

**FROM A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
TO THE BEAUTY OF A GEM.....**

**ASTDN
CELEBRATES
75 YEARS!**

1935-2010



Introduction

For many years, Elfrida Nord, ASTDN past president and alumni member from Alaska, kept records of ASTDN events. This document was created using historical information compiled by Ms. Nord. ASTDN historical records are now preserved at the Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry at the University of Virginia School of Nursing.

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The Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing 1935-2010

The Beginning

The U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) had provided leadership in the development of public health initiatives for nearly 100 years before it turned its attention to public health nursing. In 1932, after much encouragement from the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and the Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association, a survey of public health nursing needs was commissioned. Hugh S. Cumming, M.D., Surgeon General requested the John Hancock Life Insurance Company loan Sophie Nelson to complete a survey and make recommendations for meeting the identified needs.

Miss Nelson made the following recommendations:

- Develop a staff of qualified public health nurses available to the states and to any division of the USPHS, for consultation services with regard to program plans which involve nursing; the administration of public health nursing services; and the in-service education of nursing personnel.
- Conduct surveys and studies of public health nursing, upon request of the states, and evaluate the finding.
- Assist universities and other national organizations in promoting and strengthening educational programs for public health nurse.
- Participate in field studies and research that are conducted by the USPHS.

Soon thereafter, the USPHS requested a public health nurse to participate in field studies of administrative practices in local health departments. In 1933, Pearl McIver became the first nursing consultant for the USPHS to state health departments.

Seventeen states had no public health nursing units at that time. Priority was given to establishing such a presence in each state. The Social Security Act of 1936 provided much of the funding for these positions. The USPHS established five regional nursing consultants to provide ongoing support to the states in the further development of public health nursing through official state agencies.

Objectives of the public health nursing unit established in the USPHS, State Relations Division were:

- To encourage state and local authorities to improve the quality and extend the volume and scope of their public health nursing services through the attainment of best present day practice and standards.
- To encourage the development of nursing leadership for public health nursing within the respective states.
- To participate in a joint effort with other federal and national nursing groups in the promotion of a unified approach to existing public health nursing problems.
- To promote the establishment of sound educational facilities for the preparation of additional public health nurses to meet the increased demand for qualified personnel.

Activities involved in carrying out the objectives were:

- Provided consultation to state health officers in planning the organization and administration of public health nursing within state health departments.

- Collected and analyzed data concerning the number and qualifications of public health nurses employed in the U.S.
- Served as consultants to state nursing directors on plans for in-service and post-graduate study programs for public health nurses; at times participated in conducting institutes and workshops on current public health nursing problems.
- Participated with state and local agencies in evaluating local nursing services and in developing surveys and studies of nursing resources and needs.
- Initiated a special conference of state directors of public health nursing at the American Public Health Association meeting in 1935 that led to the formation of a council of state directors of public health nursing with its own officers and its own annual meetings. (This was the first ASTDN meeting.)
- Collaborated with the nursing consultants of the Children's Bureau to promote unity with regard to the recommendations on nursing coming from the two federal departments.
- Cooperated with universities and colleges offering public health nursing programs of study in an attempt to establish or expand rural field experience centers: by teaching during special summer school programs; by interpreting university matriculation requirements; by interpreting to the universities the needs of public health nurses who conduct the field services; and by planning and conducting special programs to prepare nurses in such specialties as venereal disease, tuberculosis, industrial nursing and cancer nursing.

The Early Years (1935-1945)

Public health nursing leadership from the newly organized units met with the federal nursing consultants annually beginning in 1935. (These meetings continued until 1972). The primary purpose of the meetings was to improve and expand nursing services to the local communities throughout the states and territories. Part of the meetings also included time with the National Organization for Public Health Nursing's Council on Nursing Education to discuss items of mutual interest.

Agenda items during these years included:

- Planning public health nursing services to mothers and children;
- Strengthening state health departments through employment of full time nurses;
- Planning services to rural areas;
- Education of public health nurses, particularly in areas of assessment, epidemiology and field work;
- Development of in-service education programs; and
- Development of definitions of specialized versus generalized nursing programs. Specialized programs were ones in which a single type of nursing service was administered by an agency, or provided by a nurse. A generalized program consisted of several types of nursing services administered by one agency or each nurse giving all types of service to the families under her care.

The Growing Years (1945-1955)

During this time, the organization of public health directors began to discuss further expansion and diversification. Basic studies were conducted that evaluated the administrative policies within state health departments that hindered expansion of public health nursing. Trends in the discussion led to general consensus that:

- A division or unit of nursing is essential
- The director of nursing should be responsible for planning for public health nursing

- The positions of consultants in special fields should be defined
- The consultants in special fields should be responsible for interpreting nursing in the special fields to the director of nursing and other nurses
- A Program Planning Cabinet should be developed.

In 1944 standards for staffing were established with one public health nurse per 5, 000 population, one supervisor per 50,000 population, and one nurse per 2,000 population if bedside care was also offered. These ratios were identified as a goal rather than an immediate possibility due to a shortage of nurses following World War II. Program efforts were aimed at tuberculosis, venereal disease, mental health, bedside care, and nursing education.

No meeting was held in 1945 because of the complications imposed by World War II.

In 1949, the first conference on administration and programs was held. Topics included salaries, benefits, performance evaluation, research, budgets, and retirement. Discussion regarding federal legislation affecting public health led the agenda for several years. Newer concepts in public health nursing included family health counseling, chronic disease, disability limitation and immunization effectiveness.

Members of the organization spent significant time improving the capacity of the association to function as they revised and clarified the bylaws, duties of the officers and the resolutions process.

