

And yet...we need these visual images, all of us. The concerns of parents and the trials of young people reaching out to interact need to be depicted and made part of our visual information. Making Connections, even with flaws, provides the models and serves as a unique and valuable resource.

(Adele Gorelick, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Washington, DC)

### Coming (and Past) Events

The 18th World Congress of Rehabilitation International was held September 15-20, 1996, in Auckland, New Zealand. Speakers included Society members Katherine Seelman, Jerome Bickenbach, and Judith Heumann.

The Braintree Hospital Rehabilitation Network sponsored a neurorehabilitation conference on traumatic brain injury and stroke entitled "Rehabilitation in the Era of Managed Care and Practice Guidelines" on September 27-29, 1996.

The third annual North American Collaborating Center (NACC) Conference on ICIDH Revision met in St. Louis, MO, on September 30 to October 2, 1996, hosted by Washington University. Agenda items included: Current Applications of the ICIDH in the US in Managed Care, Peru and Venezuela's ICIDH Experience in Rehabilitation Programs; Explanation of new "Social Participation" and Environment Dimensions proposed for ICIDH-2; Review of Alpha and Beta Testing Protocols in Field Trials, and an ICIDH Workshop.

The American Public Health Association will meet November 17-21, 1996, in New York City. Contact them at 202-789-5674 (voice) or 202-789-5673 (TTY).

The Gerontological Society of America will hold its 49th Annual Scientific Meeting on November 17-21, 1996, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. Contact them at 1275 K Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20005-4006.

The American Society on Aging announces the Third International Conference on Long Term Care Case Management to held in San Diego, CA, on December 4-7, 1996. Contact them at 415-974-9600 (voice) or 415-974-

0300 (fax).

The Native American Research and Training Center (NARTC) at the University of Arizona will sponsor a conference on NIDDM in Minority Children, Tucson, Arizona, December 6-7, 1996. Contact them at 520/621-5560 or RSY@aurba.ccit.arizona.edu on email.

The Native American Research and Training Center (NARTC) at the University of Arizona will sponsor a conference on Cancer in Native American Women, Spring 1997. Contact them at 520/621-5560 or RSY@aurba.ccit.arizona.edu on email.

The Society for Disability Studies will hold its 10th annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 21-25, 1997. The call for papers is presented below under Announcements. For more information call 617-523-3429 (voice) or 617-523-3682 (TTY).

### **Call for Manuscripts**

The Winter 1997 issue of Disability Studies Quarterly will be a generic one. The Spring 1997 issue will be on disability history with Paul Longmore as special editor. The Summer and Fall 1997 issues are not yet designated. The Spring 1998 issue will be on deafness with Sue Foster as special editor. The Summer 1998 issue will be on disability and queer identities with Shelley Tremain as special editor. Persons wishing to submit manuscripts should contact the special issue editors.

Mitchell Tepper of the Sexual Health Network will guest edit a special issue of the Journal of Sexuality and Disability. He invites persons to submit manuscripts to him for consideration. The issue will explore the intersection of gender and disability placing an emphasis on how an individual's gender role socialization impacts on disability, rehabilitation, and relationships. He is also interested in manuscripts which use one or more of the following lenses: age-of-onset, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, and cultural perspective. Persons interested in sending a contribution can contact him at One Tamarac Ridge Circle, Huntington, CT 06484, mitchtep@aol.com or 203-924-4623 (voice or fax).

## Resources

The New England Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC) at The Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs of the University of Southern Maine just completed the translation into French of two EEOC publications: The Americans with Disabilities Act: Questions and Answers and Your Employment Rights as an Individual with a Disability. Each of these booklets contains a translation into two dialects, Parisian French and Acadian/Quebecois (Canadian) French. For further information call the DBTAC at 1-800-949-4232 (within New England) or 617-695-1225 (outside of New England).

As a service to readers of Disability Studies Quarterly the table of contents of related journals will be printed when available.

