

Building Bridges for Nurses Working in Public Health



Keeping Connecticut Health

September 26, 2007

Virtual Office of Public Health Nurses

Welcome!

- To the first continuing education workshop coordinated by the DPH ...

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- Please meet and recognize
 - Our core DPH team
 - Nurses working with Local Health Department
 - Local Health Department Community Partners
 - Nurse Educators
 - Others
 - DPH
 - Tribal Nations' Health Departments
 - Public Health Foundation
 - Guests

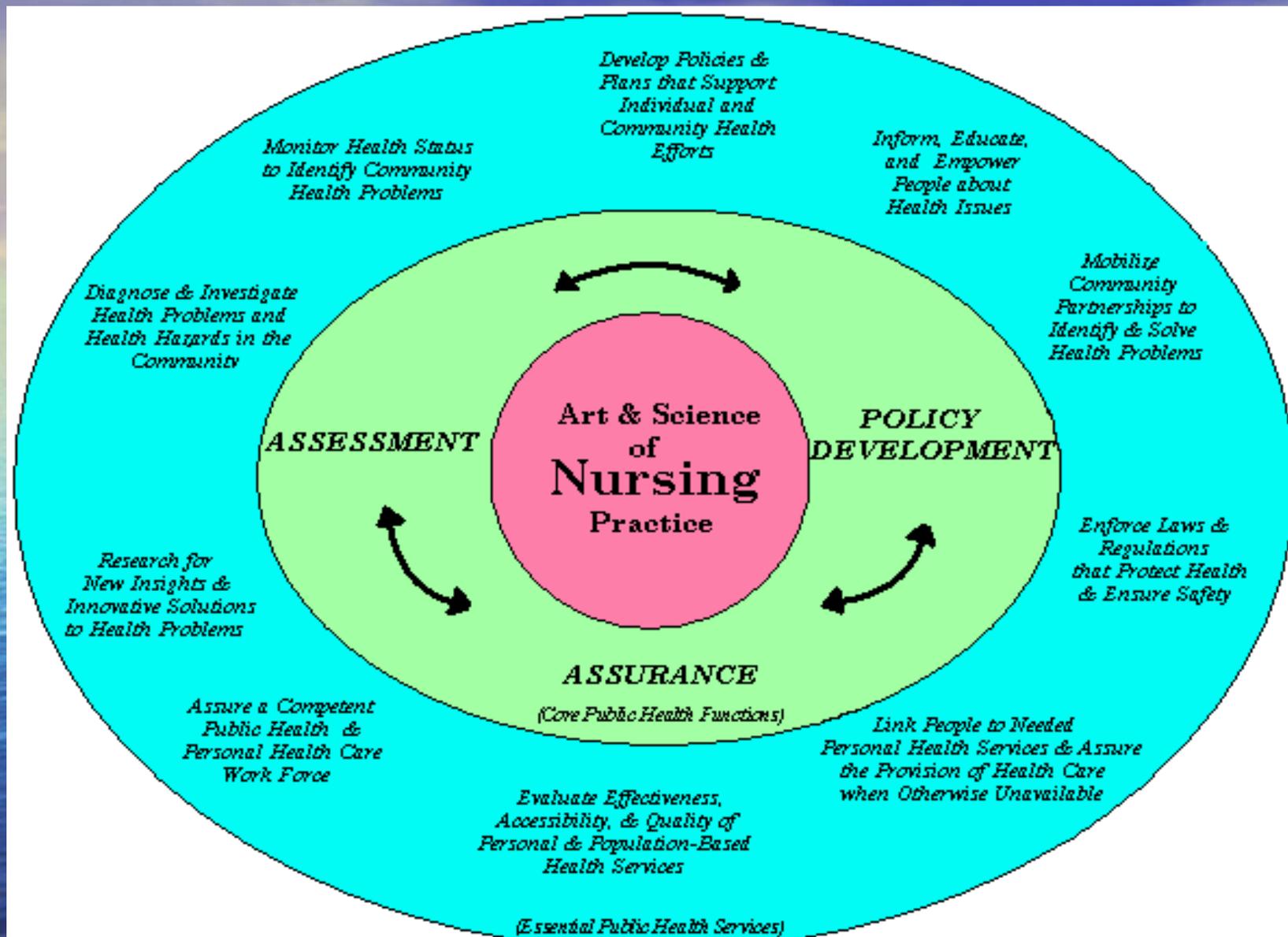


Program Overview

- The goal of today's workshop focuses on building and strengthening foundations by ...
 - Introducing and identifying applications of the:
 - ANA 2007 Public Health Nursing Scope and Standards
 - Quad Council Core Competencies for our practice (State and Local)
- Our purpose is ...
 - To provide a forum for nurses to discuss and identify commonalities in the application of the PHN Scope and Standards of Practice and core competencies
 - Enhance networks and collaborations among nurses working in public health
 - Foster collective professional identity for public health nurses in CT
- Housekeeping notes ...
 - Review folder contents
 - IACET
 - Program Worksheet

Consider





Our Agenda



- Review foundations essential for Public Health Nurses
- Hear from nurses in action
- Hear about strategic initiatives to enhance the public health nurses' capacity (national and state)
- Discuss implications of the scope and standards, and the core competencies for public health nurses in relation to your practice
- Provide opportunities for questions and discussions regarding next steps

Common Threads

- Striving to promote the health of Connecticut's residents, assure quality of services, and provide clinical expertise for public health programs and initiatives
- Population focused care and community based services
- Non-traditional health care setting
- Part of a diverse workforce

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- Building bridges by setting foundations
 - Strengthening networks (State and Local)
 - Providing leadership
 - Fostering professional peer support
 - Fostering intra- and inter-agency collaborations
 - Promoting PHN core competencies and standards of practice
- Participation
 - Voluntary
 - National and state organizations
 - National and state surveys including local health and community partners
- Professional development
 - Develop a profile to capture the uniqueness of our nurses' work with health departments
 - Provide forums for discussions and networking
 - Provide continuing education opportunities for enhancement
 - Adapt/develop orientation for nurses' new to health departments



Recognizing essentials for strong foundations ...

- Guest Speaker

Phil Greiner, DNSc, RN

Nurses in Action

Panel Discussion

- *Debbye Rosen, RN, BSN, MS*
Moderator

Nurses in Action Panel

❖ Annette Sauerbrum, RN, BS

District School Nursing Supervisor
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❖ Donna Heins, RN, MPH, CHES

DPH, Adolescent and School Based Health Center Program Coordinator

❖ Katherine McCormack, RN, MPH, MEP

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Initiatives to Enhance the Capacity of Public Health Nurses



Implications for Your Practice

◆ Andrea Lombard, RN, BSN, MPH
DPH, AIDS and Chronic Disease Branch

Evaluation & Door Prizes

 Kristin Sullivan, MA

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