



## 2009 State Report

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### Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

Under the leadership of Margaret Schmelzer, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and its partners are developing the Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 state health plan which is designed to influence public health policy, provide direction to assure sustainable public health resource allocations, and provide guidance to protect the health and safety of the 5.6 million people of Wisconsin. <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/statehealthplan/hw2020/>

Wisconsin public health nurses collaborated with University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing on a HRSA grant *Linking Education and Practice for Excellence in Public Health Nursing Project*. Activities of this project included establishing six regional learning collaboratives. School of nursing faculty and practicing public health nurses used these collaboratives to work on projects of joint interest. For example, collecting student project ideas and providing training on legal issues affecting nursing. In addition, web based public health nursing orientation modules were developed and are being used by new public health nurses. <http://www.son.wisc.edu/leap/index.html>

### Projects/Issues Pending:

The state rules governing local health departments are undergoing revision.

Public health nurses are exploring options for how medication can be safely provided in community settings when physicians, nurses or pharmacists are not available. Two such situations are expanding the availability of emergency contraceptives and providing antiviral medication in response to a public health emergency.

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