Disability and Rehabilitation, Taylor & Francis Ltd, Volume 18, Issue 9, Publication Date: 3rd September 1996.

Outcomes of assistive technology use on quality of life. M. J. Scherer, pp. 439-448.

Relationship between occupation and life satisfaction in people with multiple sclerosis. P. Lundmark and I.B. Brenholm, pp. 449-453.

The Frenchay activities index in stroke patients: agreement between scores by patients and by relatives. Torgeir Bruun Wyller, Unni Sveen and Erik Bautz-Holter, pp. 454-459.

The 'Preston profile' - the first disease-specific tool for assessing quality of life in patients with malignant glioma. Gill J. Lyons, pp. 460-468.

Dynamic and static physical training in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: application of a self-appraisal and coping model. Sven Ingmar Andersson and Charlotte Ekdahl, pp. 469-475.

A community oriented programme for rehabilitation of persons with arthritis. R. Eldar, R. Ronen, Z. Braun and P. Eyal, pp. 476-481.

Traumatic mutism in severe head injury relieved by oral diazepam. T.H. Caradoc-Davies, pp. 482-484.

The fibromyalgia syndrome. A. Doube, pp. 485-485.

Disability and Rehabilitation, Taylor & Francis Ltd, Volume 18, Issue 10; Publication Date: 2nd October 1996.

A review of ergonomic data of elderly people and it's application in

rehabilitation design. Nick Rogers, Johnathan Ward, Robert Brown and David Wright, pp. 487-496.

Hemiplegic shoulder pain (HSP): natural history and investigation of associated features. Peter Wanklyn, Anne Forster and John Young, pp. 497-501.

The influence of age on length of stay, functional independence and discharge destination of rehabilitation inpatients in Italy. Luigi Tesio, F.P. Franchignoni, L. Perucca and G.L. Porto, pp. 502-508.

Weightings of items on the Code-Muller protocols: The effects of clinical experience of aphasia therapy. Manfred Herrmann and Chris Code, pp. 509-514.

Planning a health education programme for the elderly visually impaired person - a focus group study. Synneve Dahlin Ivanoff, J. Sjestrand, K. Klepp, L. Axelsson Lind and B. Lundgren Lindqvist, pp. 515-522.

Effects of high voltage galvanic stimulation of ST36 and ST37 acupuncture points on peripheral blood flow and skin temperature. Joseph A. Balogun, Shan Tang, Yao He, Jen-Mei Hsieh and Joanne S. Katz, pp. 523-528.

Validation of the 50 cc drinking test for evaluation of post stroke dysphagia. D. Gottlieb, M. Kipnis, E. Sister, S. Chvolles and S. Brill, pp. 529-532.

Commentary on: H. G. Dickson's problems with the ICDH definition of impairment. Johanna Halbertsma, pp. 533-535.

Disabled children and developing countries. Raija Korpela, pp. 536-536.

Brain Injury, Taylor & Francis Ltd, Volume 10, Issue 11, Publication Date: 4th October 1996.

Ethical conflict resolution based on an ethics of relationships for brain injury rehabilitation. James F. Malec, pp. 781-795.

International working party on the management of the vegetative state: summary report. Keith Andrews, pp. 797-806.

Vegetative state and responses to sensory stimulation: an analysis of twenty four cases. Sarah L. Wilson, Graham E. Powell, Daryl Brock and Helen Thwaites, pp. 807-818.

Indicators of long-term family functioning following severe traumatic brain injury in adults. Jacinta M. Douglas and Frank J. Spellacy, pp. 819-839.

Outcome following traumatic brain injury: a comparison between 2 and 5 years after injury. John H. Olver, J.L. Ponsford and C. Curran, pp. 841-848.

The use of lithium in the treatment of aggressive behaviours with two brain-injured individuals in a state psychiatric hospital. Stephen B. Bellus, Diane Stewart, Joseph G. Vergo, Peter P. Kost, Jeffrey Grace and Scott R. Barkstrom, pp. 849-860.

New anticonvulsants. Bryan Jennett, pp. 861-864.

