



State Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

- Established an Assistant Director of Nursing position in the Chief Nursing Office. Effective 4/1 Joy Hoskins RN BA is now serving in this position and working closely with the CNO.
- Proposed new public health nursing employee classifications to the Personnel Cabinet.
- Established a statewide Nurse Executive Committee (NEC). Purpose is to address real time concerns from the local health department nurse leaders and develop action plans to resolve those concerns in a timely manner. Committee is comprised of 5 local health dept. nurse leaders and 3 RN's from the State Dept. for Public Health.
- Began the revision of the Training Matrix in the KY Administrative Reference. The matrix includes training requirements for all programs delivered by local health dept. nurses.
- Completed a coding reference guide for nurses working in satellite clinics based in school sites.
- Coordinated a week long Nurse's week Celebration including all nurses working in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, which includes Public Health, Medicaid, Dept. for Community Based Services, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Dept. for Insurance

Projects/Issues Pending:

- Developing competencies for local health dept. nurses in all classifications
- Development of a local health dept. Nurse Leader Orientation Plan
- Development of roles and responsibilities of the Public Health Nurse working in a Special Needs Shelter.
- Establishment of another regional training site for required core trainings for local public health nurses.