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FAPHN CHARTER MEMBER ACCEPTS DOH EXECUTIVE POSITION

Special points of interest:

- PHN Appointed by President Obama
- FAPHN Benefits Expand
- FAPHN Regional Conferences Increase
- Nominating Committee looks for YOU!

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FAPHN's very own CAROL WRIGHT-TANNER, R.N., M.S.N., M.S., L.H.R.M., C.P.H.Q. accepted the Department of Health-State of Florida position as the Director of the Office of Public Health Nursing. The effective date for Carol in assuming this awesome responsibility is March 6, 2009.

Carol has been the Executive Community Health Nursing Director in the Office of Public Health Nursing since December 2006. Carol joined the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services over 18 years ago and has 38 years of nursing experience. During Carol's tenure in public health, she served in key nursing positions for the Miami-Dade County Health Department including advanced practice nurse, researcher, educator, and advocate to ensure public health and nursing performance excellence.



Our Carol joined FAPHN as a charter member in 2003. FAPHN began December 12, 2002, and Carol was instrumental on the development of the Bylaws under which FAPHN operates today; few changes in the interim. Carol is a doer! Carol was always ready to assume responsibilities in FAPHN, *without a title*.

Carol received her Baccalaureate Degree in Health Science Administration and a Master of Science Degree in Adult Education from Florida International University. She received a Master of Science in Nursing Executive Leadership from Florida Atlantic University. Carol is a Licensed Health Care Risk Manager and is credentialed as a Certified Professional in Health Care Quality. **CAROL, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELLO, again!

"You . will come to know that what appears today to be a sacrifice will prove instead to be the greatest investment that you will eve make." Gordon B. Hinkley

I am betting that during this time most of our members are sacrificing in the work venue and perhaps also, on a personal level. Mr. Hinkley makes a point, however, when we look back on these times, we will most likely recognize the challenges we have faced, but also realize that times like these led us to suddenly recognize hidden talents we previously missed. In other words...a light bulb shining in the daylight doesn't gather much attention. A light bulb shining during the night illuminates the path that leads us to our destination. And so it goes.....

As the FAPHN Board

has acted upon observations, requests and suggestions of the membership, one of the projects has been to expand upon the Regional Conference concept for educational offerings. As it turns out, this will be a helpful situation for many members who are facing severe limitations to travel time and expenses. FAPHN is proud to be sponsoring presentations related to "Articulating Public Health Nursing" in a cooperative effort between the University of Florida and Health Departments in Collier, Broward, Escambia and Pasco counties. This is a relevant topic for our membership and is a free contact hour offering for you. And non-members. Additionally, a FAPHN sponsored mini-grant project helped to spread the word about public health nurse competencies and will also support friendly competition and peer recognition within the Depart-

ment of Health in conjunction with National Nurses' Week efforts.

These initiatives would NOT BE POSSIBLE without the support of FAPHN membership through suggestions, committee participation and membership dues. Please remember that although \$50.00 per year (or \$25.00 for retired R.N.s, students of nursing, and associate members) may seem like a huge sacrifice in these tough economic times, it is through the collective dues contributions of the membership that FAPHN is able to provide educational presentation support, PHN excellence recognition and scholarship support. We sre counting on you to continue to keep the "light bulb shining and lighting the path" as well as "make the sacrifice to create the investment".

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vick



*Stephanie Vick, MS,
BSN,RN*

*President FAPHN 2008-
2009*

***"A light bulb
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Stephanie Vick

FAPHN SPONSORED MINI-GRANT HELPS QUAD COUNCIL PHN COMPETENCIES PROGRAM

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. (continued on page 3)

FAPHN FINANCIAL REPORT—2008—2009

Balance on Hand: June 30, 2008		<u>\$29,663.23</u>
Fiscal Year 2008:	INCOME:	<u>EXPENSES</u> (conferences + daily operations)
	\$12,600	<\$15,680>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u>33,769</u>
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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].



1st QUARTER 2009 RENEWING AND NEW MEMBERS

Bonnard, Shirley	Hanson, Patricia	Mix, Connie	Thompson, Charlotte
Bouchard, Joni	Harder, Terri	Navarro, Severa	Thompson, Jamie
Breedon, Danna	Harris, Deborah	Newberger, Karen	Thornell, Ann
Craig, Susan	Hicks, Angela	Nuland, Judith	Twarog, Judith
Dickerson, Catherine	Hill, Shirley	O'Brien, Marian	Van Toi, Donna
Doggett, Janice	Hunter, Hanna	O'Hara, Ann	Vick, Stephanie
Dorhout, Paula	Jorda, Mary Louise	Personette, Shelly	Weber, Kathleen
Evans, Roger	Laliberte, Marie	Potrckus, Nicole	Welle, Jefferson
Figueroa, Tonia	Letham, Meridith	Randell, Barbara	Whetsell, Cynthia
Gomez, Migdalia	Lutz, Barbara	Randle, Vicki	Wilson-Gallares, Debra
Griffis, Gwendolyn	Mangueira, Sheri	Riddle, Leigh Ann	Woods, Lana
Gulley, Patricia	Martin, Cherise	Schultz-Gonta, Mary J.	
Hale, Margaret	Marr, Kathleen	Shaw, Beverly	
Hamblin-Simander, Karen	McVey, Beverly	Sumner, Deanna	
	Melton, Marie	Thomas, Glenda	
	Mildrim, Joanne		

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.

