FAPHN ELECTIONS PRODUCED NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members voted and it is time to meet FAPHN’s new governing Officers and Directors-At-Large.

What is the Board of Directors?

Most non-profit organizations have as directors individuals with substantial experience and expertise in business matters. The Directors assume legal and moral duty to act like a business person, using the same degree of commitment, attention and care as directors of for-profit corporations. Ironically, a non-profit directorship is often more demanding than its for-profit counterpart because some of the work is unfamiliar and the business of the organization might be conducted under less efficient conditions than in business corporations.

FAPHN members demonstrate sincere interest and support to the Mission and Vision of FAPHN; the election process demonstrates this and the members voted into offices and as Directors-At-Large go the extra mile with their volunteerism. Volunteerism is a willful act to promote something good and worthwhile; to assist others in achieving similar goals and to maintain “life support” to the project, the mission, the vision...and through the support of FAPHN members, these ladies have stepped up to govern FAPHN!

Remember these things as you meet your Directors and as you guide the Board through your suggestions.

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It was 1908 when Theodore Roosevelt recognized the value of associations. He said, “Every man (woman) owes a part of his (her) time and money to the industry to which he (she) is engaged! No man (woman) has the moral right to withhold support from the organization striving to improve conditions!”

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Thank you so very much!  
FAPHN survives and thrives because of the Officers, Directors, and all Members!
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

First, as newly elected president of the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the privilege to serve you in the coming year. I also look forward to working with an excellent, dedicated Board of Directors.

As a long time member of this organization (I was a member and served as secretary when it was C.A.S.E.), I feel that we are at a crossroads. We are faced with at the very least a stable membership and at the very worst a decreasing membership. These facts compromise the ability of the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses to continue as a dynamic, viable organization since we are solely dependent on membership for revenue. Many factors have impacted membership: reduced state support for membership fees and attendance at meetings; the reduced number of nurses in public health; organizations competing for members from a dwindling public health workforce and of course the economy itself. Without an increase in membership or obtaining other sources of revenue, it will be almost impossible to maintain many of the current functions of this organization.

This year, a major goal for the Board of Directors and for us as an organization will be to develop strategies to increase membership. If we are able to accomplish this, we will be allowed time to research other funding sources. A stagnant membership is the most immediate threat to our long term viability.

I am appealing to all of you to assist your Board by sharing your ideas to accomplish the short term goal of increasing membership and the longer one of developing diversified funding sources for the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses. No idea is too wild!

Feel free to share them with me personally. I may be reached at: Cell phone: 813-833-0799 and/or E-mail: bthackeray@verizon.net

Bobbie C. Thackeray—President 2012-2013

HOW IS FAPHN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?

FAPHN is totally supported with dues from members.

FAPHN is totally managed by a voluntary Board of Directors—13 in number.

FAPHN does NOT have any PAID support staff or other “employees”.

FAPHN dues have not been increased since its inception—FAPHN now in its 10th year.

FAPHN is committed to public health nurses, public health services and furthering educational programs and information that is pertinent to YOU...the Public Health Nurse.

FAPHN is supportive of all nurses in all specialties; partners with other professional organizations to assist them in achieving some of their objectives.

FAPHN is a Florida tax exempt organization.

FAPHN is approved by the I.R.S. as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

FAPHN is approved by the I.R.S. as a Public Charity under Section 509 (a) (2)

FAPHN is a member of JUST GIVE and can easily accept donations on the FAPHN WEB site using the DONATE NOW button.

FAPHN is approved by the Florida Department of Health as an accepted organization for its employees to join.

FAPHN is a MY Florida Market Place vendor.

ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO MAKE FAPHN THEIR PREFERRED CHARITY!
Chairwoman Diana Coyle announced the award recipients during the Annual Education Conference September 13, 2012. This conference was held at the Altamonte Springs Hilton Hotel located in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Ms. Coyle worked the room in an effort to surprise the recipient of the Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award-2012. Mr. Stephen Mason is a long time member of FAPHN. He was the Nursing Director for Monroe CHD for many years; a unique county with unique problems. Throughout Steve’s 22 + years in public health nursing, Steve has been a tenacious proponent for the needs of the community. From easily accessible family planning services to quality epidemiology services, Steve has been there showcasing exemplary leadership and performance. When the recent resurgence of Pertussis in the State followed the national health trends, Steve was on the forefront of advocating for a robust public education and cocooning effort for the local community. Understanding just how cash-challenged the CHD was, Steve volunteered to come out of retirement and serve for two days each week on a completely volunteer basis. Not being one to just take the easy path, Steve expanded the role to include developing and managing a formal adult immunization program, something non-existent in Monroe County prior to this time.

