



Association of Public Health Nurses Overview

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APHN History

- ▶ APHN, formerly the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing, began in 1935 as an advisory group of state health department nurses.
- ▶ APHN continues its transformational journey as an active association of public health nursing leaders from local, state, federal and regions from across the United States and its Territories.
- ▶ APHN is the PHN affiliate of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)



APHN's Vision and Mission Statements

- ▶ Vision: Healthy communities through excellence in public health practice and leadership
- ▶ Mission: To advance the practice of public health nursing to promote the public's health





Strategic Map: 2020-2022

Vision: Healthy communities through excellence in public health nursing practice and leadership

Provide the national voice for PHN Practice

Promote the role of public health nursing practice in advancing health equity and social justice

Describe and promote the unique value of public health nursing investments in improving population health

Participate with national partners in advocacy efforts addressing improvements in the public health system and health outcomes

Build capacity in PHN Practice

Promote a national effort to implement public health nursing residency

Identify and promote leadership opportunities for public health nurses

Provide educational opportunities to support 21st Century skills in the public health nursing workforce

Strengthen APHN as an organization

Grow and diversify APHN membership

Recruit strategic partners to provide financial sponsorship for APHN efforts

Assure alignment of APHN committees and workgroups with APHN's strategic goals

Leverage relationships for collective impact

Pursue and promote state, regional, and national partnerships to advance public health nursing's role in achieving health equity

Recruit partner organizations as APHN affiliate members to support strategic priorities



APHN Member Benefits

- ▶ Educational offerings, including an annual national conference and periodic webinars.
- ▶ Leadership development opportunities, including opportunities to serve on association committees and workgroups, regional roles, liaisons to other organizations, and in elected positions.
- ▶ Opportunities to receive and provide mentorship in public health nursing practice and leadership.
- ▶ Networking conference calls and meetings.



APHN Member Benefits

- ▶ Communication and social media: website, listserv, twitter.
- ▶ Policy papers on issues of significance to public health nursing.
- ▶ Affiliation with other national organizations such as the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and the National Association of County and City Health Officers (NACCHO).



APHN Member Benefits

- ▶ Member of the Nursing Community, comprised of over 60 national nursing organizations that represent over one million practicing nurses, nurse executives, and nursing students, faculty, and researchers.
- ▶ Member of the Coalition of Public Health Nursing Organizations (CPHNO), a collaboration of organizations serving public health nursing (e.g., APHA PH Nursing Section, ACHNE).
- ▶ Advocacy through strength in numbers - Membership gives PHNs a powerful voice in national issues.



Opportunities for Engagement

- ▶ Serve on or chair committees
- ▶ Serve as a regional representative or a state lead
- ▶ Serve as an organizational liaison



APHN Committees

- ▶ Awards
- ▶ By-Laws/Policy & Procedures
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Conference Planning
- ▶ Diversity & Social Equity
- ▶ Education & Professional Development
- ▶ Emergency Preparedness & Response
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Nominations
- ▶ Public Health Policy



APHN ACHNE Join Annual Conference



JUNE 5-8, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Mission Valley San Diego, CA



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