The Strengthening Years (1955-1965)

Mental health and mental retardation services dominated the discussions during the early part of this era. The association formally requested that the Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) provide copies of any information affecting nursing to the membership prior to any action. This indicated that public health nursing had emerged to a point where others were discussing the role and function.

Agenda items during meetings included discussion about preparation of public health nurses, young parents, pediatric heart disease, patient progress studies and home health services,

In 1964, the organization was officially named the Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN). A formal relationship was established between ASTHO. Nursing was one of the first affiliates established.

The Changing Years (1965-1975)

The period 1944-1963 had been viewed as one in which there had been a categorical approach to public health. Public assistance for the medically indigent and support of research in this area were largely outside the realm of public health. President Eisenhower's Commission of the Health Needs of the Nation in 1952 acknowledged, "Access to adequate health care is a basic right of all citizens, regardless of their ability to pay for it". During the years of 1965-1975, the Commission's recommendation changed the face of public health throughout the country. Public health nursing leaders were challenged to provide direct services that bridged the gap for many people. Federal attention to reimbursement for those services brought additional opportunities, as well as challenges, to the forefront. Government and nonprofit businesses began moving toward full acceptance of the principles of business management. Public and private sectors began to blend, and consumer input was considered for the first time.

ASTDN meeting agendas include items such as nurse practitioner training, referral systems, quality assurance, homemaker/aide services, planning, and strategies for reaching more people with limited resources.

The Renaissance Era (1975-1985)

This decade was one of continuing challenges and opportunities for ASTDN. In 1976, a letter was received from ASTHO regarding abolishing the affiliate. The membership persisted in reaffirming the need to collectively gather on an annual basis for the following reasons:

- Membership of ASTDN facilitates the definitions, roles, and responsibilities of public health nurses for the maximum use of resources to aid in the health of the nation.
- Multidisciplinary groups make the best decisions. Persons from different disciplines bring special expertise in defining problems and arriving at solutions. ASTDN has unique competencies in areas of direct patient care and public health nursing.
- ASTDN can provide a forceful position to address health care issues and maintain linkages with national organizations for strong collective action in nursing.

The issue of dissolution was successfully resolved during the year.

The remaining years of this decade were spent in discussions about evolving public policy, population groups and diversity of services, public health nursing competency as a key to quality, and the value of health promotion. There was also a continuing struggle to maintain a public health nursing presence at the state level.

In 1981, ASTDN adopted a position paper on the need for a Director of Public Health Nursing in each state. In 1982, a series of statements were approved to accompany the document. Following these documents were various organizational charts, position descriptions for a director of public health nursing, survey of direct staff and budget responsibility, and other items of similar nature. The association was also proactive in working with states to re-establish previously lost positions.

The Pre-Transition Years (1985-1995)

These years carried the hallmarks of a beginning transition in the public health system. ASTDN has discussed topics such as home health standards and accreditation, career ladders for public health nursing, job satisfaction indicators, the impact of furloughs and cut-backs, and the expansion of community-based services.

New programs evolved in early intervention services for infants and toddlers, care and follow-up of HIV positive patients, follow-up of crack/cocaine infants, homeless populations, increasing diverse cultures needing public health nursing services, and lead screening. Old programs resurfaced with new faces requiring more innovative approaches to care. These included drug resistant tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and childhood immunizations.

Workplace issues became more complex as new regulations for health care workers were implemented. These included the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Occupational and Safety Health Administration's Regulations Regarding Blood and Body Fluids. Public health nursing leaders were also challenged in dealing with Drug-Free Workplace policies and Sexual Harassment laws.

The increased use of technology influenced public health nursing with the introduction of computerized patient information systems and the need to develop valid public health data systems.

A study of the future of public health was completed by the Institute of Medicine in 1989. This study described a public health system overburdened and in disarray. The study urged the public health system to return to the core functions of public health: assessment, policy development and assurance. The report also identified the need for public health services to return to a population focus. The themes in this report were agenda items at the ASTDN meetings during this time.

In 1993, the public health nursing community celebrated the centennial of public health nursing. The events began with a program and reception hosted by the Quad Council at the American Public Health Association meeting in the fall of 1992. In June of 1993, ASTDN joined ACHNE for its annual meeting in Boston.

The Quad Council published a paper, "Public Health Nursing in a Reformed Health Care System" in 1994. The same year, ASTDN members were involved in committees that identified Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for reimbursement by HCFA. Public Health Nursing & Disaster Preparedness was an agenda item at the annual meeting in Crystal City, Virginia.

The Transition To Population Focused Practice (1995-2005)

ASTDN continued to be recognized as leader related to public health nursing issues and policy development.

Members of ASTDN participated in numerous national committees and projects. The projects included: development of the first ANA Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing beginning in 1995 and ending in 1999; creation of a "white paper", *Population Focused Nursing*, in 1996; membership in the Nursing Education Consortium beginning in 1998; participation in the Council on Linkages project to develop public health competencies; creation with the Quad Council in 2001 of the paper, *The Impact of the Nursing Shortage on Public Health Nursing*; development of the Quad Council Public Health Nursing Competencies in 2003; and revision of the Scope & Standards of Public Health Nursing in 2005. ASTDN also participated in projects related to environmental health and was an active member of the organization, American Nurses for Shortage Relief.

ASTDN members developed several important products on their own including creation of a nursing model, "Partners for Progress" in 1998. American Nurses Publishing published this model in 2000 in the publication, Public Health Nursing, A Partner for Healthy Populations. A paper on emergency preparedness, *Public Health Nurses' Vital Role in Emergency Preparedness & Response* was developed in 2002.