The goal of this program is to prevent Pertussis in infants in Monroe County by cocooning newborn infants and, also, by increasing herd immunity in the population. Steve’s volunteer work made this possible.

Steve is always approachable; served on FAPHN committees in past years and was the Chairman of the first FAPHN Awards/Scholarship Committee in 2003. FAPHN is PROUD of Steve and excited to present to Stephen Mason the 2012 FAPHN Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award.

Diana Coyle announced the FAPHN recipient for The Public Health Nurse of the Year 2012 award. Unfortunately, this recipient was unable to attend the Conference to receive her award. Receiving on her behalf is Sharon Surrency, CMS [Children’s Medical Services] Regional Nursing Director-North Central Florida Region.

Gaye Cellon, R.N., is employed by CMS, where she provides leadership and expertise in processes in the CMS operations that enhance the community health care for children with special needs. Ms. Cellon is responsible for maintaining excellence in the Children’s Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (CMAT) that provides staffing for children requiring placements in medical foster care and other needs. She leads her CMS team to find ways to improve the quality of their services and always Gaye puts service before self.

Gaye Cellon is presented the Public Health Nurse of the Year Award by Sharon Surrency following the FAPHN Annual Education Conference. FAPHN sends Congratulations to Ms. Cellon.

Thank you Sharon for following through with this presentation.
Diana reports the committee selected just one Scholarship of $1000 be awarded this year. FAPHN member Christa Cook is this year’s recipient of the Advanced Practice Scholarship. Christa Cook is currently enrolled in her last year of a BSN-Ph.D. Program at the University of Florida College of Nursing. Christa completed the Masters of Science in Public Health Nursing degree in August 2010. At that time, Christa shared with attendees a Poster she presented at the 2010 FAPHN Annual Education Conference. The Poster depicted her internship experiences during her MSN program. Since that time, Christa passed the American Nurses Credentialing Center exam for Board Certification in public health nursing. Christa is committed to teaching nurses in community and public health. Christa told FAPHN, “I feel it is important to educate nurses about population health and assist them to appreciate the client’s physical and social environment and its influence on specific health condition(s) or the health of the population.”

Christa Cook currently serves as Vice-Chair of Area 3/13 Ryan White Care Consortium, also as the area 3/13 prevention representative in the Florida HIV/AIDS Prevention Planning Group, and volunteers in the Alachua County Medical Reserve Corps.

Christa’s dissertation research, A CBPR Approach to Facilitate Linkage to Care for Persons with HIV., addresses access and linkage to care processes for persons with HIV. Approximately 75% of persons with HIV lack effective care so linkage and retention remains a vitally important public health concern.

CONGRATULATIONS
CHRISTA COOK ➔

Diana continued with this committee’s report. FAPHN approved and awarded to PASCO CHD a Mini-Grant in the amount of $928.00; to be paid in two installments. The purpose of this grant is the purchase of books to be used for training MRC [Medical Reserve Corps] volunteers in the region. The MRC has 155 volunteers requiring training. The first payment from FAPHN is presented to PASCO CHD Andrea Mason. FAPHN extends CONGRATULATIONS to Andrea and PASCO CHD for their interest and motivation in pursuing grant assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS to Diana Coyle and her committee for the diligence and “work” involved each year facilitating the success of these Awards, Scholarships and Mini-Grants sponsored through FAPHN.

ANDREA MASON [left]
PASCO CHD
On July 2, 2012, A.G. Holley Hospital closed, pursuant to an order signed by Florida Governor Rick Scott, in March. A Department of Health spokeswoman cited a 24% decrease in tuberculosis (TB) cases in the state between 2007 and 2011. All of this might not have been a headline on virtually every national news program except for the fact that Duval County experienced a huge surge in cases of TB earlier in 2012. The outbreak included thousands of exposed individuals, about 100 cases of TB disease, and over a dozen deaths (Associated Press, 2012). The hospital closed anyway! Let’s take a brief look at where we have been and the implications of this change in our state public health system.

As every public health nurse knows, mycobacterium tuberculosis is a bacterial infection that can occur in any part of the body. In adults, TB most commonly infects the lungs. This makes TB a public health risk, because droplets from coughing patients can spread disease from one person to another. TB is an example of infectious disease that has changed the course of human history. The bacterium has been infecting humans and animals since antiquity. It has killed or afflicted a long list of well-known people, including Frederic Chopin, George Orwell, Robert Louis Stevenson, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Vivian Leigh (Dormandy, 1999).