Pediatric neuropsychology in the medical setting. Janet S. Reed, pp. not given.

### **Announcements**

In February 1995 John Clogston, a ground-breaking scholar in the area of mass media and disability issues, died at the age of 41. The Media & Disability Interest Group of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications decided to honor John's memory by setting up The John Clogston Endowment Fund for Students which would assist students who do research in the area of mass media and disability issues. The fund will finance a student to present research on that topic at the AEJMC annual meeting. Please make your donations to the John Clogston Endowment Fund AEJMC, 1621 College Street, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208-0251.

The Society for Disability Studies will hold its 10th annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 21-25, 1997. This announcement solicits abstracts for individual paper presentations, panels, workshops, or roundtables on topics relevant to disability studies. The theme for the meeting will be Disability and Community. Proposals are particularly welcome that address current issues facing the disability community such as: disability culture; disability activism and its relationship to disability studies; bioethics and disability; as well as current issues in disability policy and politics, especially at the state and local levels. All handouts or visual information must be prepared in alternate formats. Sign language interpreters will be provided by SDS. Submit a 1-2 page abstract and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Richard Scotch, School of Social Sciences, 2601 North Floyd Road, Richardson, TX 75080. The submission deadline is January 15,

1997, which is an extension from the earlier announced deadline. Abstracts for all presentations should include the author(s), affiliation(s), telephone number, mailing address, and (if available) email address, title of the proposed paper or panel, and a brief, but detailed, description of the information to be presented including the research problem or theoretical focus, methodology, and findings or hypothesized findings, and a statement of how accessibility to all participants will be assured. Information on all presenters or participants must be included. All presenters will need to preregister for the meeting in order to be included in the program. For further information contact Richard Scotch at 972-883-2922 (voice), 972-883-2735 (fax), [scotch@utdallas.edu](mailto:scotch@utdallas.edu) (email), or via Relay Texas at 800-RELAYTX (TTY).

In conjunction with its annual meeting, the Society is interested in identifying titles to be displayed in a combined book exhibit. This book display is an excellent opportunity for authors, editors, and publishers to introduce titles of interest to a focussed audience of disability researchers, educators, advocates, and providers. Orders received on-site for displayed titles are immediately forwarded to the publishers at the close of the conference. To suggest relevant titles or to request exhibit details, contact: SDS Book Exhibit Coordinator, c/o Exhibit Promotions Plus, Inc., 11620 Vixens Path, Ellicott City, MD 21042-1539; [exhibit@erols.com](mailto:exhibit@erols.com) (email); 410-997-0763 (voice); or 410-997-0764 (fax).

The Society for Disability Studies is pleased to announce the publication of End Results and Starting Points: Expanding the Field of Disability Studies. This 334 page book, edited by Elaine Makas and Lynn Schlesinger, contains summaries of 53 papers presented at the Society's 1994 meeting in Rockville, MD. Included among the broad spectrum of topics covered in this volume are: "The Discourse of Disability in Novels by 19th Century Women Writers" by Maria Anastasopoulou; "The Disabled Asian American Identity" by Joanne Yamada; "Feasibility Study for a Personal Assistance Services Home- and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program" by Ray Glazier; "Disability Studies in the Teacher Education Curriculum by Parnel Wickham-Searl; and "Yes, There is a Deaf Culture" by Barbara White. The book is co-published by the Society and The Edmund S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Southern Maine. It is available in print or on disk (WordPerfect 5.1) for \$25 US which includes shipping to US or Canadian addresses. Orders must be prepaid with the

check made payable to the "Society for Disability Studies" and sent to Elaine Makas, Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston, ME 04240.

Other publications of the Society for Disability Studies:

Insights and Outlooks: Current Trends in Disability Studies, 1993 proceedings, published 1994, 313 pages, \$25 members/non-members (available on disk in WordPerfect 5.1).

Course Syllabi, Experiential Learning Activities, and Other Instructional Materials for Teaching About Disability, published 1995, 171 pages, \$15 members/non-members.

