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From The President of MAPHN

## ***MAPHN President's Message***



Dear MAPHN members,

Wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy 2019! Our organization has been quite busy since our last newsletter and there have been two issues that the leadership has focused their efforts on. These include the organization's strategic planning for the next three to five years and involvement with the *Special Commission on Local and Regional Health*.

Public Health Management Consultant, Laurie Stillman, conducted a Strategic Planning Session on November 20, 2018. To inform the development of the Strategic Plan she conducted an environmental scan of national health nursing organizations, reviewed selected relevant published articles, interviewed four Massachusetts public health nurse leaders and analyzed a 2018 MAPHN membership survey. The information gathered through this process was documented in a *Background Report* and helped to shape the outcomes of a four-hour long Strategic Planning Meeting at the Town of Milton's Library. A Vision Statement, Goals, Objectives and Strategies were developed to guide the organization over the coming three to five years.

The second issue is that Vice President Terri Khoury has been our Governor-appointed representative to the *Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health*. This Commission was established in August 2016 (Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016) to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal and regional public health systems and to make recommendations regarding how to strengthen the delivery of public health services and preventative measures throughout the Commonwealth. Terri has been diligently working on behalf of MAPHN and providing updates at our quarterly Board Meetings.

The Workforce Credentials subcommittee of the Special Commission drafted benchmarks and staff ratios for key positions that would provide the Foundational Public Health Services to their residents. The subcommittee recommended 2-3 FTE Public Health Nurses per 100,000 population. Terri Khoury prevented this vote and subsequently prepared a Massachusetts Public Health Nursing Report and PowerPoint to explain why those recommendations were too low and would threaten the Public Health Nursing infrastructure. NACCHO's minimal

benchmark recommendations are 8.75 PHN per 100,000 population. MAPHN leaders agree that these minimal NACCHO benchmark recommendations should be aligned with benchmark staffing ratio recommendations by the Special Commission.

Terri and I approached our Coalition of Local Public Health (CLPH) partners, the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association (MEHA), Massachusetts Health Officers Association (MHOA), Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA) and Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB), to ask for their support of the 8.75 PHN per 100,000 population. Once again, Terri made a presentation to the CLPH coalition and reviewed NACCHO benchmarks and requested support of these benchmarks to the Special Commission. Unfortunately, our Coalition partners could not specifically agree on 8.75 PHN per 100,000 population at this meeting. On a December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 CLPH Conference call, the following language was agreed upon to present to the Special Commission's Workforce Credentials subcommittee:

1. Withdraw all workforce benchmarks and recommended staffing ratios.
2. Replace the benchmarks and recommended staffing ratios with language stating that Health Departments and Districts should have staffing levels sufficient to comply with all aspects of Foundational Public Health services in Massachusetts.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Workforce Credentials subcommittee voted to withdraw the benchmarks in the Special Commission's Report. The vote to withdraw this language is essential to the Public Health Nursing workforce in Massachusetts. In the coming months we will be working together to strengthen our organization through the newly created Strategic Plan and the future of Public Health Nursing within the Commonwealth.

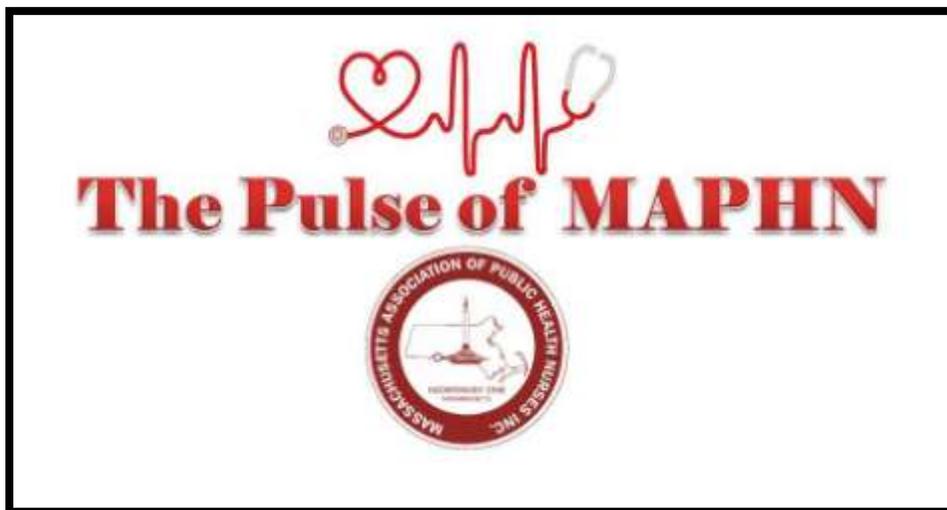
Wishing you the best in 2019,  
Caroline Kinsella B.S.N., R.N., R.S.  
MAPHN President



