
Finding aid of the Bay Area Physicians For Human Rights Records

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Internal documents, activities, and correspondence document BAPHR's health care advocacy for gay, lesbians and bisexuals from 1979-1995.

Physical location: Stored at the Archives of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, California.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Donated to the Library by Chuck Meltzer, 19 January 1999. Meltzer obtained BAPHR organizational material through his long-term association with the organization and as president of the BAPHR Board of Directors.

Organizational History

The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR) is a physicians' organization devoted to improving health care for gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Founded in the homophobic climate of 1977, BAPHR also provides support and information to health care professionals. BAPHR spawned a national organization, American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) in 1981. AAPHR then came to be called the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA).

In the early days of the AIDS epidemic, BAPHR offered free information and HIV screening at their annual Health Fair. BAPHR works in conjunction with other health advocacy groups on a local and national level. In 1989, BAPHR joined forces with the AIDS Task Force of the San Francisco Medical Society to advocate a needle exchange program for the city of San Francisco.

Scope and Content of Collection

Meeting notes, BAPHR publications, reports, awards, BAPHR Health Fair documents, fundraising letters, photo, banner, correspondence and documents from related organizations, 1980-1995 (1.5 linear feet) chronicle the activities of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR). This collection illustrates how BAPHR worked with other Bay Area AIDS

advocate groups to influence AIDS policy.

The collection is divided into 5 series: INTERNAL DOCUMENTS, BAPHR HEALTH FAIR, CORRESPONDANCE, RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES. BAPHR banner and awards plaques are located in Box 3. Each folder is listed within the appropriate series in the container list.

The series Internal Documents (1979-1995) includes meeting notes, publications, awards, bylaws, a photo, BAPHR banner and budget information. The banner and award plaques are located in Box 3.

The series BAPHR Health Fair (1982-1985) includes the Health Fair planning documents, fundraising letters, programs, and exhibitor information. The Health Fair was an annual event where participants could get free health screening (including but not limited to HIV tests) in addition to health related information from local groups.

The series Correspondence (1986-1994) includes incoming and outgoing correspondence ordered chronologically in descending order. BAPHR corresponded with legislators, advocacy groups, media affiliates and individuals. This series includes the ACT UP Golden Gate correspondence with California State Senator Kopp (1991) over his refusal to meet with non-profit health advocacy groups, including BAPHR.

The series Related Organizations (1988-1995) includes information on other organizations affiliated with BAPHR.

The series Activites (1983-1991) includes activities, proposals, and reports that BAPHR was involved with.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

AIDS (Disease)

San Francisco (Calif.)

Human Rights

Physicians

Related Material

ACT UP/Golden Gate, 1991, periodicals collection

Edward Zold Papers, 1993-1997.

League for Individual Freedom and Equality (L.I.F.E.), 1994, periodicals collection.

Series 1 Internal Documents 1979-1995

Physical Description: 8 folders

Series Description

This series includes meeting notes, publications, awards, bylaws, a photo, BAPHR banner and budget information.

Box: Folder 1/ 8	1979
Box: Folder 1/ 2	1992
Box: Folder 1/ 3	1982
Box: Folder 1/ 4	1985
Box: Folder 1/ 5	1980-1992
Box: Folder 1/ 6	1984
Box: Folder 1/ 7	1984-1995
Box: Folder 1/ 1	1989-1994

Series 2 BAPHR Health Fair 1982-1985

Physical Description: 8 folders

Series Description

This series includes the Health Fair planning documents, fundraising letters, programs, and exhibitor information. The Health Fair was an annual event where participants could get free health screening (including but not limited to HIV tests) in addition to health related information from local groups.

Box: Folder 1/ 14	1984
Box: Folder 1/ 13	1983
Box: Folder 1/ 12	1983

Box: Folder 1/ 11 **1983**
Box: Folder 1/ 15 **1984**
Box: Folder 1/ 9
Box: Folder 1/ 16
Box: Folder 1/ 10 **1983**

Series 3 **Correspondence 1986-1994**

Physical Description: 8 folders

Series Description

This series includes incoming and outgoing correspondence ordered chronologically in descending order. BAPHR corresponded with legislators, advocacy groups, media affiliates and individuals. This series includes the ACT UP Golden Gate correspondence with California State Senator Kopp (1991) over his refusal to meet with non-profit health advocacy groups, including BAPHR.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically in descending order.

Box: Folder 1/ 18 -
2/ 2
Box: Folder 2/ 3 -
2/ 5
Box: Folder 2/ 6
Box: Folder 1/ 17

Series 4 **Related Organizations 1988-1995**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Series Description

This series includes information on other organizations affiliated with BAPHR.

Box: Folder 2/ 7
Box: Folder 2/ 8
Box: Folder 2/ 9

Series 5 **Activites 1983-1991**

Physical Description: 5 folders

Series Description

This series includes activities, proposals, and reports that BAPHR was involved with.

Box: Folder 2/ 10 **1983**
Box: Folder 2/ 14 **1991**
Box: Folder 2/ 13 **1988-1990**
Box: Folder 2/ 11 **1989**
Box: Folder 2/ 12 **1989**

Series 6 **Artifacts 1982-1992**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Description

This series includes a banner and award plaques.

Box: Folder 3 **1982**
Box: Folder 3
Box: Folder 3 **1992**
Box: Folder 3 **August 1992**