In addition, projects were done collaboratively with other organizations including co-sponsoring a national teleconference on nursing workforce development with CDC in 1999, and conducting a study, *Public Health Nursing Leadership, Responsibilities and Issues in State Health Departments*, with ASTHO in 2003. The 2004 annual meeting was held jointly with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators (ACHNE) in Minneapolis, Minnesota

The membership of ASTDN was expanded during this time to include people who were interested in supporting the organization but were not the official state representatives. In addition to official voting members, the membership categories of alumni member and associate member were added in 2000.

During this time, ASTDN struggled with the need to create an infrastructure for the organization. It continues to be more and more difficult for ASTDN to adequately address the numerous important issues and project, due to demands on members' time. ASTDN attempted to address this challenge with initiatives such as the Wald- Trek Project and involvement with the CDC Futures Project but have not yet solved this dilemma.

The Organization Expands (2005-2010)

In 2006-2008 ASTDN and CDC participated in a collaborative project entitled, "Enhancing the Capacity of Public Health Nursing Through Partnerships: Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Partners' Cooperative Agreement".

The goal of the projects was to enhance the capacity of public health nursing to achieve public health's mission to protect people's health, thereby supporting public health infrastructure. The strategies used to accomplish the goal were:

- Document the impact of the current nursing crisis in public health and demonstrate the critical value of adequate public health nursing capacity in achieving CDC's health protection goals and broader public health goals.
- Build a base of support within CDC and with other public health partners (e.g., ASTHO, NACCHO, Quad Council) and private partners for enhancing the capacity of public health nurses through implementation of activities in the following five focus areas:
 - Assurance of effective public health nursing leadership, through the position of the state nursing director, who has influence on state and local public health nursing priorities
 - Assurance of competent public health nurses and public health nurse leaders
 - Articulation of public health nurses' role in implementation and support of public health and CDC-funded programs
 - Presence of an adequate number of public health nurses
 - Development of an evidence-base for public health nursing

The project developed several products that benefit public health nursing including:

- Public Health Nursing factsheets:
 - Overview of ASTDN
 - What is Public Health Nursing
 - What is the Impact of Public Health Nursing within Public Health?
- Every State Health Department Needs A Public Health Nursing Leader Brochure
- A report on the recommended Public Health Nurse to Population Ratio. This document recommended one public health nurse to 5000 population and one public health nurse supervisor to no more than 8 public health nurses

ASTDN continued to demonstrate leadership and commitment through development of position papers and other documents to impact public health nursing.

- In 2006 ASTDN chaired a workgroup of members of the Quad Council. (ASTDN, ACHNE, APHA-PHN Section, and ANA) to develop a position paper, *The Public Health Nursing Shortage: A Threat to the Public's Health*. The paper was endorsed by the all Quad Council members in 2007. A fact sheet was also developed based on this position paper.

- In 2007 the position paper, *The Role of Public Health Nurses in Emergency Preparedness and Response*, with accompanying poster entitled, *Public Health Nurses: Leaders and Partners in Assuring Care During Emergencies*, was developed. This paper was then published in the journal of Public Health Nursing in 2008
- In 2008 a position paper, *The PHN Role in Achieving Health Equity: Eliminating Inequalities in Health*, was completed.
- In 2009, responded to discussion about health reform the paper, *The Role of Public Health Nursing in Health Reform Recommendations for Taking Action on The Public Health Nursing Shortages Through the 2009 Economic Stimulus Package*, was completed.
- In 2009, a guide was developed to assist members with advocacy to policymakers. This document, *The Public Policy Guidebook for ASTDN Members: Tools and Guidelines for Providing Advice to Policy Makers*, was used when ASTDN members visited Federal legislators in conjunction with the 2010 annual meeting.

In 2008 ASTDN hired its first executive director. Michelle Cravetz, an alumni member from New York filled this part-time position. The addition of this position allowed the organization to increase participation in partnership activities with other organizations.

In an effort to expand membership in ASTDN and allow for greater representation from public health nursing leaders, the membership category of Local, State, or Federal Governmental Public Health Nursing Leadership was added in 2009. At this time a student membership category was also created.

The public health system experienced numerous challenges during this time including greater responsibilities for emergency preparedness, increasing shortages of nurses, health threats such as obesity and new diseases such as the H1N1 virus.

The partnership with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators continued to strengthen and a joint meeting was held in 2010 in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Future

As ASTDN begins the next decade and celebrates its 75th Anniversary, the organization continues to be a vital and important leader in public health nursing. ASTDN members will continue to make important contributions to public health nursing practice in the future.

Annual Meetings 1936-2010

- 1936 New Orleans, Louisiana, Meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Instructors in Public Health Nursing. Meeting in conjunction with APHA
- 1937 New York, New York, Joint meeting of PHN State Directors and Course Directors. Attendance-30 states, Territory of Hawaii, 14 Universities, US Public Health Service, US Children's Bureau, National Organization for Public Health Nursing, American Red Cross, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and John Hancock Life Insurance Company. Title of meeting-Special Meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Directors of Courses in Public Health Nursing
- 1938 Kansas City, Missouri, Meeting in conjunction with American Public Health Association.
- 1939 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Title of Meeting-Council of State Directors of Public Health Nursing. Attendance-24 states, US Public Health Service and US Children's Bureau.
- 1940 Detroit, Michigan-25 states represented, US Public Health Service and Children's Bureau. In addition 18 members of the Collegiate Council on Public Health Nursing met with the group.
- 1941 Atlantic City, New Jersey-16 states represented.
- 1942 St. Louis, Missouri
- 1943 New York, New York-18 states and District of Columbia
- 1944 New York, New York-26 states and District of Columbia, USPHS, US Children's Bureau
- 1945 No meeting due to WW II
- 1946 Cleveland, Ohio-Joint meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Collegiate Council on Public Health.
- 1947 Atlantic City, New Jersey-26 states represented, USPHS and US Children's Bureau
- 1948 Boston, Massachusetts- Joint meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing and Collegiate Council on Public Health. Ninety Seven people present: 33 states, USPHS, US Children's Bureau, National Organization of Public Health Nursing and Universities.
- 1949 New York, New York-20 states represented.
- 1950 St. Louis, Missouri-meeting held in conjunction with American Nurses' Association Meeting. 25 states represented.
- 1951 San Francisco, California-13 states represented.
- 1952 Cleveland, Ohio-20 states plus Territory of Hawaii represented

