I t happened again!!! This time the “all around public health experience” exposure to each public health nurse in attendance occurred at the Escambia County Health Department with the presentation of Articulating Public Health Nursing Practice: THE INTERVENTION WHEEL on April 21, 2009, by Dr. Barbara Battin Little, DNP, MPH, BSN.

S ome of the comments received by the FAPHN Board are shared with you in this article. From Escambia CHD: “We had a wonderful day today at the workshop. The food was greatly appreciated by the staff. Barbara, Stephanie, and Cindy were fabulous!” Pasco CHD: “A vigorous give and take was the highlight of the workshop.” Refer to Pasco CHD complete article on page 3.

Broward CHD reported similar praise and success from attendees at the March 13, 2009, presentation and graciously submitted photos in support.

C ollier CHD hosted their regional conference November 13, 2008 and it also was acclaimed a huge success.

F APHN Board of Directors is planning to offer more regional conferences as this particular topic and presenter were so well received. Please tell us what topics would be of most help to you! FAPHN’s support for all four conferences including speaker costs came to $1,460.49. A GREAT Investment!

W e hope you agree with this Board’s planning.
HELLO, again!

As I am writing to communicate with each one of you, I am reviewing the past year in my mind! It is almost like a documentary movie where critical events and influential commentary are recorded for their relationships to the actions of an organization. The FAPHN “movie” contents for this past year included a multitude of events such as State budget deficits which then impacted FAPHN membership and FAPHN travel, Regional Conferences that were highly successful and seemed to occur at “just the right time”, letters from our organization to other entities when critical public health issues needed support and the on-going search for expansion funds through grants and fundraising activities. Your Board Members, together with you our members and our partners, have dedicated time, creativity and just plain hard work toward continuing the mission and vision of our very unique organization.

This year has been a time for “firsts”. It will be the first time grant projects will be reviewed by means of the FAPHN WEB site! It will be the first time members are able to access contact hours via the FAPHN WEB site. If all goes well, it will be the first time our entire membership is able to “meet” during one very special 90 minute web conferencing telephone call. It has been a time to renew our strategic plans and to continue ongoing strengthening of the operations portion of the organization. Finally, it has been a time to continue support for special activities such as the Legacy Project.

These amazing “feats” have been mostly through “volunteer” hours, but not without cost! Any time that people invest in their passions also impacts upon other areas of their lives. I hope that you will recognize your Board members for the strength of their commitment, the personal investments they have made to assure that FAPHN continues as a viable professional nursing organization and their tenacity to assure that we will all succeed!

I want to also recognize YOU, the members, who share your ideas, support the organization with your feedback and loyal membership status and, YOU who continue to be our “purpose”.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vick, MS, BSN, RN
President 2008-2009

This project includes a 3-part professional development program: a competency overview presentation, a self-assessment tool, and the construction of an individual development plan. This project was developed by registered nursing consultant Sara Wilson, R.N., M.S.N. in the Office of Public Health Nursing, State of Florida Department of Health. The purpose of this training program is to develop a thorough resource that promotes a well-prepared and competent public health nursing workforce in the State of Florida and to ensure a state-wide standard of competency education of public health nurses.
Ms. Wilson notified FAPHN Board of her plans to provide a Quad Council PHN Competencies Program competition in time for Nurses Week in May 2009. The dates of the course completion and self-assessment tool must be between March 6 and May 6, 2009. This competition is for CHD and CMS nurses.

Ms. Wilson identified two winners of the competition and FAPHN is proud to welcome Jacqueline Thies and Connie Wolfe as members of FAPHN. Each received a one year membership to FAPHN paid through the Mini-Grant process on the Quad Council PHN Competencies Project. Please welcome Ms. Thies and Ms. Wolfe if you know them. GOOD JOB, LADIES!

FLASH!! This project completed under budget by $93.00! AWESOME, SARA WILSON!

