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# THE FAPHN VOICE



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## FAPHN needs YOU! PLEASE BECOME A LEADER IN FAPHN!

FAPHN is looking for interested individuals who would MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**This year's Elections we hope to fill the following BOARD positions.**

**President-Elect**

**3 Directors-At-Large**

**Please contact Nominating Chair:**

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**Special Notices to you will be sent in the next few months.**

## President's Voice

*Naomi Benton-Brown*



Greetings, Colleagues

I hope you will join me as we pray for our Japanese colleagues and all the people in Japan during their time of need. Their unfortunate plight reminds us of Haiti's and Indonesia's events not long ago, with so many lives lost. I often wonder about the healthcare professionals involved in this aftermath, especially the nurses as they balance their work and family lives, but mostly about their resilience. How would America's workforce fare under these circumstances?

Immediately, the theorist, Walter Cannon came to mind, according to his theory of the Fight or Flight Response; the body's basic response to stress is significant in how a person protect him or herself from a perceived threat or danger. A person can either face the stress and fight back or retreat and take flight. It made me think of the plight we are currently facing as nurses.

**Will you Fight or take Flight?** In order, to be in the **fight** mode, here are some questions I pondered, maybe you have, too!

Will you get involved by contacting members of Congress and by attending local town hall meetings with Elected Officials?

- Will you raise awareness and elevate your voices loud and clear about our nursing profession?
- Will you help change the image of a devalued nursing?
- Will you challenge legislators and hold them accountable for contributing to the

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- Will you challenge legislators and hold them accountable for contributing to the nursing shortage caused by inadequate resources and heavy workloads?
- Will you raise awareness of the Healthcare Reform and the need for nurses to meet the demands for quality healthcare for everyone?
- Will you stand firm to your commitment to improving the safety of patient care?
- Will you stress the importance of professional development for our nursing profession?
- Will you remain members of our nursing organizations and become actively engaged for the cause?
- Will you be the catalyst for change and seize the moment to make a difference?

**IF, you answered YES, to most of these questions, YOU ARE READY TO FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE OF NURSING! OR, will you take Flight and leave others to fend for you and your nursing profession??**

Our FAPHN Organization along with ANA, FNA and the QUINN Council are collaborating to raise awareness of above aforementioned questions and many more leading issues concerning our future in nursing, with a common goal of preserving our advocacy and nursing profession.

FAPHN is currently launching plans to bring Regional Educational programs throughout the State to keep our members updated and involved with our organizational vision and mission. Thanks to our Membership Committee, they continue to be active and proactive in their efforts for membership recruitment. Kudos to our Legacy Committee as they are constantly increasing our data base of Public Health legends in leaps and bounds.

I would like to personally thank each of our Board members for their support, active involvement and selfless commitment to FAPHN, I am a happier and wiser leader because of you.

To our members, I ask for your continued support in these hard and economical times. Thank you all for being the life-blood of this organization, we love and appreciate you!

**“Health is not valued, till sickness comes.” – Dr Thomas Fuller**

*Naomi Benton-Brown, RN, BSN*

**Dear Members:** The Officers and Directors-at-Large on the FAPHN Board thank you very much for your support. The major objective of the **Membership Committee 2010-2011** is to **recruit and retain membership.** **Committee members** are: Hanna Hunter, Chairwoman, Marie Melton, Linda LaComb-Williams, Lynne Vickery, Cheryl Wallin Kathleen Yeater, and Amalia Kane-Crawford. Your thoughts, suggestions, actions, and ideas *are urgently*

### 1st Quarter New and Renewing Members

Elliott, Lynn	Hunter, Hanna	Whitaker, Gloria
Dorhout, Paula	Keating, Nancy	
Gulley, Patricia	Mohsenine, Zenaida	
Hale, Margaret	Ryan, Linda	
Harder, Terri	Toribio, Amarilis	
Harris, Deborah	Vick, Stephanie	
Hicks, Angela	Waltz, Ann	
Holt, Holly	Whetsell, Cincy	