- 1953 Bethesda, Maryland, Meeting Title-Biennial Meeting of State Directors of Public Health Nursing-38 states represented.
- 1954 No meeting
- 1955 Washington, DC-
- 1956 No meeting
- 1957 Washington, DC-52 states/territories represented. Minutes state the official name of organization changed to Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing. However, the bylaws which were circulated were headed Association of State & Territorial Directors of Public Health Nursing.
- 1958 No meeting
- 1959 Washington, D.C., Meeting title- Biennial Meeting of Association of State & Territorial Directors of Public Health Nursing and Conference of Chiefs, Public Health Nursing of U.S. Public Health Service and Children's Bureau. 48 states/territories represented.
- 1960 No meeting
- 1961 Washington, DC-48 States represented
- 1962 No meeting
- 1963 San Francisco, California-47 States represented
- 1964 No meeting except at APHA. Correspondence with ASTHO regarding becoming an affiliate and name change to Association of State & Territorial Directors of Nursing.
- 1965 Washington, DC-48 States represented
- 1966 No Meeting
- 1967 Arlington, Virginia-51 States/Territories represented.
- 1968-No meeting
- 1969 Bethesda, Maryland-49 States/Territories represented. Title-New Patterns for Delivery of Health Care".
- 1970 No meeting
- 1971 Denver, Colorado-44 States/Territories represented.
- 1972 Bethesda, Maryland-43 States/Territories represented. Title-Federal Legislation-Panacea or Chaos
- 1973 Chevy Chase, Maryland-42 States/Territories represented

- 1974 Scottsdale, Arizona-40 States/Territories represented
- 1975 No record of meeting
- 1976 Indianapolis, Indiana-31 States/Territories represented
- 1977 Washington, D.C., Title-The Matching Game: Health Care Needs-The Basis For Skills: A State Agency Responsibility. 22 States/Territories represented.
- 1978 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma-Title-As the Pendulum Swings. 27 States/Territories represented
- 1979 No information available
- 1980 Atlanta, Georgia-Title-Partnership for Health. Joint meeting with State & Territorial Health Officials & Epidemiologists, 24 States/Territories represented.
- 1981 San Antonio, Texas, Title-Coming Together to Get It Together. 29 States/Territories represented.
- 1982 Minneapolis, Minnesota, Title-Performance Productivity. 22 States/Territories represented.
- 1983 Washington, DC Joint Meeting with ASTHO. 32 States/Territories represented.
- 1984 Orlando, Florida, Title-Making Things Happen. 27 States/Territories represented.
- 1985 Baltimore, Maryland, Title-impact of Health Care Policy on Public Health & Community Nursing. 33 States/Territories represented.
- 1986 Denver, Colorado-27 States/Territories represented.
- 1987 Tempe, Arizona
- 1988 Richmond, Virginia, Title: The Dimensions of Leadership. 32 States/Territories represented.
- 1989 Wakiki Beach, Hawaii-26 States/Territories represented.
- 1990 Kansas City, Missouri-32 States/Territories represented.
- 1991 San Diego, California-21 States/Territories represented.
- 1992 Juneau, Alaska-22 States/Territories represented.
- 1993 Cambridge, Massachusetts-
- 1994 Crystal City, Virginia-34 States/Territories represented.
- 1995 Washington, DC-26 States/Territories represented.

- 1996 Scottsdale, Arizona, Title-The Public Health Nurse of the Future. 30 States/Territories represented.
- 1997 Gulfport, Mississippi
- 1998 San Antonio, Texas, Title-Public Health Nursing: A Partner for Progress. 30 States/Territories represented.
- 1999 Portland, Maine, Title-Public Health Nursing in a Changing Environment. 32 States/Territories represented.
- 2000 Oakland, California-26 States/Territories represented.
- 2001 Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 2002 Charleston, South Carolina
- 2003 – Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2004 Minneapolis, Minnesota, Joint meeting with Association of Community Health Nursing Educators. Title: Igniting the Spark: Linking Public Health Nursing Practice and Education to Promote Population Health. 19 States represented.
- 2005 New Orleans, Louisiana, Title-Quantum Leadership for Improving Public Health and Preparing Future Leaders in Public Health Nursing. 24 States represented-ASTDN 70th Anniversary
- 2006 Seattle, Washington, Title-Achieving Health Equity: From Knowledge to Action.
- 2007 Kansas City Missouri. Title-Utilizing Partnerships to Enhance Practice and Education in Public Health Nursing. Host state was Kansas. Joint Meeting with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
- 2008 Orlando, Florida. Title-Leadership & Change: Public Health Nursing Workforce, Meeting the Challenge
- 2009 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Title- Public Health Nurses: Nobody Does It Better. 25 states represented.
- 2010 Arlington, Virginia. Title-Embracing Diversity: Innovations in Education, Policy and Practice. Joint Meeting with the Association of Community Health Nursing Educators