FAPHN sponsored and provided lunch to Pasco CHD public health nurses at a recent workshop given by Dr. Barbara Battin Little of the University of Florida's School of Public Health Nursing. Dr. Little's four-hour workshop flew by as we became involved in her inspirational presentation.

A vigorous give and take was the highlight of the workshop! Though most of our staff have worked in public health many years, Dr. Little's innovative approach was exciting. There is something new under the sun!

Her graphic depiction of Public Health Interventions, originated at the Minnesota Department of Health, drew questions, discussions and surprises! The explanation of a population-based approach, and the accompanying community, systems and individual-focused practices were new considerations in handling our jobs as public health nurses.

When we were asked to form small groups, each entity had a different outlook on the concept presented.

This made for a “meeting of the minds” which generated more discussion. All of our contributions and ideas were encouraged by Dr. Little, and the hours simply flew by as we learned these approaches.

Accompanying definitions stressed how to implement these interventions, from surveillance through methods that included outreach, screening, collaboration, advocacy, social marketing and policy enforcement. All the while, Dr. Little pressed us to give instances and ways we can enhance our practice through use of these tools!

There was no interaction experienced in our practice that wasn’t discussed, given credence, and in some cases offering alternative solutions. All the time, our presenter established a foundation for the teachings, citing examples and successes with these concepts.

We broke for lunch, but the discussion did not stop! Dr. Little’s demeanor set the tone, and we continued exploring other ways to improve and to learn. Suffice it to say, Dr. Little made it an all-round public

FAPHN SURVIVES ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS AWESOME MEMBERS! THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.
FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL PROJECTS (since 12/2002 Year of Incorporation)

Obtain public charity tax status from IRS as 501(c)(3)status: Accomplished: September 15, 2006
Assist Board Members with non assisted meeting & conference expenses: Implemented: November 21, 2007
FAPHN received Florida Sales Tax Exemption Effective: November 2007
Obtain Directors and Officers Liability Insurance(1 year) Completed: January 2009
Obtain Dishonesty Bond for FAPHN Check signers (3 year Bond) Completed: January 2009
Obtain and Implement Credit Card Processing for Members/Vendors Completed: February 2009

FAPHN OFFERS YOU ANOTHER BENEFIT!

As of February 26, 2009, FAPHN is able to process your membership dues and other money activities such as donations, purchase of fundraiser items and conference registration when YOU decide you would rather use a credit card instead of paying with cash or personal check.

The cards we are able to process are American Express, Discover, Master Card and Visa. Contact Treasurer Amalia Kane-Crawford on Florida Cell number (561) 634-0776 or e-mail flintstonecrawford@comcast.net.

This has been a request of the membership for several years. We are not able to implement this process electronically from the FAPHN WEB site yet, it does cost money and as long as you pay your dues and recruit new members for FAPHN this too will be accomplished. Thank you for your support and plans to continue supporting FAPHN. Please keep telling us what you want. This is YOUR organization and ours [the Board of Directors].
2nd QUARTER 2009 NEW AND RENEWING FAITHFUL MEMBERS

Bilyeu, Linda  Brown-Benton, Naomi  Byczek, Julie  Dubois, Jocelyne P.
Fernandez, Barbara  Higgs, Joan E.  Kruger, Barbara  Levonian, Catherine
MacKellar, Mary  Mathews, Frankie  McCarty, Mary Ann  McElrath, Josephine
McMillan, Marie  Nilsson, Mike  Petit-Demangles, Marie  Surrency, Sharon
Thies, Jacqueline  Waterman, Teresa  Wolfe, Connie

Dear new and renewing members...the Officers and Directors-at-Large on the FAPHN Board thank you very much for your support. One of the goals of the Membership Committee this year 2008-2009 is to recruit and retain membership. We welcome your thoughts, actions, and ideas. Membership Committee members are Mary Haas, Amalia Kane-Crawford, Mary Ann McCarty, Paula Schimpf, Lynne Vickery and Chairperson Cynthia Whetsell.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE IN THE MAIL! PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AND RETAIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS.
CONTACT TREASURER AMALIA KANE-CRAWFORD FOR INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE.

