



## State/Territory Report

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### Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

- Prepared and served as the Department of Health's Public Health Nursing workforce for H1N1/School flu clinics, and targeted clinics in areas where vulnerable populations live.
- Implemented the Incident Command System in planning for H1N1 to develop leadership in staff PHNs.
- Training and implementation of an electronic health record (RPMS).
- Developing strong partnerships with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in working both school flu and H1N1 clinics as an exercise for emergency preparedness.
- Refocused priorities with diminished workforce related to retirements, furloughs and layoffs.
- Developed a quality management team at a state level involving a balanced constituency of PHNs to improve planning and practice.

### Projects/Issues Pending:

- Completion of statewide functional management plans in quality management, public health nursing informatics, special populations, emergency preparedness and community partnerships and case management.
- Revising, developing and reviewing policies and procedures.
- Working with the Department of Education in developing pilot Nurse Managed Centers.
- Consider health equity as a basis for using limited Public Health Nursing resources to address social determinants of health.

- **Develop written agreements for partnership within the Department of Health and with other community partners.**

**Issues & Special Concerns for Public Health Nursing:**

- **There are certain activities that we must let go of or restructure our involvement to reflect why a Public Health Nurse is needed.**
- **As the Department of Health's workforce our measures of effectiveness are documented in other public health programs.**
- **Developing a mindset that we have to change if we are to continue.**
- **We often do not make decisions that acknowledge our value.**
- **Higher nursing education must work collaboratively with Public Health Nursing practice rather than dictate policy changes that do not fit into sustaining the specialty of Public Health Nursing.**
- **More emphasis is needed on the generalized practice of Public Health Nursing practice.**

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