Historic Roster of Official ASTDN State Representatives

Alabama (1909-First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1919-1933	Jessie L. Mariner
1933-1938	Frances C. Montgomery
1939-1950	Pearl Barclay
1950-1964	Catherine Corley
1964-1984	Anne M. Smith (ASTDN President 1978 & 1979)
1984-1987	Murlene D. Sides
1987-1994	Ruth Harrell (ASTDN President 1994)
1994-1999	Jeanette Free
1999 - 2005	Deborah Thomasson
2005-present	John Hankins

Alaska (1936-First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1936-1943	Mary Keith Cauthorne Neill (USPHS MCH Advisor)
1943-1956	Dorothy Whitney
1956-1969	Helen Hartigan
1969-1977	Edna Crawford
1977-1978	Airlie Bruce
1978-1984	Lois M. Bergerson
1985-1997	Elfrida H. Nord (ASTDN President 1995)
1997-2005	Nancy Davis
2005-present	Rhonda Richtsmeier

Arizona

1951-1959	Jefferson Brown
1964-1975	Mary Copeland
1976-1981	Carol Lockhart
1981-1981	Luana Haskell
1981-1985	Carolyn Wild
1985-	Georgia P. MacDonough
1989-2002	Vanessa Nelson Hill (ASTDN President 1996)
2002-2004	No Designated Representative
2004-2007	Andie Denious
2007-present	Ramona Rusinak

Arkansas

1919-1927	Linnie Beuchamp
1945-1957	Margaret Vaughn
1957-1969	Sara Lou Butler
1975-1977	Sara Lou Butler (ASTDN President 1974)
1977-1979	Betty Jo Thomas
1979-1979	Ella Herriage
1980-1982	Mary Gaither
1982-1984	Terry J. Nestrud
1985-2000	Mary Lou Menefee (ASTDN President 1991)-(position eliminated)
2000-2001	Pam Perry-(Contact*)
2001-2003	No Designated Representative
2003-2004	Zenobia Harris (Contact*)
2005-present	Aurian Zoldessy (Leadership position re-established)

California

	Juanita Tolle
	Nancy Schwartz
	Ruth Braun
1946-1955	Rena Haig (ASTDN President 1951, 1954 & 1955)
1959	Edna Brandt (ASTDN President 1967, 1968 & 1969)
2000-2003	Susie Fatheree
	Statewide position eliminated-president of Local Health Department Nursing Directors serves as official representative
2003-2004	Margaret Avila
2004-2005	Debra Henley
2005-2006	Nancy Fisher
2006-2007	Barbara Navolanic
2007-2008	Pam Shaw
2008-2009	Jane MacLean

Colorado

1944-1946	Mary Emberton (ASTDN President 1946)
1953	Vesta Bowden
1959-1973	Bernice de Sessa (ASTDN President 1970 & 1971)
1973-1979	Joan Truhy
1980-1996	Marie A. Swigert
1996-1997	Courtney Thomas
1997-1998	Judy Robinson
1998-2008	Karen O'Brien (ASTDN President 2007)
2008-Present	Position Eliminated

Connecticut

1941-1956	Hazel Dudley (ASTDN President 1949)
1964-	Alba Mastagor
1972-1979	Norma Lundquist
1979-1991	Marie Roberto (ASTDN President 1988)
1991-1993	Lois Lewis
1993-	Patricia Kucharski
2005-present	Barbara Dingfelder

Delaware

1943-1961	Madeline Klaes
1962-1964	Elizabeth Ogden
1965-1970	Mary McQuade
1972-1991	Theresa Dupuis
1991-1996	Shirlee Kittelman (contact*)
1996-2006	Prue Albright (ASTDN President 2004)
2006-present	Kristin A Bennett

Florida (1914-First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1921-1963	Ruth Mettinger
1963-1970	Enid Mathison
1971-1974	Jane Wilcox
1974-1989	Dolores M. Wennlund
1989-2001	Katherine Mason
2001-2002	Annie R. Neasman
2003-2006	Karen Eaton
2006-2009	Sandra A. Schoenfisch
2009- present	Carol Wright-Tanner

Georgia

1947-1961	Theodora Floyd
1962-1975	Dorothy Barfield
1977-1987	Ruth Melber
1987-1989	Jane McCombs (Acting)
1989 present	Carole Jakeway (Robinson) (ASTDN President 2001)

Hawaii

1957	Alison McBride
1965-	Alice Scott
1966-1971	Esther M. Stubblefield
1972-1975	Kazue K. McLaren
1976-1984	Rose Moorefield
1985-	Mae N. Kuramoto
	Laura J. Armstrong
1992-	Ruth Ota

Idaho

1976-1985	Bee Biggs
	Simonne DeGlee (contact*)
	Laurel Patterson (contact*)

Illinois

1955	Maude Carson
1965	Pearl Ahrenkiel
1970	Helen Bruening
-1985	Michael Hooker
1985-	Mary Lou England
	Andrea R. Butler (contact*)
	Kathleen Kilbane
	Evelyn Norton
	Ron Brown
2006	Vivienne Dawkins

Indiana

1937	Eva McDougall (ASTDN President 1937)
1946-1969	Ethel Jacobs
1968-1991	Geraldine Wojtowicz (ASTDN President 1976 & 1977)
1991-1993	Patricia Eifert-(Designated Contact-statewide leadership position eliminated)
1993-1999	Louise A. Anderson (contact*)
1999- 2006	Janet Chorpenning (contact*)
2006-present	No Designated Contact

Iowa

1944	Mary Neusphgefer
1955	Mattie Brass
1969-1977	Thelma Luther
1977-1978	Pat Witte
1978-1988	Darleen Sickert
1988-1991	Mary Weaver
1991-1994	Patricia Howell
1994-1998	Karen Fread
1998-present	Julie McMahon

