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Public Health Nursing (PHN) Section Newsletter March, 2023

Words from the Nursing Section Director, Dawn James, MSN, APRN, CNS, CDCES

It has been a long, cold winter...but we are still “blooming” with wonderful new initiatives that are exciting and impactful! This year, we are FOCUSing on who we are as a Section, and how we can be strong advocates for all Public Health Nurses in the state of Colorado. FOCUS is the initiative I launched in November and it is an acronym that stands for **F**oundations (fundamentals), **O**pportunities (optimizing), **C**ommitment (collaboration), **U**nite (update), and **S**upport (sustain).

As we FOCUS on our work, we have been diligently updating and modernizing the Colorado Public Health Nurse Competencies and started that work in January with our “focus” on Emergency Preparedness and Response. Public Health nursing went through tremendous trials, adversity, and challenges for the past three years as we strove to make our communities safe and healthy during the COVID pandemic. Nurses experienced both triumph and adversity as we were met with either praise or complaints trying to do our jobs. As we reflected on that work and the lessons learned from the experience - it became quite evident that the EPR Competencies that were developed a decade ago certainly needed to be revised. My sincere thanks is extended to the nurses who have worked tirelessly these past nearly three months to create a meaningful and impactful set of competencies that will help public health nurses become proficient and expert in their practice as it relates to Emergency Preparedness and Response. Exciting lists of resources, suggested readings, and training are included in the document.. I anticipate that the final version of the EPR competencies will be ready for use in mid-Spring.

CALL TO ACTION! If you are interested and have some time to assist with the remainder of this work, we will begin looking at the Immunization Competency Set in Mid-March and the Communicable Competency Set in mid to late May. We will also be creating an entirely new set focused on Public Health Law as it applies to Public Health Nursing beginning mid summer with a target completion date of December. If you would like to be a part of this exciting and cutting edge work, please let me know and I will connect you with the right workgroup leader!

PHN Section Membership Update:

Welcome to the following new members of CPHA and the Nursing Section:

Lauren Brown, MSN, RN, CDPHE

Shawn Marzan, RN, STRIDE Community Health Center

★ Save the dates! Upcoming educational and training events



[public health week 2023 - Bing images](#)

<https://www.nphw.org>

Advocacy - [Policy & Advocacy \(memberclicks.net\)](#)

★ CPHA events April

https://cpha.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=month.calendar&Itemid=115&year=2023&month=04&day

April 4 – PH Mixer – 5:30-7:30 - Cheluna Brewing @Stanley Marketplace (2501 Dallas St. #148, Aurora, CO 80010, free event with Complimentary food & beverages will be provided by CPHA & ColoradoSPH, please RSVP so we can cater appropriately and consider any dietary restrictions. Login on the CPHA website under the April event calendar.

Please visit the CPHA April event calendar for additional information (Rise #2 Magazine release (4-4), Culture of Data (4-6 &7), CPHA Outsider Yoga class - 4-8, Monthly Emerging Leaders meeting 4-10 , Health & Policy Summit 4- 29).

Committees - Get involved, your voice and input is critical, see details on the CPHA website.

★ **CPHA Culture of Data Virtual Conference - April 6 - 7. 9:00 - 12:00 each day. Theme: Breaking Down Silos and Community Action.**

Registration Link Here:

<https://cphacultureofdata.org/registration-2/>

★ **48th Annual One Health and Zoonoses Conference**

When: Thursday | April 13, 2023

Virtual Platform: Zoom

The agenda will include up-to-date zoonotic disease topics for the mixed audience of public health officials, health care providers, animal control officers, animal health officials, wildlife officials, veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Registration information will be announced soon.

Sponsored by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Arapahoe County Public Health



**ACHNE APHN 2023 Joint Conference Registration
June 5 - 8, 2023, Mission Valley San Diego, CA**



Highlights Include:

Keynote Speakers highlighting **Racial Reckoning in Public Health Nursing, Addressing Environmental Impacts on Public Health Nursing and Workforce Issues in Public Health Nursing.**

- Keynotes, General Sessions, and Plenaries will be recorded for All Access & On-Demand audiences.
- Access to all on-demand/virtual content, regardless of attendance methods.

- 60+ concurrent podium & symposium presentations, in-person and on-demand.
- 30+ dynamic ePosters from ACHNE & APHN Members and Students
- ACHNE & APHN members coming together for the first time in 6 years!
- Pre-conference offerings include **CPH Exam Review** and "**A Deep dive into challenges at the United States (U.S.)-Mexico border region: Experiences of the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Border Health Program.**" These will require a separate registration coming soon with an additional fee.