Disability Studies: Definitions and Diversity, 1992 proceedings, published 1994, 214 pages, \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

The Disability Perspective: Variations on a Theme, 1991 proceedings, published 1993, 250 pages, \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

Translating Disability: At the Individual, Institutional and Societal Levels, 1990 proceedings, published 1991, 450 pages, \$35 members, \$40 non-members.

The Social Organization of Disability Experience, 1989 proceedings, published 1991, 242 pages, \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

The Social Exploration of Disability, 1988 proceedings, published 1990, 336 pages, \$10 members/non-members (special offer while excess inventory lasts).

Emerging Issues in Impairment and Disability Studies, 1987 proceedings, published 1989, 150 pages, \$7 members/non-members (special offer while excess inventory lasts).

The Changing World of Impaired and Disabled People in Society, 1986 proceedings, published 1989, 394 pages, \$10 members/non-members (special offer while excess inventory lasts).

Impaired and Disabled People in Society: Structure, Processes and the Individual, 1984 and 1985 proceedings, published 1987, 396 pages, \$20 members/non-members (soon to be out of print).

The above cost includes shipping within the US and Canada. For all others add \$4 per book surface mail or \$14 per book air mail. All cost are in US dollars. Orders must be prepaid, payable to the "Society for Disability Studies," and sent to Elaine Makas, Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston, ME 04240 USA. Tables of contents available upon request.

## Communications

More on C. Reeve

Steve Brown  
Institute on Disability Culture

In the summer of 1995, Superman (aka Christopher Reeve), rode a horse who decided not to fly and, in the blink of an eye, Superman found himself transformed forever into Chris Reeve in a very small phone booth called quadriplegia. All over the world, fans of Superman applauded his new alter ego and the courage he showed in bravely facing his new circumstances. A year after his transformation, the President of the United States anointed Chris Reeve as the spokesperson for all those who have faced adversity. But many people were caught unawares - for Chris Reeve was not alone in his telephone booth - many other people had quadriplegia and other disabilities who thought there was more to be earthbound than courage and being nice. Some of these even went so far as to say that Chris Reeve was not speaking for them. In fact, some people thought that while he may have been a very charming fallen Superman, he was a much less appealing Supercrip. In fact, he didn't want to be part of the telephone booth world of disability at all. He wanted to be Superman once again. But some people think there is a middle ground between Superman and Supercrip. It's called being a person, a whole person, a person who believes that no matter the characteristics that make up a person they still are a person and should be treated with dignity and freedom under all circumstances. And, if perchance, this doesn't happen then those middlepeople become angry activists who, like Superman, try to right the world of its wrongs. When that is done they no longer need to be superpeople, but, once again, just people.

The following material was supplied by Paul Placek and Sean Sweeney via email and it was edited before inclusion:

Summary of the June 12, 1996, meeting of the INTERAGENCY SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS:

(1) THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON CONSUMER-DIRECTED HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE SYSTEMS was presented by

Pamela Nadash, National Council on the Aging, Inc (NCOA). She reported that the Institute was created in 1995 to foster the development of a movement to enable adults of all ages to exert choice and control over the long-term care services they receive at home and in the community. Their goal is to provide a resource offering information and technical assistance to consumers and community-based professionals. The Institute was founded by NCOA and by the World Institute on Disability, and is funded by NIDRR and the Administration on Aging and of Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation within DHHS. The Institute's newsletter is called "Consumer Choice", and it's free (up to 100 copies) by faxing (202-479-0735) or calling (202-479-6670) NCOA. The Institute has established a network of professional and consumer organizations, called "Consumer Choice Network," to help meet consumer needs. Besides currently giving assistance to consumers, the Institute plans to develop training modules for consumers, inventory consumer-directed research, and inventory innovative programs which are cost-effective.