Until the advent of antibacterial therapy for TB, the only way to cure infected patients and prevent the spread of disease was to sequester patients away from the general public and treat them with fresh air, rest, and proper nutrition. These treatments were surprisingly effective, if time consuming. Often, several years of hospitalization were required for the infection to resolve. When this approach fell short, a surgeon removed the most diseased part of the lung so the patient could recover more quickly.

While streptomycin, the first effective antibiotic, has been used since 1944, other antibiotics weren't added to the TB arsenal until the 1950s, and were not commonly used until well into the 1960s. As a result, thousands upon thousands of hospitals, or sanitariums, were built throughout the world to care for these patients. In 1956, there were over 400 tuberculosis hospitals in the United States (Chest, 1959).

Florida built four hospitals exclusively for sufferers of tuberculosis. They included the Florida State Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Orlando, later known as the Central Florida Tuberculosis Hospital (opened in 1938), the Southeast Tuberculosis Hospital in Tallahassee (opened 1952), the Southwest Florida Tuberculosis Hospital in Tampa (also opened in 1952) (Palm Beach Post, 1952). All were institutions of about 500 beds, and all quickly filled with patients.

After effective anti-tuberculosis antibiotics became available, tuberculosis became a largely outpatient management problem for public health workers. However, many public health nurses understand all too well what can go wrong with outpatient management. Failure to follow the prescribed multi-drug regimen can result in resistant strains of the disease that are refractory to further treatment and create an ongoing threat to the health of the public! It is interesting to note that the same risk factors that make individuals susceptible to tuberculosis are the same risk factors that are highly correlated with lack of adherence to treatment: homelessness, overcrowded living conditions, poverty, poor nutrition, and habits such as alcoholism that weaken the immune system.

With public health nurses and other workers managing outpatient therapy, Florida’s TB hospitals began to close in the 1960s. Two were converted to Sunland Training Centers for the state’s developmentally disabled children. These were the hospitals in Tallahassee and Orlando. The Tamps TB hospital remained partially open for awhile as a public health clinic site and laboratory. All three eventually were razed, with the Tampa site being the last to go in 2007. Only the A.G. Holley Hospital in Lantana remained. There was a good reason for this. Tuberculosis continues to be a threat! In 2006, there were nearly 58,500 admissions to U.S. hospitals that included a diagnosis of tuberculosis (AHRQ, 2008). The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 9 million people get TB every year. The most affected countries today are located in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, in countries with (continued on page 7).
a very low gross national product level, and hence many malnourished and susceptible individuals.

Having worked as a provider in the Hillsborough County TB clinic, I can attest to the usefulness of the A.G. Holley hospital and its medical director of many years, Dr. David Ashkin. I have sent patients to the A. G. Holley and also attended a TB training program there. It was a great resource to the state. Despite this, we can all appreciate the expense of keeping a facility like A. G. Holley open. It can be argued that a freestanding hospital for a census of 50 or less may be better suited as a wing of a larger facility.

However, the risk is that the care and expertise that were concentrated at A. G. Holley will not transfer with the patients. Public Health nurses involved in this project should ensure the monitoring of the quality and intensity of care will occur!

As to whether A. G. Holley was the nation’s last freestanding TB hospital, that is not the case. In September 2010, a 75 bed hospital was constructed in San Antonio, Texas. Called the Texas Center for Infectious Diseases, the hospital replaced an aging TB hospital that had existed on the same site. Texas now has about 13% of the nation’s TB cases (Finely, 2010). The closure of A. G. Holley is reflective of well known trends in public health. Our public health system is influenced by changes in not only patient demographics and the resultant healthcare needs, but also by changes in the state political system and the resultant funding decisions. A. G. Holley Hospital was an iconic symbol of the Florida public health system at its best. Its closing marks a poignant moment in state public health history.

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Comments about the September 13, 2012 Annual Education Conference

“Great speakers” “Excellent audience rapport!” “Great update on FDOH reorganization!”

“Excellent speaker; extremely important and factual information.” “Speaker obviously cares about his work and the population he serves with minimal rewards for self.” “Passionate delivery and excellent knowledge of subject.” “Very interesting and applicable to my practice!” “Awesome!”

IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORKSHOPS and/or EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

1. Have a session of Social Marketing with a focus on public health.
2. Have a session on how Public Health Nurses can further educate the public on our mission and the value we can add and do add to the community.

