



State Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

- Under the direction of the Office of the Medical Director/Division of Family Health The Pediatric and Obstetrical Emergency Preparedness Toolkit was completed and presented to the NYS Public Health Nurse Practice Group, Regional Resource Centers, Hospitals and Local Health Departments, Emergency Medical Services for Children Advisory Committee, and the Maternal Child Health Block Grant Council.
- The NYS DOH Public Health Nurse Practice Group continues to meet every other month. Presentations are provided on how nurses function in the different programs in the Health Department as well as their roles in other state agencies such as Office Health Insurance Program (OHIP) and the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General(OMIG).
- Office of Public Health- Recent State Sanitary Code changes require public health nurse 2 and supervising public health nurse titles serving in local health departments to complete 15 hours of continuing education. The Public Health Nursing Committee, comprised of public health nurses and other stakeholders from across New York State, has identified key public health nursing competencies and online courses for 5 competency domains using the Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations competencies. A panel of volunteers from the nursing community, identified through the Public Health Nursing Summits, is currently reviewing the courses for appropriateness, quality and ease of use. Once all courses have been reviewed, the committee will identify gaps and select courses for inclusion in a course

program, which will be accessible via the NYLearnsPH.com Learning Management System (www.nylearnsph.com).

Projects/Issues Pending:

- The Office of the Medical Director/ Division of Family Health is working with the DOH Preparedness staff in promoting the Pediatric and Obstetrical Emergency Preparedness Toolkit as a reference document to identify if hospitals have addressed and are prepared for Pediatric and Obstetrical patients during an emergency event. Technical Advisors will be surveying the rural hospitals that may not have pediatric or obstetrical beds and how they would handle this population during an emergency.
- New York State is in the process of appointing a nurse to represent NYS for ASTDN. The application for Patricia Waniewski to be the New York State representative has been submitted, awaiting confirmation from ASTDN.

Issues & Special Concerns for Public Health Nursing:

Restructuring our NYS PHNPG to identify the needs of Public Health Nurses in NYS and to work cooperatively with the Office of Public Health.