinson)
  - i. For supplies, \$5 will need to donated from each participant
  - ii. Email Molly Robinson if interested in participating in "Bras for a Cause"
    - 1. All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research
      - a. Suggestion Leo Jenkins Cancer Center
- g. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Creative and Achievement Week (Speaker: Ciarra Dortche)
  - i. Abstract deadline: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 (submissions accepted from Jan. 11 Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>) \
  - ii. Date of Conference: Monday, April 4th, 2016 Friday, April 8th, 2016
- III. Open Floor for Faculty or Staff Announcements (Speaker: Ciarra Dortche)
  - a. Dr. Hall 3, 1 credit hour online courses available, Community Grant Writing is the first class offered in Spring 2016
  - b. Peace.love.pirates.cure October 7, 10am-2pm Student Recreation Center
- IV. Speaker Michaela Penix, March of Dimes Foundation in Greenville
  - a. Mission of March of Dimes
     – to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects,
    premature birth, and infant mortality
  - North Carolina Preconception Campaign created due to NC's high rates of neurotube birth defects
    - i. Ex. 400 micrograms of folic acid can reduce the risk for neurotube birth defects by up to 70%
  - c. Looking for volunteers for Signature Chef's Auction
    - i. At end of October
  - d. Connect
    - i. mpenix@marchofdimes.org
    - ii. Marchofdimes.com/northcarolina
    - iii. EveryWomanNC.com
  - e. Community Ambassador Program
    - i. Spread the message to others through group education
    - ii. Will be compensated for each session presented
  - f. March of Dimes Walk
    - i. Saturday October 10, 10am, Greenville Town Commons
- V. End of Meeting
  - a. Opportunity to pay for PHO funds
  - b. Speak to Executive Board members
  - c. Speak with faculty and staff