(2) BRIEFING ON THE NATIONAL COALITION ON DISABILITY AND AGING was presented by Ms. Alixe McNeill, National Council on the Aging, Inc. This coalition of sixty federal and private organizations was organized in 1994 to bring aging and disability groups together, and has three co-chairs: James Firman, President and CEO of National Council on the Aging, Fred Cowell, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Michael Morris, Executive Director, United Cerebral Palsy Associations. The coalition meets monthly and individuals may receive invitations by calling (202-416-7602) or faxing (202-331-1657) Fred Cowell at PVA, who handles meeting announcements by broadcast fax. The next meeting is August 14, and the topic is planning a National Summit on Disability and Aging in Chicago for March 1997. Alixe McNeill sets agenda topics along with Fred Cowell. She gave examples of data concerns by members. For example, Tom Stripling at PVA (202-416-7668) wants information on the incremental differences between the general population and people with temporary and chronic disabilities regarding use of services including home care. Carmel Kang of AARP wants information on older people with depression as it relates to the onset of disabilities and what health screening activities are going on with women with developmental disabilities. Donna Wagner of NCOA wants information on the cost effectiveness of consumer directed care for people with disabilities

and on the allocation of Medicaid dollars to consumer choice services. Alixe wants information on substance abuse by persons over the age of 65.

(3) GENEVA ICIDH REVISION MEETING was summarized by Gerry Hendershot and Joe Hollowell, both of whom had attended the May 30 - June 1 WHO meeting in Geneva. Attendees were also from Canada, France, Netherlands, and Australia. A complete draft of ICIDH-2 was presented and agreed upon. It includes the Impairments codes updated by the French, Disabilities codes slightly expanded by the Dutch, Handicap (now tentatively called "Social Participation") codes greatly expanded by the North Americans, and extensive Environment codes to be an annex or appendix to the new ICIDH-2. Alpha testing (structured, focussed interviews with consumer and professional groups) will occur July - September 1996, and more rigorous Beta testing will occur later. Other North Americans in attendance were Cille Kennedy, Jerry Bickenbach, Patrick Fougeyrollas, and David Gray.

MANUAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR DISABILITY PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES (119 pages) was published by the United Nations Publications, Room DC2-853, Dept. PRES, NY, NY 10017, tel 800-253-9646 or 212-963-8302 fax 212-963-3489 Email publications@un.org and the price is \$15.95, or less for bulk orders. It is ICIDH oriented in the collection of impairment, disability, and handicap information and acknowledges the UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.

THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN: SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, 173 pages, was is available FREE by contacting the Circulation Department, Center for the Future of Children, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 300 Second Street, Suite 102, Los Altos, CA 94022, Email circulation@futureofchildren.org and fax 415-948-6498. It is available on the WWWeb <http://www.futureofchildren.org> and a 7-page Executive Summary is also available. It contains lots of recent US data with charts and graphs.

INTERAGENCY SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS meeting on July 10, 1996, summary:

HCFA MEDICARE POSTACUTE CARE PAYMENT: DIRECTIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR CASE-MIX ADJUSTMENT presented by William Buczko, PhD, Health Care Financing

Administration/ORD/DPS, 7500 Security Blvd, C-3-16-26, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, tel 410-786-6593, Email WBUCZKO@HCFA.GOV and fax 410-786-5515. Dr. Buczko discussed proposed rule-making which was published 5/30/96, and is still in the public comment phase. The President's budget specifies a moratorium on the creation of additional long-term care hospitals that are excluded from PPS. The PPS for rehabilitation and long term care facilities will require new data collection, and functional status data may be collected as early as 4/1/97. Buczko said that this is a challenge since there are no models for collecting data on postacute health care encounters or episodes of care. Dr. Ray Seltzer initiated an extensive discussion on the need for common definitions of functional status, especially since HCFA reimburses for care, so providers will be forced to use whatever HCFA requires and the HCFA "codes" will become the de facto standard in the U.S.

**JULY 25 HYATTSVILLE MEETING ON 1994-96 NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY ON DISABILITY:** The first microdata files from this important new survey will be released this summer and will contain information on disability for a nationally-representative sample of 108,000 community-dwelling Americans interviewed in 1994.

