Positive Possibilities

“Positive thinking is more than just a tagline. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am positive, it not only makes me better, but also makes those around me better.” Harvey Mackay

NCAPHNA Annual Conference 2015

Thursday, October 29, 2015

7:45 am    Registration and Sign-in, Continental breakfast
8:30 am    Call to Order, Introductions, Conference Review – Shirley Steele, NCAPHNA President, Pender County
9:00 am    Keynote Speaker – Dr. Michael Perko: “Why Wellness Matters”
10:15 am   Break
10:30 am   COPE Committee: “Public Health Nursing Skills Competency and Public Health Nursing Certification”
11:30 am   Recognition of new graduates of Management and Supervision for PH Professionals
11:45 am   Resolutions, Awards, Elizabeth Holley Scholarships
12:15 pm   Lunch
1:30 pm    “I AM Active” – I AM: two of the most powerful words, for what you put after them shapes your reality.
1:45 pm    Chris Hoke, JD: “Legislative Update for NC Public Health Nurse Administrators”
2:45 pm    Break, visit with vendors
3:15 pm    Jill Moore, JD: “Legal Update: Confidentiality and Electronics”
4:45 pm    Adjourn

Friday, October 30, 2015

7:45 am    Sign-in and breakfast
8:30 am    Sherri Felts, MT(ASCP)SBB: “Getting to Know Your Laboratory”
10:00 am   Phyllis Rocco: “Annual Update on Public Health Nursing”
10:45 am   Break
11:00 am   Business Session: Shirley Steele presiding; voting, explanation of NCAPHNA Committees
11:45 am   Installation of Officers; President’s Award
12:00 pm   Governing Board meeting

Continuing education credit will be provided through the Public Health Nursing and Professional Development (PHNPD) Unit.

Public Health Nursing and Professional Development, Department of Health and Human Services, is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
## 2015 Conference Objectives

**Keynote: Why Wellness Matters**
1) Participants will be able to discuss clinical and social/cultural reasons for continued efforts in preventive health and wellness.
2) Participants will discuss strategies for explaining the value of public health and wellness to constituents.

**COPE Committee: Public Health Nursing Skills Competency and Public Health Nursing Certification**
1) Learner will be able to differentiate PHN Skill Competencies from PHN Core Competencies
2) Learner will recognize the sources of information r/t PHN Skill Competencies
3) Learners will recognize policy and process for verifying PHN Skills Competencies
4) Learners will recognize sources and value of professional certification

**Legislative Update for NC Public Health Nurse Administrators**
1) Discuss major trends from the 2015 Legislative Session and what they mean for public health practice now and in the future.
2) Identify specific legislation and be capable of implementing it.

**Legal Update: Confidentiality and Electronics**
1) Describe legal issues associated with using mobile devices to transmit protected health information (PHI).
2) Identify practice recommendations for using texting and email to communicate with local health department clients.

**Lab Presentation**
1) Discuss how CLIA certification determines the test menu in the laboratory.
2) List the 3 complexity levels of laboratory tests as determined by the FDA.
3) Explain how non-laboratory personnel contribute to the quality of a laboratory report.
4) Relate laboratory regulatory compliance requirements to the use of electronic health records.

**Annual Update on Public Health Nursing**
1) Participants will be able to list 2 issues facing public health nursing at the national level
2) Participants will be able to list 2 issues facing public health nursing at the state and local level

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**PLEASE CONSIDER THESE SCHOLARSHIPS WHEN PLANNING YOUR YEARLY GIVING**
Elizabeth S. Holley Public Health Nursing Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to present Public Health Nurses currently licensed as a registered nurse in North Carolina for undergraduate or graduate study, certification or continuing education pursuing a nursing degree, administration education, or other pertinent public health career advancement. Applicants must have one year’s experience in public health. Awards for public health training shall not be limited to study in a school of public health, but shall be for an academic program in an accredited educational institution which should advance the individual’s competence in public health nursing. If you wish to contribute toward a scholarship for a public health nurse, please make the check payable to Elizabeth Holley PHN Scholarship Fund (EHSF).

Dr. Joy F. Reed Leadership Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded to present Public Health Nurses currently licensed as a registered nurse in North Carolina for continuing education in pertinent leadership courses, trainings, conferences or certification programs. Applicants must be current members of either NCPHA or NCAPHNA. Full criteria for this scholarship may be found on the NCPHA website under the Nursing Section at www.ncpha.com. Joy Reed leaves a remarkable legacy as a leader in public health nursing both at the state and national level. This scholarship is intended to reward public health nurses who demonstrate the leadership potential and passion for public health illustrated by Joy Reed’s career. If you would like to honor Dr. Reed by donating to the fund, please make the donation to NCPHA and designate the money for the Joy Reed Scholarship fund.