## Membership News

Member Type	Dues
Active Registered Nurse	\$50.00
Retired Registered Nurse	\$25.00
Student Registered Nurse	\$25.00
Associate *	\$25.00

**\*Individual or business entity that supports the mission of FAPHN and public health nursing**



### Why FAPHN ?

#### Our Goals:

- Advance Public Health Nursing in Florida
- Encourage Reciprocal Cooperation of Healthcare Providers Toward Improvement Of Public Health
- Recognize Nurses Who Have Made Outstanding Contributions to the Practice Of Public Health Nursing
- Enhance Professional Knowledge Through Continuing Education Programs

Catch the excitement! Please take the opportunity to join us in promoting public health nursing in Florida. We look forward to growing into our new role as the premier nursing organization for the public health field.

**BALLOTS COMING TO YOU THE END OF JUNE 2011**

# Treasurer's Voice

## FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

At the moment of this writing, the financial information is based on the February 2011 bank statement.



Cash on Hand as of February 2011	\$10,063.87
Executive Checking Account [used if Treasurer incapacitated]	1,500.00
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b> [2 Scholarships of \$1,000 each per year]	<u>5,731.97</u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$17,295.84</b>

**FAPHN is experiencing a more challenging time in reaching prospective members. The Membership Committee is working to contact past members and recruit new members. FAPHN needs your assistance.**

Several CHDs Administrations in the past five years demonstrated their support of their Public Health Nurses and their loyalty to the Mission, Vision, and Objectives of FAPHN by paying the dues for membership. These actions were appreciated and recognized with FAPHN Certificates of Appreciation presented as BEST PRACTICE each year. This wonderful support is NOW adversely affected due to the current economic challenges; therefore **FAPHN is loosing this revenue** and these individuals as members. These nurses are potentially lost to FAPHN because their personal information was not supplied on the application for membership.

**CAN YOU HELP? Will YOU HELP?** Please share the importance to them to **INVEST** in themselves and **enhance** their chosen profession! There is strength in numbers...**JOIN** your professional association(s). Thank you so very much.

**FAPHN MEMBERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE and, SERVING YOU IS THE FAPHN BOARD'S TOP PRIORITY!**

**JUST GIVE** describes their program as "The destination for Online Charitable Giving." FAPHN partners with **JUST GIVE**. Donations to FAPHN for Scholarships Fund is easily performed using the **DO-NATE NOW** Link at <http://www.faphn.org> \$10.00 is the minimum donation! Just think how far your donation will go in the Scholarship Fund. Thanking you in advance for your donations.

**Membership is the key to our success !**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE IN THE MAIL! PLEASE RETAIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT TREASURER AMALIA KANE-CRAWFORD VIA E-MAIL: [flintstonecrawford@comcast.net](mailto:flintstonecrawford@comcast.net) or telephone 561-634-0776**

## *In the Community*

The **Broward County Drowning Prevention Task Force** was developed to address the countywide epidemic of child drowning. As a county health concern, we have taken on several initiatives countywide to address this problem.

Drowning is the number one killer of children age 5 and under in Broward County and the State of Florida. By reviewing the drowning data from the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Child Protective Investigation Section (CPIS) it was found that, several trends in drowning deaths have emerged for the county to address.

One of these trends depicts a correlation between drowning and child abuse/neglect. In a review of all investigated drowning deaths from Jan 01, 2006-March 30, 2009, almost 70% of the families of children that had drowned had a prior criminal, domestic violence, drug, abuse/neglect, etc. charge in their past. Of the homes investigated, the majority of pools at homes where there was a drowning were "green" (dirty, not chemically treated and murky) and in poor repair. 90% of the children that had drowned went out a door without any one noticing they had left. None of the children had had water safety lessons. More than 50% of the families reported that they had never taken CPR training and not one home had rescue equipment on hand, near the pool. The Broward County Death Review Team reviewed every case CPIS had investigated and noted that every case had a varying degree of neglect and every case was preventable.