**EMAIL LIST SERVE FOR HIS-D RESEARCHERS:** There is now an e-mail list serve for researchers analyzing data from the National Health Interview Survey on Disability (NHIS-D) through which e-mail information about new data releases, analysis plans, analysis problems, and other NHIS-D news can be obtained. The owner of the list is Gerry Hendershot, Assistant for Data Analysis and Dissemination, Division of Health Interview Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics. The list is unrestricted and unmoderated; that is, anyone may subscribe and send any message to other list members. However, the list is intended to serve serious researchers using NHIS data by giving them a means for learning from and sharing with other researchers. To subscribe, go the CDC Web Site (<http://www.cdc.gov/>) and click on "Subscriptions."

**ARE YOU OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AS A MEMBER OF THE DISABILITY FORUM OF APHA?** If you got a slick 6 page newsletter three weeks ago, you are a member, and all is well. If not, call APHA Membership Department at 202-789-5674 and ask them to affiliate you with #24-05, the Disability Forum, a Special Primary Interest Group of APHA. There is no charge if you are already an APHA member, and its \$5 extra if

you add it as a second or third affiliation. There will be another newsletter before the Nov. 17-21 meetings which will include the 100+ disability papers in 19 sessions, so call now.

Statistics on Vision Impairment: A Resource Manual, April 1996, 35 pages, complements "The Lighthouse National Survey on Vision Loss: The Experience, Attitudes and Knowledge of Middle-Aged and Older Americans" an April 1995, 24 page Executive Summary of Lou Harris Survey of 1,219 interviews. For information, Roxane Offner, The Lighthouse Inc., 111 East 59th Street, NY, NY 10022-1202, tel 212-821-9486, fax 212-821-9705, Email ROFFNER@LIGHTHOUSE.ORG, and TTY 212-821-9713.

INTERAGENCY SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS, August 14, 1996, summary:

(1) ATLANTA PARALYMPIC GAMES SPECIAL organized by Dr. Joe Hollowell, Chief, Developmental Disabilities, CDC/CEH/BDDD. Hollowell and his colleagues Rune Simeonsson and Karin Behe spoke about their impressions of the Paralympic meeting/symposium which was started on August 12, 1996. Among the speakers at the symposium were Mr. Justin Dart, well known disability rights activist from U.S. and Mr. Jashua Melinda from Zimbabwe. There were five consensus sessions at the symposium, and they were: Disability paradigm; Defining the future of sports for people with disabilities; Increasing opportunities for economic viability; Future of recreation and sports opportunities for children with disabilities; and Increasing sports opportunities for people with disabilities in developing countries. For further information, contact Dr. Hollowell at 4770 Buford Hwy, NE, Mailstop F-15, Atlanta, GA 30341, tel 770-488-7362, Email jgh@cehbddd.em.cdc.gov and fax 770-488-7361. The discussion in these meetings covered discrimination issues and basic human rights.

(2) SSA IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATE (PRIVATE OR NON-PROFIT) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES. Ms. Marianne Daily, Chief, Disability Branch, SSA spoke on SSA's plans to seek vocational rehabilitation services from private or non-profit providers for the SSA beneficiaries who were referred by or not accepted within several months by one of 82 State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. SSA covers 6.6 million persons who receive SSDI, few of whom receive rehab services and return to work. In the past, SSA only referred their beneficiaries to the State VR agencies for rehabilitation services. Since 1983, SSA has reimbursed some

