PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: LEADING PREVENTION, PROMOTING HEALTH, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

NEW ADMINISTRATOR ORIENTATION

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

- Lillian Wald is the founder of Public Health Nursing in the U.S.
- First to use the term 'public health nursing'
- Vision of nurses as guardians of the public's health
- Established the Henry Street Nurse's Settlement
- Visiting Nurse Service of New York

PROMOTING GOOD WHILE PREVENTING HARM

APHA Definition of Public Health Nursing

Public health nursing is the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences.

American Nurses Association Definition of Public Health Nursing

A focus on population health through continuous surveillance and assessment of the multiple determinants of health with the intent to promote health and wellness; prevent disease, disability, and premature death; and improve neighborhood quality of life.

Elements of Public Health Nursing Practice

1) a focus on the health needs of an entire population, including inequities and the unique needs of sub-populations;
2) assessment of population health using a comprehensive, systematic approach;
3) attention to multiple determinants of health;
4) an emphasis on primary prevention; and
5) application of interventions at all levels—individuals, families, communities, and the systems that impact their health.

COMPETENT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations

- Formed in 1991
- Originally known as the Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
- Focused on unifying and amplifying the authoritative voice of public health nurses
- Member Organizations
  - American Public Health Association (APHA) Public Health Nursing Section
  - Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN)
  - Rural Nurse Organization
  - National Association of School Nurses (NASN)
  - Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE)
  - Association of Community Health Nursing Educators (ACHNE)

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMPETENCIES

- Community/Public Health Nursing [C/PHN] Competencies (Quad Council Coalition, 2018)
  - Guide three levels of practice
    - Tier one: generalist
    - Tier two: management or supervisory
    - Tier three: senior management or leadership
  - Consistent with the APHA PHN Section definition of Public Health Nursing and the ANA Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing
    - May be used at all levels of practice and in a variety of practice settings
    - Useful to guide and revolutionize practice, education, research, and policy at all levels
  - Represent the continuum of evolving PHN practice roles, responsibilities, and functions

C/PHN COMPETENCY DOMAINS

- Domain 1: Assessment and Analytic Skills
- Domain 2: Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
- Domain 3: Communication Skills
- Domain 4: Cultural Competency Skills
- Domain 5: Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Domain 6: Public Health Sciences Skills
- Domain 7: Financial Planning, Evaluation, and Management Skills
- Domain 8: Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills

https://www.cphno.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/QCC-C-PHN-COMPETENCIES-Approved_2018.05.04_Final-002.pdf

MPHA SECTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

- Membership
  - Public health nurses and students enrolled in a school of nursing
  - current members of MPHA
    - Individual
    - Organizational
- State affiliate of APHA
- Annual Public Health Nursing Awards
  - Public Health Nurse
  - Public Health Nurse Leader

https://www.missouristate.edu/OPHI/SPHN/phn-about.htm

MISSOURI COMMUNITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

- Mission: to use communal learning, expertise, and knowledge to achieve shared goals and advance the practice of public health nursing in Missouri.
  - Regularly scheduled statewide and regional community of practice meetings
  - Lifelong Learning & Professional Development (Individual & Collective)
  - Generate and manage a body of knowledge for members to draw on
  - Promote standardization of practice
  - Provide a forum for public health nurses to:
    - Discuss information and questions about specific problems from everyday. professional life and find solutions together.
    - Share mutual support and collaboration.
    - Share individual experiences with one another and, as a result, create new opportunities and master specific challenges.
    - Cross knowledge boundaries.
    - Innovate and create new ideas, knowledge and practices.
  - Join Mailing List: https://www.missouristate.edu/OPHI/SPHN/cop.htm#join

PHN COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE RESOURCES

Learning Session

Learn about the community of practice.

PRESENTATION (.PDF)

PHN Manual

Standards, practices, policies and more.

PHN MANUAL (.PDF)

PHN Brochure

About public health nurses and what they do.

PHN BROCHURE (.PDF)

Opportunities

Job and career opportunities for public health nurses.

EXPLORE CAREER POSSIBILITIES

PHN Educators

Guide to developing preceptor programs.

PRECEPTOR HANDBOOK

Resource List

Websites, organizations and training tools.

GET THE LIST

https://www.missouristate.edu/OPHI/SPHN/phn-resources.htm

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QUESTIONS?

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