Registration Fees Attached

Cancelation Information:

Cancellations will be accepted up to May 15 with a \$75 administration fee. No cancellations accepted May 15, 2023. Transfer within the organization is accepted. Any exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Hotel In: DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, CA

7450 Hazard Center Drive San Diego, California 92108

The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego Mission Valley. A special rate of \$169 single/double (plus applicable taxes) has been arranged. Please use the [direct reservation link](#) to make reservations. Alternatively, you can call **800-222-TREE (8733) with our group code JNT**. Please reference this code and identify yourself as part of the 2023 ACHNE/APHN Joint Conference room block to receive the special rate. The reservation cutoff date is May 15, 2023; thereafter the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis only at the current market rate.

The last day to make your reservation and still be guaranteed the ACHNE /APHN rate of \$169+ tax is **May 15, 2023**.

[2023 Joint Conference ACHNE APHN - Start your reservation \(passkey.com\)](#)



Resilience & Caring For Our Colleagues

April 28-29, 2023

[2023 Schedule – 2023 Colorado Nurses Association Annual Conference \(civicaconferences.com\)](#)

HEALTH ADVOCACY & POLICY SUMMIT



SATURDAY, APRIL
29TH



9AM - 3PM



LUNCH INCLUDED!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

*ColoradoSPH students: Please email Katie Brumfield at Katherine.Brumfield@cuanschutz.edu for a student registration code



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Training Resources

Connect with Public Health Partners Using the Public Health and Equity Resource Navigator

The [Alliance for Disease Prevention and Response](#) has partnered with the Institute for People, Place, and Possibility to create the [Public Health & Equity Resource Navigator](#), or PHERN. In addition to PHERN, a [network map](#) was launched in June that captures alliance partners like APHA as well as public health colleagues, their work and location. These resources are for the field and should allow change-makers and practitioners to search for public health and equity resources, share their own resources and connect with partners.

Watch and Share APHA's "That's Public Health" Web Series

APHA's web series that explains the basics of public health wrapped up its first season last month. Available on APHA's YouTube Channel, the 20th episode of "[That's Public Health](#)" focuses on the people that make up the public health workforce. Created by APHA and Complexly, the series features short, easy-to-understand videos on topics that range from chronic diseases and injuries to racism and health equity.

Public Health Nurse Orientation Toolkit: <https://cdphe-lpha.colorado.gov/training-resources/lpha-training>

Professional Scopes of Practice in Public Health Toolkit: (put link here)

Article of Interest:

Did you know? According to a blog (Jan 23, 2023) by USC the Global Public Health Threats top 3 threats to public health are some of the most costly and impactful in the modern age:

- Climate change...
- Obesity...
- Antibiotic and Antimicrobial Resistance...

<https://mphdegree.usc.edu>

Literary book recommendation: Amanda Skenandore is a historical fiction writer and registered nurse. You may enjoy her novels.

www.amandaskenandore.com

NEW! ANA newly released Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice 4th Edition. Available for purchase online at: www.Nursingworld.org

★ Career Opportunities:

Job Postings

- CDPHE public health nurse job postings can be found [here](#)

Links of Interest:

Snapshot of Rural Health in Colorado 2023

<http://www.coruralhealth.org/>

Excellent data resource that does a wonderful comparison of health-related drivers in the entire state. While the word “rural” is in the title, this report does an excellent job in comparing health indicators both urban and rural.

Home : Colorado Maternal Mental Health Collaborative and Framework

American Nurses Week - Celebrate the strength of our Nursing profession during this specially dedicated week. For ideas and planning -

National Nurses Month 2023 | American Nurses Association (nursingworld.org)

FYI: The Colorado Nurses Foundation has made a difficult decision regarding the annual 2023 Colorado Nightingale Luminaria Event. This year the state steering committee will focus on evaluating the entire process of nominating and selecting Nightingale awardees. There will be more information about the changes and plans for 2024 in the upcoming months. Please consider taking time in your own health agency to recognize your nursing colleagues for their contributions and hard work. Take time now to consider nominating them for the CPHA awards at the PHiR conference as well.

Other Announcements:

PHN Section Meetings: Monthly meetings via zoom are on the 3rd Friday each month from 12:00 noon - 1:15 pm (unless otherwise posted). Contact Dawn at dawn.m.james@state.co.us or Ann at ann.scarpita@state.co.us to receive an invitation to the monthly meetings.

If you would like to post an item in the Newsletter, contact Rita Beam, Newsletter Editor at: rbeamer50@gmail.com. Please note in the subject line that it is for the PHN Section Newsletter. The next Newsletter will be the June Edition.

We welcome articles of interest, books, trainings, current events and all things public health nursing!

