



State Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

1. PH Nurse Practice Council

Development of the PH Nurse Practice Council which is a collaborative effort between local health Departments and MDH PH Nurse Consultants to address nursing practice issues collectively and systematically in order to develop recommended PHN practice guidelines and tools which PHNs can reference and utilize within their PHN practice.

2. New Leader Orientation

MDH OPHP is developing and revising orientation for new PH Directors, CHS Administrators, and LPH Medical Consultants.

3. Education/Practice

MDH Public Health Nurse Consultants continue to work individually and regionally within workgroups consisting of MDH, schools of nursing and LHDs to develop strategies to increase and improve the number and quality of population based nursing clinicals and to support workforce development.

4. State Health Improvement Plan

The Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) implementation began in July 2009. Grantees are from every county and tribe working to improve the health of Minnesotans by policy, systems and environmental changes in four settings: schools, work sites, health care and community with a focus on obesity (through physical inactivity and unhealthy eating) and tobacco as the key risk factors to target interventions in fiscal years 2010-2011.

5. Quality Improvement – MLC 3

Minnesota participated in our third year of the MLC QI Collaborative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Our work is focused on implementing programs in obesity and tobacco, chosen to integrate with the State Health Improvement Plan mentioned in #4.

6. Home Visiting Legislation and Planning

The Minnesota Evidence-Based Home Visiting Grant to Prevent Child Maltreatment, a 5-year cooperative agreement from DHHS focuses on continuing to build on the infrastructure for evidence-based home visiting programs. The model selected for implementation and expansion in Minnesota is Nurse Family Partnership.

Issues & Special Concerns for Public Health Nursing:

1. Budget concerns at state and local levels
2. Workforce