



State/Territory Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

- Statewide H1N1 response by all levels of nursing
- Mid level management professional development-Myers Briggs type indicator with approximately 120 nurses statewide
- Initial statewide training for new State immunization registry
- Implementation of an electronic surveillance system-Epi Tracks
- Implemented Interpregnancy pilot project Delta Infant Mortality Elimination (DIME) and Metropolitan Infant Mortality Elimination (MIME)
- Collaborated with the MS Office of Nursing Workforce and a DNP student to conduct a web-based workforce survey. 229 nurses responded.

Projects/Issues Pending:

- Implementation of an electronic WIC clinic system
- Participating in PHEP biosurveillance performance measures pilot project
- Gulf of Mexico oil spill-Mississippi's public health response
- Assessment of quality assurance practices in MSDH programs and development of policies and procedures as indicated.
- Evidence based home visitation program-State legislation authorized a non-funded pilot program utilizing the Nurse-Family partnership model. Program options are being discussed.

Issues & Special Concerns for Public Health Nursing:

- Continuing economic situation and impact on public health
- Lack of IT infrastructure at local level
- Potential changes in interpretations by MS Board of Nursing as related to MS PHN practice