Our Water SMART Babies campaign is to bring awareness and education about drowning prevention to parents/caregivers when they visit their pediatrician. The pediatrician will write out a "prescription" for water safety lessons when the child visits the doctor for his 9-month check up.

We developed a position statement addressing the Broward County Drowning Prevention Task Force's explanation of "water safety education" and how the methods we support can aid in the cognitive, physical and emotional development of the child. The benefits of getting children in the water early are far more than just learning to swim.

We are in the process of starting a statewide "Florida Drowning Prevention Task Force" to implement these initiatives to all of the counties.

**Kim Burgess**

**Drowning Prevention Coordinator  
Broward County Health Department**



*KIM BURGESS*

### *The FAPHN BOARD OFFERS FREE SEATS*

FNA SYMPOSIUM scheduled for April 16, 2011 in Davie, Florida. This is the 1st Conference offered by FNA since its re-organization. The South Region of Florida Nurses Association presents Awards at the included luncheon along with Scholarship presentations and valuable Professional Networking. The Symposium is scheduled from 9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. The location is the Signature Grand at 6900 State Road 84, Davie Florida.

FAPHN offers 7 FREE seats to the first FAPHN members to respond to Treasurer Amalia Kane-Crawford at [flintstonecrawford@comcast.net](mailto:flintstonecrawford@comcast.net) or telephone (561) 634-0776 at your convenience.

## *The Legacy Project*

*What FAPHN works to accomplish Together we make it happen.*



Dr. KIM CURRY

### **The Coming and Going of the Sunland Training Centers**

The Sunland Training Centers were a group of public institutions in Florida whose purpose was to educate and assist the state's mentally retarded children. The Centers were created in 1957 by an act of the Florida State Legislature.

Before the Sunlands existed, only one state institute for mentally retarded children existed in the state: the Florida Farm Colony for Epileptic and Mentally Deficient Children, located in north central Florida near the city of Gainesville. At the time that the Centers were created and the name Sunland adopted, a second Sunland was in the planning stages to meet the growing demands for placement of children.

Eventually, seven Sunland Training Centers existed. Three were in north Florida and the panhandle, in the cities of Marianna, Tallahassee, and Gainesville. One Sunland was located in central Florida in Orlando. Finally, there were three centers in south Florida in the cities of Arcadia, Fort Myers, and Miami.

Most Sunlands were located on the outskirts of town, several miles from the town center. Reasons for this included both the stigmatization of individuals viewed as defective, and the related goals of colonizing and protecting these patients. The Tallahassee and Orlando Sunlands were located in former tuberculosis hospitals. Three of Florida's four public tuberculosis hospitals closed in the 1950's after effective oral antibiotic therapy became available, therefore the empty hospitals were available for repurposing. The two hospital-based Sunlands specialized in children with multiple physical and mental disabilities, especially non-ambulatory patients. The other Sunlands were built based on more cottage-like designs on sprawling campuses, with central administrative and medical facilities but with most patients residing in smaller outbuildings.

Initially, there was a high demand for placement of children in the Centers. Most centers attained a census of greater than 1,000 patients, and often there were waiting lists exceeding a year for admission. The centers were viewed as an appropriate and desirable model of care for mentally retarded children in mid-20<sup>th</sup> century America.

Throughout their lifespan, the Centers struggled with understaffing and underfunding to meet their basic mission. Over time, improved medical knowledge as well as family and community involvement created a movement toward normalization in treatment and community based care. This approach became the newly accepted standard of care for individuals with all levels and types of disabilities.

The history of the Sunland Training Centers is the history of the care of mental retardation (now called intellectual disability) in the United States. Their course follows closely the trajectory of changes in the knowledge and care of such individuals nationally, albeit often lagging behind many other states by a period of several years.