PUBLIC HEALTH BRIEFS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WANTED FROM YOU: PHN stories about your expertise and program that changed the poor outcome to a positive outcome. A RWJ colleague is compiling stories where PHN’s intervention caused the outcome(s) to be positive for the patient. The purpose is to focus on the excellence of public health nurses. Please send your stories to Tveenema@rwjf.org. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NURSE’S NAME AND chd ON THE STORY. Publication will be in the LAUNCHER.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2009 Session-Week Ten: [At print time, Editor not certain any of these Bills have been signed by the Governor. Important for you to be aware!!]

- **HB 53, SB 408**  Senator Mike Fasano/Representative Luis Garcia  The bill mandates clinical laboratories accept specimens from ARNPs. ARNPs have had Rx of lab tests since 1996, however the labs could refuse the order. Bill passed in last week of session.

- **SB 464/HB 897**  Senator Mike Fasano/Representatives Llorente, Keyy, and Skidmore  The bill establishes a monitoring program for controlled substance Rx. Passed in both House and Senate. 13 Representatives signed a letter requesting the Governor to veto the bill due to their concerns about privacy issues.

- **SB 1182/HB 479**  Senator Mike Fasano/Representative Robert Schenck  The bill will restrict the ability of state employees to return to work after retirement and to continue to receive pension payments or accrue new pension benefits. This bill is designed to curb abuses of the system by high ranking, high paid state employees. Does not affect current retirees or those in DROP. Goes into effect July 2010.
Allow me to introduce myself! I am the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses, Inc. (FAPHN) traveling display! Do you know how I do my job? Well! DO YOU? What is my job, you ask? Let me see...I will give you a clue. I have to travel in my job. I can’t drive. I’m to bulk y to fly! I have legs but I can not walk! O.K. Listen! Here is my 2008-2009 itinerary!

October 2008, I started from Collier CHD by displaying my information to nurses attending the Nurse Development Series in Naples. [That is Florida folks...not Italy!!] December 2008, Stephanie Vick drove me to Orlando where I displayed “my stuff” for the Nurse Leadership Conference held at the Florida Mall! [No, I was not permitted to shop!] February 2009, Cindy Whetsell and Stephanie Vick drove me to Ft. Lauderdale where I met Marie McMillan. I was folded and carried and pushed into Marie’s car! Marie drove me to meet Naomi Benton-Brown. [She is real nice, too!] Naomi introduced me to Cherise Martin and together they set me up to display “my stuff” at the CE Regional Conference at the Broward County West Regional Library. O.K., then Marie McMillan loaded me into her car and drove me halfway across the State of Florida to meet Cindy Whetsell. Cindy drove me the remainder of the way to Collier CHD. [Whew! No rest for the weary!] That same weekend, Stephanie Vick came to me and packed me into her car to drive me to Tampa where I met Kristin Vick. Kristin housed me awhile until Carol Cummins arrived to take me to Pasco CHD. I did “my stuff” at a CE Regional Conference in Pasco in March 2009. [Whew! Carol graciously allowed me rest there a few days and I sure did appreciate the time.] In April 2009, Cindy and Stephanie showed up again. Together, they lifted, pushed and arranged me in their car and drove me to Pensacola and the Escambia CHD. I did it again!!! [Showed my stuff!] By the way, each of these continuing education programs were provided by Dr. Barbara Little from The University of Florida, School of Nursing. Cindy Whetsell and Stephanie Vick returned me, finally, to my “space” in the Collier CHD. Here I stand waiting for next travel schedule! Whew!
Sharon Surrency, as FAPHN Past President is the Chair of the 2008-2009 Nominations Committee. Sharon reports on behalf of this committee the following:

“Here we are in another year and FAPHN needs able and eager folks to serve on the Board of Directors. All candidates for Board positions must:

- Be an active member in good standing (membership dues are current)
- Understand the duties for the office he/she is being nominated
- Submit written consent to serve on the Board, if elected.