Kansas (1919 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

-1946	Janet Tidrick
1948-1951	Tess Jennings
1951-1963	Roberta Foote
1963-1981	Dorothy Woodin
1985-1990	Connie Hanson
1991-2001	Abby Horak (ASTDN President 1998 & 1999)
2001-present	Shirley Orr (ASTDN President 2008)

Kentucky

1920-1922	Mary Williamson
1923-1953	Margaret East
1954-1972	Ruth Spurrier
1972-1977	Bess Witt
1977-1977	Mary Lee Tracy
1980-1999	Viola D. Brown
1999-2007	Sarah J. Wilding
2007-present	Rosie Miklavcic

Louisiana (1921 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1921-	M. Coale
1925-	Emma Maurin
1949-1964	Lillian Jeffers
1964-1967	Edna Mewhinney
1967-1984	Jessie Hickey
	Dorothy B. Whipple
1985-	Edna Treuting
2006	Doris G. Brown
2006-present	Clair Millet

Maine (1920- First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1920-1940	Edith Soule
1940-1958	Helen Dunn (ASTDN President 1943)
1958-1968	Mary Sullivan
1968-1988	Helen Zidowecki
1988-1996	Eleanor Bruce
1995-1996	Kathy Jewett (Acting Director)
1996-1996	Luanne Crinion (Acting Director)
1997-2000	Valerie Ricker
2001-2005	Beth Patterson
2005-present	Janet Morrissette

Maryland (1905 – First Public Health Nurse Hired)

1945-1954	Helen L. Fisk (ASTDN President 1947)
1966-1974	Ruth B. Margraff
1975-1980	Serafina Listro
1980-	Lillian Cole
	Geri Mendelson (Statewide position eliminated)
	*MD Council of PH Nursing Directors designate representative
	B. Joan Scott
	Pearl Holland
2005-present	Lisette K. Osborne

Massachusetts

1945-1954	Ethel Brooks
1954-1975	Ann Thomson
	Dorothy Harrington (contact*)
	David Mulligan (contact*)
	Vicki Soler
2003-present	Glynnis LaRosa

Michigan

1939	Helen Bean (ASTDN President 1939)
1941	Helen Buker (ASTDN President 1944)
1942	Alice Rooney
1947	Ella McNeil
1963-1966	Julia Brandberry (ASTDN President 1966)
1966-1976	Claire Corriveau
1976-1980	Patricia Hatfield
1980-1981	Marie Mrozinski
	Connie Alfaro
2005-present	Jeanette Klemcak

Minnesota (1903 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1918-1921	Frances Brink
1921-1927	Vacant due to lack of funds
1927-1941	Olivia T. Peterson (ASTDN President 1942)
1941-1954	Ann S. Nyquist
1955-1971	Alberta Wilson (ASTDN President 1963, 1964 & 1965)
1971-1983	Frances Decker (ASTDN President 1982 & 1983)
1983-1984	Lorene Wedeking
1985-1991	LaVohn Josten (ASTDN President 1990)
1992-2002	Mary J. Rippke
2002-2006	Linda Olson Keller
2006-2007	Laurel Briske
2008- present	LuAnne McNichols

Mississippi (1920 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1920-1921	Nannie J. Lackland
1921-1946	Mary Osborne
1946-1949	Lucy E. Massey
1949-1963	Louise Holmes (ASTDN President 1958 & 1959)
1963-1975	Zona Jelks
1975-1979	Grace Ferguson
1972-1982	Edna Roberts
1983-1986	Susan R. Walters
1986	Kaye Bender (ASTDN President 1992)
	Margaret Morton
	Wanda Blount
2004	Mary Coleman
2005	Juanita Graham
2006-present	Kay Henry

Missouri

1942-1943	Ella Mae Holt
1947	Lucile Whitesides
1950	Helen Finney
1958-1974	Helen Pfaff
1976-1992	Jane Dey
1992-1993	Mary Lou Gillilan (contact*)
1993-1995	Vida Gorseger (Statewide position eliminated)
1996-1997	Judy Alexiou (contact*)
1997-2007	Glenda Kelly (Position re-established) (ASTDN President 2005)
2007-present	Cindy Leuthen

Montana

1951-1964	Wava Dixon
1964-1976	Virginia Kenyon
1978-1981	Alethea Ginnebaugh
1981-1984	Judith Gedrose
1985-1997	Maxine Ferguson (contact)
1998-present	Jo Ann Walsh Dotson

Nebraska

1937-1943	Eleanor Palmquist
1943-1947	Gertrude Church
1947-1972	Emilie Brickley (ASTDN President 1962)
1972-1998	Mary Munter (Position eliminated)
	No current member

Nevada (1938 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1955-1956	Petronille Commins
1956-1970	Ethelda Thelen
1970-1976	Millie Bennett
1976-1980	Jeannette Clodfelter
1980-1981	Kathy King
1981-1988	Ann R. Malone
1988-1995	Sandra J. Fairburn
1995-	Mary D. Sassi
	Sandra Hanneke
2005-?	Laurie Cooper
	No current member

New Hampshire

1926-1943	Mary Durning Davis
1943-1961	Florence Clark
1963-1974	Mildred Mattson
1975-1984	Elizabeth Burt
1985-1991	Richard DiPentima
	Doris Nuttleman
2005-present	Debra McLaughlin

New Jersey

1941	Elizabeth Curtis
1955	Gladys J. Wilson
	Wanda Schorn
1958-1970	Johanna E. Kennedy
1971-1976	Ellora Meyer
1978-	Evelyn Embessi
1996-	Sue Rinehart (contact*)
	Bruce Siegel (contact*)
2001	Beverly Rivell
2004-2007	Nancy Garvey
2008-present	Diana M. Garzio