Legislative changes, advancements in scientific knowledge, and more than a few lawsuits led to the closure of the Sunland Centers. The centers began to reinvent themselves, taking on different names: Tacachale (Gainesville), The Gulf Coast Center (Fort Myers), and Landmark Learning Center (Miami). Today, only the Marianna facility has retained the name Sunland. All centers also changed their mission from pediatric to adult long-term care by the 1980's. Despite the changes in mission and other improvements, all but two of the original Sunlands eventually closed, often after years of legal challenges to their existence and contrasting pleas from family members to continue their mission.

Today, there are two public long term care facilities for intellectually disabled adults in Florida: Sunland in Marianna, and Tacachale in Gainesville. The care of children with intellectual disabilities in Florida now falls within the responsibility of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, an agency distinct from the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health. A wide variety of public and private partnerships share the task of meeting the needs of intellectually disabled children. Today, no public facilities exist in Florida to care for children with intellectual disabilities.

Fifty-four years have passed since the creation of the Sunland Training Centers. Their years of service in the care of children were marked by limitations in resources, political turmoil, and legal controversy. However, they were also marked by the rapid expansion of medical knowledge, the growth of state and national political advocacy, and advancements in societal awareness of improved care methods for all individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

## “A NEW BEGINNING”

**D**r. Shari R. Turner, MD, MPH is the Acting State of Florida Surgeon General. Dr. Turner announced on April 2, 2011 the “new beginning” for the Department of Health with the arrival and welcome of Dr. Frank Farmer as the new State Surgeon General.



**Dr. Turner** stated “This will be a new beginning for the department and each of us can use this as an opportunity to become re-energized around the important public health work that we perform each and every day. Take this as an occasion to recommit to the people we serve; to recommit to your co-workers and to recommit to yourself.” Dr. Turner announces the special welcome to Dr. Farmer scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011. “It has been my pleasure to serve as your Acting State Surgeon General, and to represent a department that performs such an important role within the public health system of the state and the nation. This has been a remarkable opportunity and I graciously thank everyone for their support. You all have enabled Deputy Secretary Berfield and I to keep the ship moving forward (not just afloat). It is with no regret whatsoever that I turn the helm over to Dr. Farmer who knows already that he has my complete support and unconditional assistance. He will bring tremendous leadership and vision.”



**D**r. Harry Frank Farmer, MD., Ph.D. has been of the Florida Board of Medicine since 2004 and the Board’s elected Chairman in 2007. Dr. Farmer was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and lived there until graduation from high school in 1959. He attended Stetson University in Deland, Florida where he received a B.A. in History. He received a Master of Arts Degree in History and a Ph.D in History from the University of Georgia. In 1969, Dr. Farmer enlisted in the U.S. Army serving two years in Viet Nam. In spite of some of his friends advising against this, Dr. Farmer stated “ I was concerned about the dangers of the war I was soon to face, but my pride and patriotism were much greater and made firm my decision to serve this nation.” [Reported by Cheryl Graham, C.P.M., Fl. Board of Medicine] Following his two years in the Army, Dr. Farmer returned to Americus, Georgia to teach History and began pre-med. Dr. Farmer entered medical school at the Medical College of Georgia in 1972, completed his residency in Internal Medicine in 1976 and opened his private practice in New Smyrna Beach, Florida in 1980.

## FAPHN HAS 8 STANDING COMMITTEES

*ALL COMMITTEES COULD USE YOUR PARTICIPATION! WILL YOU PLAN TO JOIN A COMMITTEE?*

**AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS:** Contact Diana Coyle @ 904-794-7624 or e-mail: [dcoyle\\_se1@comcast.net](mailto:dcoyle_se1@comcast.net)

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ANNETTE PHELPS

### ***ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS from the DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ...STATE of FLORIDA***

Announcements obtained from comments by Dr. Shairi Turner, M.D.  
Acting State Surgeon General

**M**s. Annette Phelps, ARNP, MSN was selected by the University of South Florida College of Public Health as the 2011 recipient of the Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health. Ms. Phelps is currently the Division Director of Family Health Services; previously serving as Bureau Chief of Family and Community Health from 1998-2002 and Executive Community Health Nursing Director for Maternal and Child Health from 1980-1998. Ms. Phelps will receive her award on April 6, 2011 when the USF College of Public Health will host the awards ceremony. FAPHN CONGRATULATES you, Ms. Phelps.