FAPHN GOES TO OZ

August 3-4, 2009, are the dates for FAPHN 2008-2008 Annual Educational Conferences and Annual Business Meeting. The approved AGENDA will be available on the WEB site in April for your convenience and use. Travel restrictions and budget cuts might mean your employer cannot pay your expenses this year. **INVEST in YOU!** Request a personal day and half a day vacation! Pay the registration!! Buddy up with someone to share hotel room costs.

YOU ARE INDEPENDENT, RIGHT?

FAPHN MOVES AHEAD WITH REGIONAL CONFERENCES



FAPHN 1st President Judith Nuland and the FAPHN members of her Education Committee have worked diligently to develop Regional Education Conferences. Benefits for this focus by FAPHN include

- Availability to more nurses and public health staff in specific geographical region,
- Reduced travel distances to participate,
- Partnership with the specific county health department, the University of Florida College of Nursing, and HRSA

SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT THREE CONFERENCES

- MARCH 13, 2009** **BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** co-sponsors with FAPHN, University of Florida, College of Nursing and HRSA.
- LOCATION:** West Regional Library 8601 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, Florida 33324
- TIME:** 10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
- LUNCH:** PROVIDED BY FAPHN
- CONTACT PERSON:** Naomi Benton-Brown: (954) 467- 4902 Office or (954- 658- 8413 Cell
- TOPIC:** Articulating Public Health Nursing Practice: The Intervention Wheel
- PRESENTER:** *BARBARA BATTIN LITTLE, DNP, MPH, RN, Clinical Assistant Professor*
MSN in Public Health Nursing Program, University of Florida, College of Nursing
- CE CREDITS:** Provided through Collier County Health Department 4.5 Nursing Contact Hours
- SEATING** LIMITED—40 persons
- REGISTRATION:** PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
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- MARCH 19, 2009** **PASCO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
13941 15TH STREET, DADE CITY, FLORIDA 33525
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- APRIL 21, 2009** **ESCAMBIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
Telephone: (850) 595—6676 Contact: Laurie M. Cox, R.N., MSN

Except for change in date and location the program elements and sponsorship remain the same.

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

FAPHN NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

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. The term begins with the announcement of election results August 3, 2009 during the annual Business meeting.

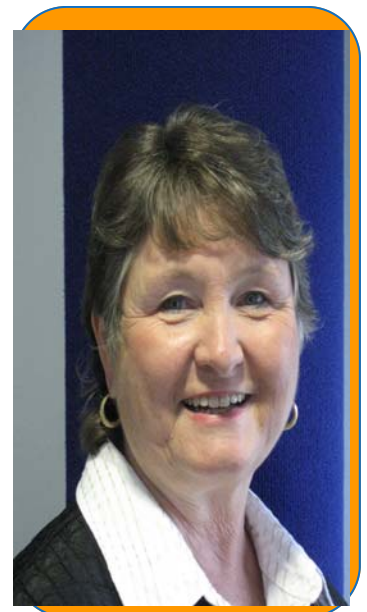
- **President-Elect:** This person serves on the Board and learns about the President's role for a year prior to becoming President. The responsibilities include to preside in the absence of the President. This position requires the nominee to be an active member for at least two years prior to nomination.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

Sharon Surrency, Nominations Chair and Past President

DON'T BE SHY! NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE SUPPORTED THROUGH MENTORING AND ORIENTATION PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

COME, LEARN AND SHARE YOUR LEADERSHIP TALENTS WITH US



Past President

Sharon Surrency 2007-2008

Nominations Committee



PRESIDENT OBAMA SELECTS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TO OVERSEE THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)

President Barack Obama announced February 20, the appointment of one of the nation's top rural health care professionals as Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Dr. Mary Wakefield is currently the Director of the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota. She will oversee HRSA, a critical agency, which helps to deliver health care to those who are uninsured and underserved by the current health care system in America.

Dr. Wakefield is a nurse, a Ph.D., and a leading rural health-care advocate who "brings expertise that will be instrumental in expanding and improving services for those who are currently uninsured or underserved," said President Obama. The President said, "under her leadership we will be able to expand and improve the care provided at the Community Health Centers which serve millions of uninsured Americans and address severe provider shortages across the country."



HRSA oversees some 7000 community clinics that serve low-income and underinsured people. HRSA will administer \$2.5 billion allocated in the Recovery Act to invest in the health care infrastructure and train health care professionals. HRSA runs the government's Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, providing medical care and medications for 530,000 low-income patients.

Dr. Wakefield, said in an interview her first priority will be to allocate the economic recovery funds provided to the HRSA. The money will be used to refurbish health centers and hire doctors and nurses.

Dr. Wakefield has expertise in quality and patient safety, rural health care, Medicare payment policy, workforce issues, and the public policy process. She has served on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; chaired the Catholic Health Initiatives Board of Trustees; chaired the National Advisory Council for the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and served on President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry. Dr. Wakefield has served as Chief of Staff for two United States Senators; Senator Kent Conrad from North Dakota and Senator Quentin Burdick from North Dakota.

Dr. Wakefield received her M.S. in Nursing and her Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin, Texas. She received her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Mary at Bismarck, North Dakota. Dr. Wakefield is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and a recipient of numerous awards.

Special appreciation to FAPHN Board of Director Marie McMillan and former Board 1st Vice President Dr. Katherine Mason for their contributions to this Editor .

AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for 2009 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE and BUSINESS MEETING

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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Position Title/Credentials: _____

E-Mail: (Personal): _____ **(Professional)** _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

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

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_____ **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!!

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