New Mexico

1950-1955	Portia Irick
1960-1966	Mary Coleman
1966-1968	Eunice Vanderwort (Acting)
1968-1970	Dorothy Keller
1973-1985	Susan S. Ripley
1985-1990	Lee Bartol
1991-1997	Judith Candelaria
1998 -2005	Fran A'Hern-Smith
2005-present	Barbara Hickok

New York

1937-1948	Marion Scheanan
1948-1953	Mary Parker (ASTDN President 1960 & 1961)
1968	Eleanor Gachenour
1985-1987	Sylvia Rivers
1987-1996	Joann Dawson (contact*)
2002	Sylvia Contessa (contact*)
2005-2008	Michelle Cravetz
2009-present	Patricia Waniewski (contact*)

North Carolina

1919-1924	Rose Ehrenfield
1924-1929	Draper Fultz (Statewide Nursing Leadership position eliminated)
1952-1954	Amy Fisher Barrier
1954-1962	Mary King Kneeder
1964-1965	Ruth Brong
1966-1976	Elizabeth Holley
1976-1991	Estelle Fulp (Statewide position eliminated)
1993-1994	Judith Moore Britt (Position re-established)
1995-present	Joy F. Reed (ASTDN President 2002 & 2006)

North Dakota

1944	Irene Donavan
1969-1976	Irma Black
1976-1993	LaVerne Lee (position eliminated)
1993-present	Kim Senn (contact*)

Ohio (1913 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

	Margaret Kameron
1935-1955	S. Gertrude Bush
1956-1967	Anne Burns
1968-1972	Lillian Derflinger
1973-1985	Geraldine Price (ASTDN President 1984 & 1985)
1985-1997-	Joya Neff (ASTDN President 1993)
1997-1998	Ruth Stoltz
1998-2000	Debbie Martz
2000-2008	Debbie Arms
2008-present	Sam Chapman

Oklahoma (1937 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1940-1964	Josephine Landes Daniels (ASTDN President 1950)
1966-1967	Lydia Hill
1967-1970	Mary Luvisi
1970-1984	Gertrude Hotaling
1985-1991	Carol Swink
1991-2001	Toni Frioux (ASTDN President 1997)
2002-present	Diana Pistole (ASTDN President 2010)

Oregon (1919 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1941	Lucille Perazzi
1947	Aileen Dyer
	Jane C. Allen
1954-1971	Ruth Peffley
1971-1981	Ellen Strand
1981-1984	Anita Bennetts
1985-1986	Donna Clark
1986-2000	Carol Allen
2000-present	Tom Engle

Pennsylvania

1905-1955	Alice O'Halloran
1956-1968	Margaret Donohue
1968-1984	Ruth Morgan
1985-	Sally Williamson
2005	Gail A. Fridenvalds
2005-?	Phuoc Tran
	No current member

Rhode Island

1956	Catherine Tracey
1964	Rita Murphy
1985-	Bertha Murgurdichian
-1995	Nancy Roberts (contact*)
1996-	Nancy E. Walsh (contact*)
2005	Mary Ann Miller

South Carolina (1935 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1969	Maude Bailey
	Ruth George
1972-1979	Virginia C. Phillips
1979-1989	Lillian McCreight (ASTDN President 1986)
1989- 1994	Rena Alford
1994- present	Ann Lee

South Dakota

1936-1940	Florence Walker Engelsby
1940-1972	Alice B. Olson
1972-1979	Helen Stover
1979-1982	Joyce Sugrue
1982-1986	Sister Mary Jaeger
1986-1990	Debra Louchart
1990-1994	Paula Goddard
1994-2000	Kandi Buckland
2000-2005	Darlene Bergeleen

Tennessee (1910 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1923-1926	Malvina Nisbet
1926-1927	Phyllis Higgenbotham
1927-1933	Malvina Nisbet
1933-1936	Donna Pearce
1936-1956	Frances Hagar (ASTDN President 1948)
1956-1973	Sammie Shapiro
1973-1984	Hazel Fowler
1985-1989	Ann Duncan
1989-1994	Janis Adcock
1994- 2006	Patsy McCall
2006-present	Deborah Hardin

Texas (1918 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

	Mildred Garrett (ASTDN President 1941)
	Jane Duffy
1943-1972	Mildred Garrison Primer
1972-1979	Maxine Geeslin
1979-1984	Joy M. Pappas
1985-1998	Linda Linville (ASTDN President 1989)
1998-1999	Jessie Yoas (contact)
1999-2000	Leslie Mansolo
2001-2003	Debra Edwards (Position Eliminated)
2004-2005	Debra Wanser (contact*)
2005-2008	Sharon Flournoy (contact*)
2008-present	Diane Faucher (position re-established)

Utah

1922-	Ella H. Conover
1951	Evelyn Kedneigh
1972-1978	Virginia Cole
1979-1980	Kelii Sine
1981-1984	Adele P. Nelson
1985-	Diane Blake
-1993	Sandee Oliver
1993-1998	Elisa Hill
1998-2000	LaDene Larson
2000-2004	Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp
2004-present	Teresa Garrett (ASTDN President 2009)

Vermont

1951-1957	Esther Martinson (ASTDN President 1957)
1961-1964	Alice Goudreau
1964-1965	Priscilla Allen
1970-1975	Annie Rowtsala
1975-1994	Audry Larrow
1994-1997	Kathleen Patterson
1997-2003	Sharon Moffatt (ASTDN President 2003)
2003-2004	Eileen Girling
2004-2008	Kathleen Keleher
2008-present	Debra Wilcox