BILL LITTLE

**M**r. Bill Little retired from his dual role as Administrator of the Sarasota County Health Department and Executive Director for the Sarasota County Health and Human Services in March, the DOH publically acknowledges and expresses appreciation for his tremendous contributions to the Department over 38 years. Mr. Little, FAPHN wishes for you the BEST in any new journeys and we thank you for your support to the Sarasota Public Health Nurses.

Mr. Frank Kruppa, Administrator of the Okeechobee CHD since 2008 has received a new position as the Public Health Director in Tomkins County, New York. He is wished the best as he moves into this new endeavor.

On Friday, April 1, 2011, the DOH welcomed Dr. Sanford Zelnick, D.O. as the new Director of the Sumter County Health Department. Dr. Zelnick served as Medical Director at the Volusia County Health Department under the leadership of Dr. Bonnie Sorenson. Dr. Zelnick served honorably 24 years in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service retiring in 2007 as a Colonel. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine, Occupational Health, and General Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

### **FAPHN'S ELDEST MEMBER CELEBRATES #98**

Submitted by Bob Schoonmaker [son]



Ethel Schoonmaker Myers celebrated her 98th birthday in Brevard County. Ethel is the eldest member in FAPHN and was one of FAPHN's major speakers at the Sarasota Conference August 2010. Ethel is sporting the remnants of a black eye from a recent fall; regardless, Ethel's smile and sunny personality resist bruising! Perhaps our greetings are a bit late, Ethel however HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE IN THE MAIL! PLEASE RENEW AND BRING A COLLEAGUE!  
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT TREASURER AMALIA KANE-CRAWFORD VIA E-MAIL OR  
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## BULLETIN BOARD of INFORMATION

**2010 DIETARY GUIDELINES from USDA and HHS** were released January 31, 2011 and is a joint effort of the United States Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and Health and Human Services (HHS). The next update will be in 5 years. The revised guidelines serve as the foundation for federal nutrition policy, research, programs, education, outreach, and other initiatives that aim to promote the public's health and reduce the risk for chronic disease. The document download is 112 pages. Refer to:

<http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/Publications/DietaryGuidelines/2010/PolicyDoc.pdf>.

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)** provisions require states to set up exchanges for individuals to purchase health insurance and large employers to offer their workers coverage or pay a penalty. These provisions are scheduled to take effect 2014. Under the ACA, states can obtain a waiver from having to comply until 2017, if they enact reform measures that extend comprehensive and affordable health coverage to just as many people as the ACA would without raising the federal deficit. The states would receive all the federal funds they would have received under the ACA to finance their individual programs. February 28, 2011, President Obama announced to governors his support of a bill sponsored by Senators Wyden (D-OR), Brown (R-MA) and Landrieu (D-LA) that would move the opt-out year to 2014.

**IMPLEMENTING HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES: A GUIDE to STATE ACTIVITIES and CHOICES** is available online at <http://familiesusa2.org/assets/pdfs/health-reform/Guide-to-Exchanges.pdf>

**MEDICAID: "States to gain billions of dollars as provisions in the US healthcare plan to move Medicaid patients out of institutions with 13 states awarded \$45 million in grants on Tuesday, February 22, 2011"**, according to the Health and Human Services Agency. Medicaid is the health program for the poor that was greatly extended under the healthcare reform plan signed into law March 2010. The State of Florida is leading a multi-state legal challenge to the law was also one of the 13 states awarded the grant on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Massachusetts received the largest grant of \$13.5 million. Starting in October 2011, states begin to receive a 6% increase in federal reimbursements for providing nurses and other home-based support to people on Medicaid.

