

Good Morning to all PHN Chapter Members,

We are excited and pleased to welcome aboard 39 Public Health Nurses who expressed an interest in receiving Chapter news. With their additions, the Chapter is 73 members strong. The new members gave their e-mail addresses when they attended the ISDH Public Health Nurse Conference this past May.

So, a warm welcome to you and a hearty late summer hello to members currently registered with the ISNA Public Health Nurse Chapter.

Once again it has been a fast-paced summer for most, if not all, of us. Between all the immunization back-to-school readiness clinics and issues that surround that and any food borne outbreaks from summer picnics, and just our every day challenges, it was difficult most days to find a little time to relax and enjoy the summer sun. I hope you all had vacation fun or at least propped up your feet to take a breather.

We write today because we really need your ideas and your vote. The Public Health Nurse Chapter is preparing its 2011-12 year plan to present to the ISNA Board at the Annual Meeting of the Membership, Friday, Sept. 30th at the Primo Banquet Center – South in Indy. (We hope you plan to attend). The Chapter Executive Committee (Louise Anderson, Lynn Maitlen, and me) met at the end of July to formulate a list of possible activities for the Chapter to undertake this next year.

All the activities are important, however, we need your help to decide how to prioritize and select the top one or two the Chapter should work on. Here is the proposed list:

- _____ A. Develop an on-line Public Health Nurse Continuing Education series (probably quarterly news, but could be more often).
- _____ B. Establish a blog for group discussion and to post questions, ideas, and opinions
- _____ C. Conduct a “round 2” survey expanding the range of questions from the one conducted in May 2011.

Feel free to offer your vote by clicking “reply” (preferably not “reply to all”) and either cutting and pasting the three choices with your vote (1st, 2nd, 3rd) into your new message, or just scrolling thru my message to the 3 selections and then indicate your vote on the lines above. Hit send. If you have other suggestions for activities the Chapter should take on, please offer those, too.

Throughout the year, we will continue to schedule quarterly conference call meetings of the Chapter members to bring you updates and to continue to dialogue about how to reach more IN public health nurses and what the Chapter should be doing to support Public Health Nursing in Indiana.

There will be a Chapter meeting immediately after the ISNA Meeting of Members on Sept. 30. If you cannot make the ISNA meeting for all day, we hope you can at least attend the Chapter meeting, which will start at 4:30 PM (EDT) and end at 5:30 PM. Unfortunately, there will be no way to conf. call that day.

We hope you can join us for the entire day to participate in all the ISNA continuing education and business meeting activities. The cost for ISNA members for CNE and Lunch is only \$50 (for non- members \$70) paid before Sept. 16. Here is the web site to register for the ISNA meeting: www.IndianaNurses.org

Again, both the ISNA meeting and the Chapter meeting will take place a Primo Banquet Center, South, 2615 East National Avenue, Indianapolis. **If you plan to attend just the Chapter meeting, please let me know so we can look for you. If you are not an ISNA member, you are still welcome to attend the Public Health Nurse Chapter meeting.**

Again, welcome aboard to all those who gave us your e-mail address at the ISDH May conf. We look forward to seeing you at the Chapter meeting. Remember to please vote (after reading this long message 🙄) on your recommendation for the Chapter business activity for 2011-12. And, remember to let me know if you plan to attend the Chapter meeting Sept. 30th.

In a follow up message, I will send you the results of the May survey. I believe you will find them informative and interesting.

Working for the public's health,

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