

ILLINOIS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING TOOLBOX MANUAL

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Introduction

Public Health Nursing (PHN) Resource Toolbox

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One of the goals of the public health community is workforce preparedness. To address this goal, a subcommittee of the Illinois Public Health Nurse Administrators (IPHNA) has developed this Resource Toolbox. The idea for the Toolbox sprang from discussions among the members of the IPHNA group in the Fall of 2000. IPHNA members and public health nurses, along with public health nurse educators joined forces to inaugurate the Illinois Public Health Nursing Roundtable. The Roundtable group identified a need for material to assist in the orientation of new public health nursing staff members. The Orientation Subcommittee appointed the Resource Toolbox Team to write four learning Modules that address four content areas important for the practice of public health nursing. The outline of the content areas follows.

The materials in the Modules are designed for independent or group study. Each Module includes Unit lesson plans to be completed in 30-60 minute learning sessions. Some of the lessons require access to the Internet and related web sites. The modules do not need to be completed in numerical order. Material in one Module is not dependent on another Module. The Illinois Public Health Nursing Roundtable encourages feedback regarding the material and the lesson plans. Please contact any of the authors listed in the Reference Section.

The Toolbox materials include:

- Illinois Public Health Nursing Toolbox Manual and Leaders' Guide
- Public Health Nursing Practice for the 21st Century Learning Kit (2000)– Minnesota Department of Health
- Public Health Nursing Practice for the 21st Century Learning Guide (2000) - Minnesota Department of Health
- Application for Public Health Nursing Practice (2000) – Minnesota Department of Health
- Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing (1999) – Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
- Public Health Nursing Leadership: A Guide to Managing the Core Function (2001) – Berkowitz, Dahl, Guirl, Kostelecky, McNeil, Upeniecks
- Public Health Nursing: A Partnership for Healthy Populations (2000) – Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing
- We're in the Business of Making a Difference – N. Franck, Bonnie Cohrs, Judy Gibbs, Cindy Kenney, Maureen O'Bryan, and Lynn Shelton
- Illinois Nurses Practice Act
- "CORE" Public Health Functions, A Call to Action, E. Conley, Alameda County Health Department, Alameda County, California

Overview

Module I: Core Functions This Module introduces the reader to the three core public health functions: assessment, policy development, and assurance. The major references for this information include: *Public Health Nursing Leadership: A Guide to the Core Functions* (B. Berkowitz et al., (2001); *Public Health MCH Programs Functions Framework: Essential Public Health Services to Promote Maternal and Child Health in America* (Grayson & Guyer, 1995), *We're in the Business of Making a Difference - Nursing...Individual, Family, Community: A Teaching Model*, an unpublished manuscript by a team of Fellows in the Mid-America Public Health Leadership Institute lead by Nancy Franck: Chors, Gibbs, Kenny, O'Bryon-Urso, and Shelton (2000).

Module II: Federal and State Structures The structures include Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), federal structures and information about Title V, Title X, and Title XX. Internet web sites and an organizational chart are also provided. The state publication, "Illinois Government," is also a helpful reference.

Module III: Local Public Health Agencies These agencies included local health departments, (LHD), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). In addition to material cited in other Modules, a number of Internet websites are included.

Module IV: Public Health Nursing The material covered by this module includes population-based interventions, three levels of practice (individual, family and community), and 17 public health interventions. This Module is based on the Minnesota Public Health Nursing Model and related Minnesota Public Health Nursing Project materials that include the video series, *Public Health Nursing Practice for the 21st Century* (Minnesota Department of Public Health, 2000) and the Public Health Nursing Model developed by the Associations of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN) and published by the American Nurses Association (ANA, 2000) in *Public Health Nursing: A Partner for Healthy Populations*. Additional content includes the *Illinois Nurse Practice Act, Public Health Nursing Scope and Standards* (Quad Council, 2000), published by ANA, and *Public Health Nursing Leadership: A Guide to the Core Functions*, (Berkowitz, et al. 2001).

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