The Nominations Committee is looking for names of people interested in the following positions on the 2009-2010 FAPHN Board of Directors. CALL SHARON BY JUNE 19! HURRY!! The term begins with the announcement of election results August 2009.

- **President-Elect:** This person serves on the Board and learns about the President’s role for a year prior to becoming President. The responsibilities include to preside in the absence of the President. This position requires the nominee to be an active member for at least two years prior to nomination.

- **1st Vice President:** This person shall assist the President when necessary and assist in the planning of the Annual Business Meeting/Educational Conference. This person serves as Chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee.

- **2nd Vice President:** This person shall be responsible for all education courses offered through the Association and works with the 1st V.P. This person serves as the Chairperson of the Communications Committee.

- **Secretary:** This person shall be responsible for the organization’s documents. This person attends each meeting and records the minutes of the meeting. This person works closely with the Treasurer in support of membership lists, addresses and general correspondence.

- **Two At-Large Board Members:** This position serves on the Board for the purpose of conducting the business of the Board. This involves attending Board meetings: (3 face-to-face) and monthly conference calls. This position encourages participation on a standing committee as described in the Bylaws.

If you are interested, contact me in writing using my e-mail: Sharon_surrency@doh.state.fl.us or if you want to nominate someone let me know and I will contact them to follow-up.
President Barack Obama announced May 15, the appointment of one of the nation’s top doctors as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Thomas Frieden assumes the role of CDC Director on Monday June 8, 2009. The CDC has suffered controversies in recent years, but was credited with a swift and able response to the sudden outbreak of the new flu. Dr. Frieden, the former New York City health commissioner has been on the front lines of a local H1N1 outbreak of the new flu linked to the deaths of eight people and hundreds of hospitalizations. Dr. Frieden, 48 years of age, worked for the CDC for 12 years until 2002. He was never based in the Atlanta headquarters. He gained notice for aggressive moves to improve New Yorker’s health that included workplace bans against smoking, a system to track patients’ blood sugar control and the banning of artificial trans fats from restaurant foods. New York’s workplace smoking bans and other tobacco-control moves reduced the city’s number of smokers by an estimated 350,000 since 2002.

Dr. Frieden said he would place a “high priority” on strengthening the agency’s reproductive health efforts and improving programs to prevent unplanned teen pregnancies. The CDC has not had a permanent director of its reproductive health division since 2002. Births to girls and women between the ages of 15 and 19 rose in 2006 and 2007 after a 14 year decline in the United States. [Source: Wall Street Journal, page A3 article written by Betsy McKay 06/08/2009] Dr. Frieden reportedly brings a passion to a field that few think of passionately! Public Health! Dr. Frieden is quoted: “But in public health, you can impact more than one person at a time. The whole society is your patient.”


HEALTH CARE by the numbers: [Source: Health Reform 2009, white paper issued by the Senate Finance Committee; Gallup-Healthways survey April 2009.]

- U.S. spends on health care each year: $2.3 trillion Bankruptcies due to medical debt = 1 of 2
- Estimated to be in 2017: $4.3 trillion
- Health Expenses per capita in USA = $6,714 Canada = $3,678 United Kingdom= $2,760
- US Presidents who tried unsuccessfully to cover the uninsured: 3 Harry Truman, Richard Nixon and William Clinton
- 18% of Americans unable to pay for medicines or health care in past 12 months
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE OF THE YEAR: This award is presented to a nurse who has developed a program of excellence addressing a significant community health program beyond the scope of normal daily responsibilities, or who responded in an unusual or critical situation in an exemplary manner transcending the usual and customary performance of those responsibilities.

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE LEADERSHIP: This award is presented to a public health nurse who, within the last two years has either planned, developed and/or executed a unique or experimental program addressing a significant public health problem or has been recognized by the community, including local or state, or national organization for professional contributions in Public Health.

FAPHN SCHOLARSHIPS: This program was established to promote excellence in nursing and public health practices to be awarded to a nurse currently in advanced study of nursing administration, education, research, or service/practice or is studying toward an advanced degree in public health.