Virginia

1916-1918	Jane Ranson
1918-1919	Maude Morse
1919-1920	Jane Ransom
1920-1921	Fereba Croxton
1921-1931	Nannie Minor
1932-1948	Mary Mastin
1948-1960	Hazel Higbee (name changed to Hazel Gibbs in 1951)
1960-1970	Elazabeth Harlin
1971-1978	Elizabeth Sayres
1978-1988	Janet Kosidlak (ASTDN President 1987)
1988-1990	Division Abolished
1990-1992	Jo McNeil
1993-2005	Karen Connelly (ASTDN President 2000)
2005-present	Joanne Wakeham

Washington

1949-1952	Anna Moore
1952-1957	Grace Watson
1958-1964	Lyndall Birkbeck
1962-1964	Ruth Dean (Acting)
1964-1976	Betty Cohen
1977-1984	(no statewide nursing leadership position)
1985-	A Lamont Carstens (contact*)
1991-1992	Sherry McDonald (contact*)
1993-1996	Bobbie Berkowitz (contact*)
1996-2003	Carol Oliver
2003-2007	Debbie Lee
2007-present	Diana McMaster

West Virginia

Before 1937	Laurene Fisher (ASTDN President 1940)
1979-	Oleta M. Riffe
1984-1985	Ruth Pearson
1985-1987	Vacant
1987 – 1999	Joan Kenny (contact*)
1999- present	Kay Shamblin

Wisconsin (1903 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1920-	Mary P. Morgan
1950-1952	Janet Jennings (ASTDN President 1952 & 53)
1968	Ione Rowley
1969-1979	Bernice Brynelson
1979-1985	Rosmary Vahldieck Patricia Doll (contact*)
1991-2003	Margaret Schmelzer
10/2003-/2004	Muriel Nagle
2/2004-10/2004	Elizabeth Giese (contact*)
10/2004-present	Margaret Schmelzer

Wyoming (1936 First Public Health Nurses Hired)

1938-1950	Frances Hersey
1950-1952	Lola Hansen (USPHS on loan)
1951-1976	Marian Chladek (ASTDN President 1972 & 1973)
1976-1979	Mary Cassidy
1979-1984	Elta M. Kennedy
1985-1987	Toma Nisbet
1987-1988	Janet Andrew (Interim)
1988-?	Jo Ann Blevens No current member

American Samoa

1986-	Repeca Howland Diana Pilitati-Tuinei
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District of Columbia

-1984	Sarah Glindmeyer (President 1980)
1985-	Mary M. Breach Venera Busby

Guam

1959-1960	Ester Ulloa
1961-1962	Olivia Guerrero
1962-1964	Louisa Sison
1964-1966	Olivia Guerrero
1966-1968	Lorena Murray
1968-1970	Adeil Wallet
1970-1989	Mary Sanchez
1989-1995	Laurent Duenas
1995-	Fay Carbullido (Acting Administrator)

Marianna Islands

1985-	Elizabeth Torres
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Puerto Rico

1964

Carman LuzPivara
Judith Ferrer
Milagros Castro Giboyeaux
Dalila Alonzo

Virgin Islands

Evelyn McLaughlin
Lynette George

*Contact means the state does not have a statewide nursing leadership position. The individual listed was designated as the official representative to ASTDN.

ASTDN Presidents 1937-2010

1937	Eva McDougall	Indiana
1939	Helen Bean	Michigan
1940	Laurine Fisher	West Virginia
1941	Mildred Garrett	Texas
1942	Olivia Peterson	Minnesota
1943	Helen Dunn	Maine
1944	Helene Buker	Michigan
1945	Name Not available	
1946	Mary Emberton	Colorado
1947	Helen Fisk	Maryland
1948	Frances Hagar	Tennessee
1949	Hazel Dudley	Connecticut
1950	Josephine Daniels	Oklahoma
1951	Rena Haig	California
1952	Janet Jennings	Wisconsin
1953	Janet Jennings	Wisconsin
1954 & 1955	Rena Haig	California
1956	Name not available	
1957	Esther Martinson	Vermont
1958 & 1959	Louise Holmes	Mississippi
1960-1961	Mary Parker	New York
1962	Emily Brickley	Nebraska
1963 -1965	Alberta Wilson	Minnesota

1966	Julia Brandeberry	Michigan
1967	Edna Brant (acting)	California
1968 & 1969	Edna Brant	California
1970 & 1971	Bernice di Sessa	Colorado
1971	Betty Cohen	Washington
1972 & 1973	Marian Chaladek	Wyoming
1974	Sarah Lou Butler	Arkansas
1975	No record	
1976 & 1977	Geraldine Wojtowicz	Indiana
1978 & 1979	Anne Smith	Alabama
1980 & 1981	Sarah Glindmeyer	Washington, D. C.
1982 & 1983	Frances Decker	Minnesota
1984 & 1985	Geraldine Price	Ohio
1986	Lil McCreight	South Carolina
1987	Janet Kolidlak	Virginia
1988	Marie Roberto	Connecticut
1989	Linda Linville	Texas
1990	Lavohn Josten	Minnesota
1991	Mary Lou Menefee	Arkansas
1992	Kaye Bender	Mississippi
1993	Joya Neff	Ohio
1994	Ruth Harrell	Alabama
1995	Elfreda Nord	Alaska
1996	Vanessa Hill	Arizona
1997	Toni Fioux	Oklahoma
1998 & 1999	Abby Horak	Kansas

2000	Karen Connelly	Virginia
2001	Carole Robinson/Jakeway	Georgia
2002	Joy Reed	North Carolina
2003	Sharon Moffatt	Vermont
2004	Prue Albright	Delaware
2005	Glenda Kelly	Missouri
2006	Joy Reed	North Carolina
2007	Karen O'Brien	Colorado
2008	Shirley Orr	Kansas
2009	Teresa Garrett	Utah
2010	Diana Pistole	Oklahoma