Peace Caucus Business Meeting

October 25, 2020

Notes and Action Items

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Participants:

* Patrice Sutton
* Anlan (Annie) Cheney
* Valerie Pacino
* Robert Gould
* Bill Cork
* Jasmine Sweeting
* Marisa McGrenera
* Wesley Epplin
* Pauline Lubens
* Kathy Barker
* Charlotte Philips
* Curtis Bradford
* Sandra Tibbs;
* Meg (Fenerty?);
* Al Schultz;
* Lori Edwards;
* Ariel Gipson;
* Susan Nix Webster;
* Laura Torres
* Bob Ensinger
* Ann Behrmann

Action Items

1. **Develop 2021 APHA Policy Statement:**Valerie volunteered to lead the development of a Policy on Militarism/Militarizing the police and the following people volunteered to participate in the development of the policy which is due to APHA on **February 12, 2021**. Policy calendar is [here](https://www.apha.org/-/media/files/pdf/policy/2021_policy_statement_calendar.ashx?la=en&hash=2D5B539287C02F693B5C928BFCFFC8EB86CFFDAA)
   1. Valerie Pacino (lead)
   2. Jasmine Sweeting
   3. Amy Hagopian
   4. Kathy Barker
   5. Curtis Bradford
   6. Robert Gould
   7. Wesley Epplin
   8. Pauline Lubens
   9. Engage the [End Police Violence Collective](https://www.endingpoliceviolence.com/the-apha-policy-process) in APHA as collaborators
   10. Potential collaborators also PHR and ACLU
   11. 4363.0 session speakers? (Bita, Erin, Ashlee)
2. **Leverage APHA’s new 2020 nuclear policy** – make plans to promote leverage the new policy within and outside of APHA
   1. IH Section Global Health Policy Group particularly keen to leverage this with us
   2. see also “Long-lived radioactive waste trying to be made over by gentrification projects” (bob)
3. **Program Planning Ideas** – the Call for Abstracts for 2021 session likely to be posted in December
   1. Policing and militarism
      1. [Deadly exchange](https://deadlyexchange.org/) – ending US – Israel Police Partnerships – tracing back where the weapons being used on protestors are coming from
      2. Use of surplus equipment, Use of tear gas grenades
      3. Militarization of policing – collaboration with [End Police Violence Collective](https://www.endingpoliceviolence.com/the-apha-policy-process) (for example see report from Costs of War <https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2020/Police%20Militarization_Costs%20of%20War_Sept%2016%202020.pdf>
   2. Police violence on campuses/abolition of police on campuses
   3. Defunding the military – US and global
   4. Green New Deal and peace and justice (budget and militarization)
   5. [Liberian slave trade](https://time.com/5042560/libya-slave-trade/)
   6. Countering academic/university/ anti-China rhetoric/bi-partisan anti-China policies and potential for conflict – xenophobia
      1. university rhetoric against Chinese as “acceptable” forms of racism (Kathy)
      2. Indo Pacific alliance, contestation etc. ever-present; attempts to amend, military confrontation potential (Bob)
   7. Ethics (in collaboration with Ethics Section) how to define personal vs professional ethics For example see: <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/opinion/2020/08/27/humanitarian-principles-neutrality>
      1. See also doctors/health professionals in military
   8. New public health professional voices/perspectives on how their visions and goals and activities intersect with peace and conflict and violence prevention; how does the 2009 APHA policy on the role of health professionals apply to their work
      1. Modifying curriculum (Kathy) – see PPW work on this
   9. US role in global conflicts/ issues and policies underlying militarism, violence, conflict
      1. Misinterpretation of situations on the ground (e.g. Latin America) -- “even best orgs have been wrong on Nicaragua” e.g. Amnesty Intl, academia. See “invisible silence” in resources.
   10. Build connections and collaborative sessions with other sections and caucuses
       1. IH Section global health policy group
       2. End Police Violence Collective
       3. Ethics
       4. Human Rights
       5. MCH (did a lot on conflict this year)
       6. Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health
4. **Develop map** - Idea for creating a map/graphic illustrative to articulate the intersection, overlaps between war, climate, policing, racism, immigration etc. – tool for education, addressing issue of silos, future meeting (Annie will discuss with Wesley and others)
   1. Recalling Amy’s conceptualization “peace as the wallpaper”
5. **Resources:**
   1. [Summer Institute for Faculty in Peace Studies](https://kroc.nd.edu/news-events/events/summer-institute/) at the Kroc Institute at Notre Dame. A wonderful program where you get to meet faculty from all over the world, in lots of different disciplines.
   2. Regarding our discussion of distortion of facts on the ground in Central America. See "Global Health in Times of Violence" chapter "Recognizing Invisible Violence: A Thirty-Year Ethnographic Retrospective" (by Philippe Bourgois) - <https://sarweb.org/global-health-in-times-of-violence/>