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H1N1 virus reaches PANDEMIC level June 11, 2009. CDC launched a Twitter feed to keep the public and hospitals aware of new influenza cases. Social networking tools help hospitals, Public Health Agencies distribute Swine Flu information according to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has a system of ALERTS that the use to send e-mail messages with breaking news and other updates helpful to nurses and health care professionals. The site is: www.rwjf.org

5 States Announce Major Tobacco Victories. North Carolina and Wisconsin approve Smoke-Free Laws. With the addition of these two states, a total of 27 states have strong smoke-free laws that include restaurants and bars protecting nearly 59 percent of Americans from the proven dangers of secondhand smoke. North Carolina is the first traditional tobacco-growing state to make all restaurants and bars smoke free! RWJF funded educational direct mail campaigns, public opinion polling, and strategic and technical assistance facilitated through Americans for Non-Smokers’ Rights and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Florida, Hawaii and Mississippi enact Tobacco Tax Hikes. Increases for cigarettes and other tobacco products by these states serve to protect people in those states from the devastating toll by tobacco use. Estimates predicted by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids as a result of the tax increases combined will: Prevent 186,800 kids from becoming smokers, Spur 112,600 adult smokers to quit, Prevent 89,400 premature smoking-caused deaths, Save $4.3 billion in long-term health care costs and, Raise more than $740 million a year in revenue.

FAPHN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FIRST NAME: __________________________

LAST NAME: __________________________

Street Address (HOME): __________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________

Phone: (Home) __________________________ (Office) __________________________ (Cell) __________________________

Position Title/Credentials: __________________________

E-Mail: (Personal): __________________________ (Professional) __________________________

Employer: __________________________

Employer Address: __________________________

BENEFIT OF 3 OR MORE APPLICANTS JOINING FROM SAME EMPLOYER: 10% DISCOUNT!!

CHECK MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: Annual dues $50.00 [one year from date of joining or renewal]

_____ Active R.N.: FULL dues. Eligible for FAPHN Board position and voting privileges

_____ Retired R.N.: HALF-Price Dues: Eligible for same benefits as Active R.N.

_____ Student R.N.: HALF-Price Dues: Student may NOT hold Board position and may NOT vote.
   Eligible for scholarships if all scholarship criteria are met.

_____ Associate Member: HALF-Price Dues: Any individual or business entity interested in supporting FAPHN. Eligible
to receive newsletter and reduced registration for conference. Not eligible for Board position. Not eligible to vote in elections or
on Board Motions. Not eligible to receive mini-grants or scholarships.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES: Please check your area of interest !!!

Serve on FAPHN BOARD: YES _______ NO ________ Mentoring Provided

Serve on Committees: Annual Conference Planning: ___ Bylaws: _____ Communication: _____
   Education: ___ Historian: ___ Membership: _________ Nominating ___

Please Participate!!! Come and Learn with us!! We thank you!!
Charitable Donations are Appreciated by FAPHN. FAPHN is a publicly supported tax-exempt charitable organization. Contributions to FAPHN are tax deductible to the extent they are gifts and no consideration is received in return. Use the DONATE NOW button located upper right of each page on WEB site.

The minimum donation is $10.00 when using the DONATE NOW button!!!

FAPHN accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa NOW!

FAPHN reserves a supply of polo shirts, pad folios and limited supply hand calculators each with imprint of the FAPHN Logo available for you as part of fundraising.

Contact Treasurer with questions. All donations will be acknowledged on FAPNH web site and/or in direct mail response to donor.

2009 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE and BUSINESS MEETING will be PRESENTED VIA FUTURE VIRTUAL WEBCAM. DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED IN SEPARATE COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS.

THE FAPHN WEB SITE RECEIVES CURRENT INFORMATION ON REGULAR BASIS. REFER REGULARLY TO http://www.faphn.org/

PLAN TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OFFICE OR HOME.