MESSAGES RECEIVED THROUGH FAPHN WEB SITE:

“Thanks for helping my class with the FAPHN webpage!” I just wanted to send you a quick e-mail to say “thank you”. My name is Tiffany, and I’m a high school tutor. I came across your page while looking for some new sites for a career and college planning class that I teach. We are currently studying different types of careers and nursing was one of the big ones my class wanted to learn more about, so I needed find some various online resources to explore during class time. Just wanted to say “thanks for all the help.” I also wanted to let you know about a link my student Kara found about nursing careers and other aspects of nursing: http://accreditednursingcolleges.org/.

Could you add this link to your list of links? I’d like to show Kara that she is making contributions to the class, because lately she has been struggling to keep up with her work. Plus, I thought it would be a great addition for other nurses or potential nurses looking for information as well. If you have any advice for my class, I’d love to hear it.” Received from Tiffany Daigle, Colorado

POSTER WINNER: MONROE CHD-PURTUSSIS CONGRATULATIONS TO MONROE CHD STAFF!

DO YOU REALIZE???: FAPHN NOW HAS AT LEAST ONE MEMBER IN 6 STATES:

REMEMBER THE FAPHN VISION?
FAPHN CONGRATULATES LONG TIME FRIENDS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Dee Jeffers and Dr. Charles Mahan, staunch supporters of public health, with focus on Healthy Mothers and Babies recently married. So many of FAPHN members know both of these folks and we send to them huge CONGRATULATIONS!

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO OUR UNDERWRITERS!

Thank you so very much for your generous support and interest in FAPHN!

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FLORIDA HEALTHCARE STIMULATION ALLIANCE

Submitted by Keith Samuels

Building on a successful Partners Investing in Nursing’s Future (PIN) grant to examine the state simulation in nursing education in Florida, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation and the Florida Center for Nursing established the Florida Healthcare Simulation Alliance in January, 2012. The Alliance will coordinate and expand the use of all forms of simulation in academic settings, healthcare institutions, and agencies across the state to advance healthcare education and to foster patient safety for all Floridians.

To best serve Florida’s diverse geography and population, as well as the large number of locations using simulation, the Alliance is building a state model of eight regional collaborative. These collaborative form the core of the Stakeholders Council of the Alliance. The members of each collaborative will select a Leadership Team to assist in determining the needs and interests of the members in their region. The Regional Leadership Team shares responsibility with Alliance staff for organizing, publicizing, funding, and offering Alliance activities in the region. A statewide steering committee made up of representatives from all regional Leadership Teams has been formed.

The Alliance will offer a series of courses to promote the development of simulation expertise across the state. A core curriculum will consist of four courses beginning with an Introduction to simulation and progressing to more advanced knowledge and skills. In addition to the core, a set of specialized courses will be developed, including courses for simulation technicians.

A primary service of the Alliance is the networking opportunities. The combination of regional leadership teams linked to statewide committees supports and encourages grassroots communications and networking. The state structure facilitates communication among regions. While the regional structure allows regional needs to be addressed by the Alliance, special interest groups offer networking opportunities statewide.

Watch for a general membership drive in the Fall of 2012. Visit the FHSA web site to learn more- www.FloridaHealthSimAlliance.org. Telephone: 407-823-0980

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES CHILDREN’S MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR

Submitted by FAPHN member Marie McMillan

State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong announced on October 9, 2012, his appointment of Mary Beth Vickers, RN, MSN, as the Division Director for the Children’s Medical Services (CMS). As the Director, Ms. Vickers will oversee such programs as Early Steps, KidCare, Child Protection/Special Technology, Newborn Screening and the CMS Network. “Ms. Vickers’ extensive clinical experience coupled with her knowledge of the Children’s Medical Services program will be extremely valuable as we improve our public health system to help children with special needs,” said Dr. Armstrong.

Ms. Vickers has held the position as Acting Division Director for CMS since November 2011. She joined CMS in 2010 as the Bureau Chief for CMS Network Operations. She has also served as a nursing consultant with the Florida Board of Nursing. Prior to joining the Department, Ms. Vickers was the Chief Operations Officer and co-owner of a nurse case management company, the Executive Director of a home health agency, and served as an instructor in nursing at Florida State University (FSU) and Tallahassee Community College. She received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from FSU. Ms. Vickers is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing.

FAPHN sends Congratulations to Ms. Vickers on this appointment.

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VISION: The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses will start a nation-wide movement to create a national Public Health Nursing Organization.

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Advocacy positions on Issues
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