**DIABETES and FLORIDA:** According to a recent study performed by the Institute for Alternative Futures (IAF) funded by Novo Nordisk, Florida is #3 in the top 10 states to see the highest Diabetes prevalence and cost over the next 15 years. The IAF predicts the overall number of people in the U.S. living with Diabetes will increase 64% by 2025 which means one in seven Americans. The Florida projected cost of \$40.43 billion is for 4.2 million people living in Florida with Diabetes. The remaining nine states in order are: #1 California, #2 Texas, #4 New York, #5 Ohio, #6 Illinois, #7 Georgia, #8 Pennsylvania, #9 North Carolina and #10 Michigan. Currently, these states carry nearly 60% of diabetes-related costs.

**CO-ADMINISTRATION of FLU, PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES LINKED to FEBRILE SEIZURES:** On February 25, 2011, Trivalent inactivated flu vaccine administered concurrently with the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) appears to be associated with an increased risk for febrile seizures in children age 6 months to 23 months. Source: US CDC

**PRECAUTIONS re MAMMOGRAMS and DENTAL X-RAYS:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 on the Dr. Oz show was a program discussing the fastest growing cancer in women as Thyroid Cancer. There is speculation that the increase could possibly be related to the use of dental x-rays and mammograms. It was demonstrated that on the apron the dentist puts on patients has a small flap that can be lifted up and wrapped around the patient's neck. Many dentists apparently do not use this. There is also something referred to as a Thyroid Guard for use in mammograms. The information on the Dr. Oz show was that a woman needs to request the use of the Thyroid Guard when receiving a mammogram. Obviously, if women do not know about this, they will not be requesting it. The technician interviewed could not answer why the Guard was not used routinely.

**APHA** and its 50 state affiliates have been advocating for public health since 1872. Funding for public health is being cut at the federal, state, and local levels. APHA's mid year meeting: [IMPLEMENTING HEALTH REFORM, A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH](#) is scheduled June 23-25, in Chicago, Illinois.

**DEFINITIONS Wrinkles:** Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

**Inflation:** Cutting money in half without damaging the paper!

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NURSES STAY  
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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES CAN BE PAID WITH CREDIT CARD! *Installment Payment available! Contact Treasurer: Amalia Kane-Crawford @ (561) 634-0776 or E-Mail: [flintstonecrawford@comcast.net](mailto:flintstonecrawford@comcast.net)***

**BENEFIT OF 3 OR MORE APPLICANTS PAID BY EMPLOYER or as group: 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 the FAPHN BOARD: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Serve on Committees: Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Communication: \_\_\_\_\_ ByLaws \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_ Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Conference Planning: \_\_\_\_\_ Legacy Project \_\_\_\_\_

*Please participate!!! We thank you!*

**MISSION:** *The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses provides leadership for the nursing profession and promotes quality health care for consumers through education, advocacy, and influencing public health practices in the State of Florida.*

Questions About FAPHN? Contact any Board member Visit Web Site for names and contact numbers

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**VISION:** The Florida Association of Public Health Nurses will start a nationwide movement to create a national Public Health Nursing Organization.

#### VALUES:

- Excellence in Public Health Nursing Practice
- Leadership/ Mentorship/Preceptorship
- Advocacy positions on issues
- Advance PH Nursing through evidence-based research

FAPHN membership is as follows:

Annual dues are \$50.00 [one year from date of joining or renewal].

Membership is available to any Registered Nurse working in or supportive of public health nursing, issues and challenges.

This status includes voting privileges and may participate on the Board of Directors.

Additional categories are Retired RN, Student RN, and Associate Member.

Each of these categories are half-price. The Retired RN status is privileged to all the benefits as the regular Active RN membership status.

**Networking and educational opportunities include:**

**Annual Conferences with**

**Educational Opportunities  
Networking with other Public Health Nurses to promote the goals of Nursing.**

## Meet the Board of Directors

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