



## **INTRODUCING THE *NEW* COLORADO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL**

***This is your chance to make a difference in the practice of Public Health Nursing!***

### **WHAT IS THE COLORADO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL?**

The Public Health Nurse Practice Council (PHNPC) is a branch of the Public Health Nursing Association of Colorado (PHNAC). In 2009, PHNAC members voted to incorporate a Public Health Nurse Practice Council into the organization. PHNPC will be a dedicated and knowledgeable group of individuals who will focus solely on practice related issues within the specialty practice of public health nursing.

### **MISSION OF THE PHNPC:**

The mission of the Public Health Nurse Practice Council is to provide a strong and unified statewide representation of public health nursing practice within Colorado and to promote recognition of public health nursing as a specialized profession.

### **PURPOSE OF PHNPC:**

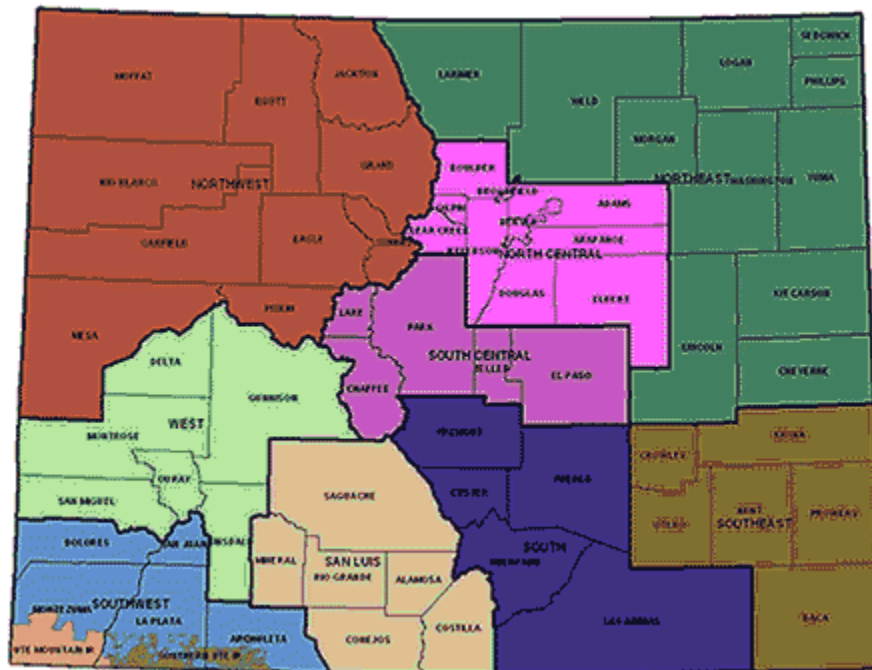
- To strengthen the profession of public health nursing by providing a venue in which public health nursing practice-related issues can be fully vetted.
- To support collaboration and cooperation among public health nurses and other partners within Colorado.
- To partner with and provide recommendations to nursing decision-makers, policy-makers and academic institutions so that they may make informed decisions regarding issues that drive the professional practice of public health nursing.
- To provide opportunities for public health nurses to be more involved with advancing public health nurse practice.

## WHO ARE THE COUNCIL MEMBERS?

The Public Health Nurse Practice Council will function as a 15 member council. PHNPC will be comprised of *nurses* who have first-hand knowledge and experience with local public health. The membership break-down is as follows:

- One public health nurse member from each of the nine "All-Hazards" regions (9) *See map below*
- One additional nurse member from the North Central Region (due to large population base) (1)
- One nurse member at large (1)
- One nurse member from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (1)
- One nurse member from the Colorado Nurses Association (1)
- One nurse member from the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence (1)
- One nurse member from the Academic Collaborative and/or from within academia (1)

## Colorado's Nine All-Hazard Regions



### **GUIDANCE AND TERM LIMITATIONS OF PHNPC:**

- PHNPC member terms will be for two years, with terms staggered by one year; therefore the initial year, half of the council's term will last for one year
- The Council is guided by the PHNPC chairperson
- The Council will meet bi-monthly for the first year with evaluation of the meeting schedule after year one
- Meetings will be held via conference call and in-person
- All PHNPC members must be paying members of the Public Health Nurses Association of Colorado
- All PHNPC members must accept one sub-group assignment (see organizational chart)

### **CORE VALUES OF PHNPC:**

PHNPC is guided by the PHNAC core values: respect, responsibility, collaboration, equality, education and integrity, as well as; the Scope and Standards of Public Health Nursing Practice, the 10 Essential Services of Public Health, and the Colorado Nurse Practice Act.

### **PHNPC will view all issues presented as they are related to the following tenants of Public Health Nursing:**

- The “client or “unit of care” is the community and its population.
- All processes of public health nursing include partnering with the community and its representatives.
- Primary prevention including health promotion and health protection strategies are priorities within the practice of public health nursing.
- Public health nurses concentrate on interventions aimed at improving environments to benefit the health of the population.
- Public health nursing practice includes an obligation to actively reach out to all who might benefit from an intervention or service (not wait for individuals or community to come to them).
- The dominant concern and obligation is for the greater good of all of the people or the population as a whole.
- Use of available resources to improve the health of the entire population is utilized with utmost stewardship in mind.
- Public health nurses provide leadership to assure that all of the people have their collective and individual nursing needs met.

## **HOW THE NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS WORKS**

The PHNAC Executive Board will post requests for nominations through the PHNAC website and via targeted e-mailings through the Public Health Alliance of Colorado to local health department (PHN), as well as to the CNA, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence, CDPHE and the Academic Nursing Collaborative.

Only self-nominations will be accepted.

Nominations will be reviewed and member selections made by the PHNAC Executive Board.

PHNPC member selection notifications will be sent electronically by April 20.

Please email nominations to:

**PHNAC Executive Board**

**Brene Belew LaDue**

[bbelew@co.grand.co.us](mailto:bbelew@co.grand.co.us)

OR

Submit your nomination online at

<http://www.formspring.com/forms/?935786-Af4RLx5tJO>

Please contact Brene Belew LaDue, PHNAC President with any questions:

[Bbelew@co.grand.co.us](mailto:Bbelew@co.grand.co.us)

970-725-3288 ext. 101



**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL  
NOMINATION FORM  
2010**

*Deadline for submissions April 1, 2010*

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Region (please check ALL the boxes that could apply to you):**

- Nurse member from North Central Region
- Nurse member from South Central Region
- Nurse member from Southwest Region
- Nurse member from San Luis Valley Region
- Nurse member from West Region
- Nurse member from South Region
- Nurse member from Southeast Region
- Nurse member from Northeast Region
- Nurse member from Northwest Region
- Nurse member from Member at large (from any region)
- Nurse member from CDPHE
- Nurse member from Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence
- Nurse member from Colorado Nurses Association
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**Please attach the following (2) documents and send them with your Nomination Form:**

- Curriculum Vitae\***
- A brief explanation of why you would like to become part of this Council (no more than 500 words please):**

\*A **curriculum vitae** (CV) provides an overview of a person's life and qualifications. For examples and more information about putting your CV together, below is a websites that might be helpful.

[http://jobsearchtech.about.com/od/curriculumvitae/Writing\\_a\\_Curriculum\\_Vitae.htm](http://jobsearchtech.about.com/od/curriculumvitae/Writing_a_Curriculum_Vitae.htm)

