

August 2, 2010 – Educational Lecture Series Event

Public Health

Autobiographical notes are provided below to highlight each speaker's experience in the field and/or work in the respective discipline. The notes should be used primarily to gain insight to the content of their presentation material.

Shelley Saitowitz is a Community Health Program Specialist with the County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency - Maternal, Child and Family Health Services Division. At the County, she supports work on a wide range of topics including health care reform; health insurance coverage and uninsured; chronic disease and health disparities; and public health impacts of the built environment and climate change. Shelley is part of a team recently awarded a Centers for Disease Control grant for \$16 million to reduce obesity countywide through systems, environment and policy change. Shelley has more than 13 years of health care management, program and policy development in both domestic and international healthcare settings. Shelley received her Masters of Public Health in Health Services, Management and Policy from the University of California at Los Angeles.

JuliAnna Arnett is the manager for the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative, a public/private partnership whose mission is to reduce and prevent childhood obesity in San Diego County by creating healthy environments for all children and families through advocacy, education, policy development, and environmental change. Ms. Arnett has worked for the past two years in the development of strategies to promote a local, sustainable food system and has partnered with local, state, and national organizations to address the root causes of hunger and obesity through policy and environmental change to increase the accessibility of healthful foods. Ms. Arnett currently serves on the board of directors for the San Diego Hunger Coalition and several state and local committees related to gardens, farm to school, farmers' markets, and food stamps. Prior to working with the Initiative, she served two years as an AmeriCorps Volunteer.

Dr. Christine Wood is a practicing pediatrician in San Diego with interests in healthy nutrition for children and the environmental and nutritional impact on health and disease. She is the author of the book, *How to Get Kids to Eat Great & Love It!* She is a frequent guest on TV and radio. Her articles and interviews have appeared in numerous publications. She serves as the Co-Chair of the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative and is a co-investigator with San Diego State University Research Foundation with a 5-year grant to evaluate a recreation site-based childhood obesity prevention programs.