State VR agencies "up front" and in advance to state VR agencies with an acceptable prior 3 year record of rehabilitation ("good outcomes" were required since 1983). "Good outcome" means if a rehabbed person works 9 months of 12 months at \$500+ month, then SSA will pay all costs to the state VR agency that it took to get that person back to work...average of \$10,000 - \$11,000 per person. Now "Alternative Participant Providers" (private providers) can conduct this rehab if State VR agencies explicitly refer beneficiaries to them, or by default state VR agencies do not elect to conduct rehab on a person within four months. SSA issued an RFP to identify interested private or non-profit providers and approximately 6000 providers have responded to that RFP expressing their interest and providing credentials. All providers who meet certain qualifications will be accepted by SSA so there may be competition between two private providers for the right to conduct rehab with one person. SSA did their presolicitation notice in Feb. 1996, and in June 1996 mailed RFP's to over 4,000 providers. October 18, 1996 is the closing date for responses to solicitations from the RFP. Alternate providers will be reimbursed as states now are, i.e., only if the beneficiary returns to gainful work (9 months out of 12 employed at \$500+ per month). SSA is also looking for a management company to take over many SSA functions in this process. Meanwhile, full reimbursement of the cost of rehabilitation of individuals referred by SSA will continue to be made to the State VR agencies according to procedures already established. For more information contact Marianne Daley, Chief, Rehabilitation Programs Branch, SSA, Office of the Director, Altmeyer Bldg Rm 545, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235, tel 410-965-9173, Email Marianne\_daley@internet@ssa.gov and fax 410-966-8597.

**TWO DISABILITY SESSIONS AT PAA:** The Population Association of America meeting in March 1997 in Washington D.C. will have two sessions on disability and is now soliciting abstracts before October 15, 1996. For the session on Demography of Disability, contact Dr. Karen Kulthau at Email KUHLETHAU.KAREN@MGH.HARVARD.EDU or fax 617-726-1886. For the session on Measurement of Trends in Healthy Life Expectancy contact Dr. Emily Agree Email EMILY.AGREE@JHU.EDU or fax 410-955-0792.

The CDC INVENTORY OF MANAGED CARE RELATED PROJECTS contains an overview of managed care-related activities within CDC. It consists of 83 activities with a total FY 1995 funding of over \$13

million. For a copy call Sharon Carey or Linda Robinson, both at 404-639-4500.

INTERAGENCY SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISABILITY STATISTICS, summary of the September 11, 1996, meeting:

(1) Alcide Perez of Pan American Health Organization read a letter from a Venezuelan colleague doing ICIDH research who stated that the current draft of ICIDH2 was superior to the current ICIDH. She will be translating it and submitting the letter to the St. Louis organizers for general distribution.

(2) Ray Seltzer announced that he had attended the Year 2000 Health Objectives for the Nation Progress Review where consideration was given to Year 2010 Objectives. There was discussion of grouping and packaging the disability objectives together in developing Year 2010 Goals. We hope to have a report on this in November or December.

(3) Tom Rush of SSA announced that the Disability Evaluation Study of Functional Assessment was available now on the SSA Web Site and Home Page. Contact him at telephone 410-965-9233 or Email TOM.RUSH@SSA.GOV for more specifics.

(4) Mitch LaPlante announced a new report from his Disability Statistics Rehabilitation Research and Training Center entitled "Disability in the United States: Prevalence and Causes, 1992" (175 pages, about 75 tables), available free by calling 415-502-5210, ask for Diana.

(5) Speed Davis described "Achieving Independence: The Challenge for the 21st Century - A Decade of Progress in Disability Policy Setting - Setting an Agenda for the Future," 189 pages, published by the National Council on Disability, July 26, 1996. The report is available, either single copy or in bulk, by contacting him: Speed Davis, Executive Director, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street, N.W., Suite 1050, Washington DC 20004-1107, Email SDAVIS@WWW.NCD.GOV, tel 202-272-2004, or fax 202-272-2022. This report was developed out of a conference of 300 participants which took place in Dallas, April 27-29, 1996. At this historic gathering, people with disabilities representing the grassroots and national leaders alike, developed recommendations that build on two major accomplishments of the last decade - the passage of ADA and the empowerment of people with disabilities. In the report, disability policy is assessed as follows: Policy Coordination, Civil Rights, Education, Social Security and Other Income Maintenance, Health Insurance and Health Care,