*We have a Winner  
of the "Name the  
Newsletter" contest!!!*

*Drum Roll please. . . . .  
Congratulations to*

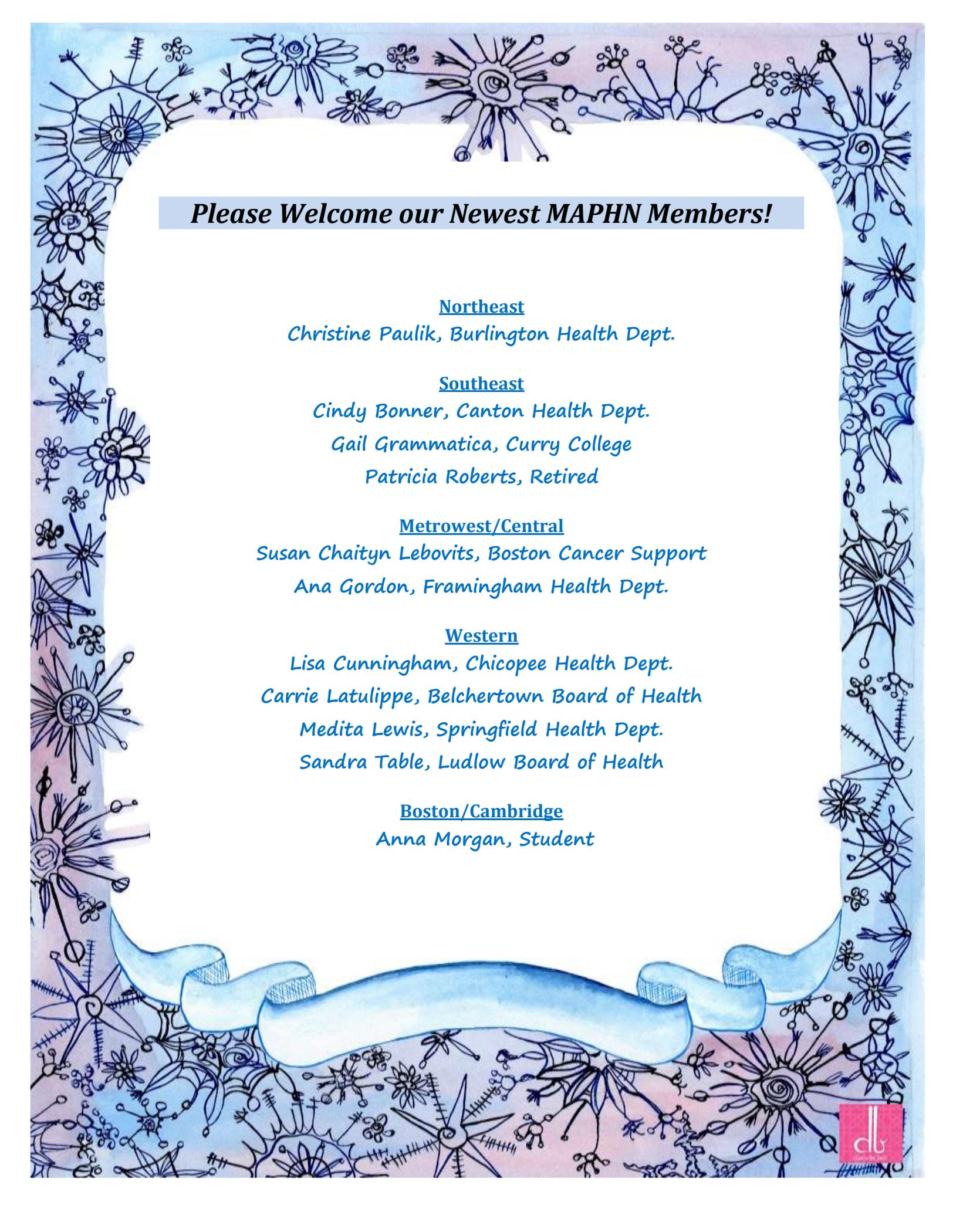
**Maria Tamagna**  
Northeast Chapter



*Maria's entry was considered among several **excellent** suggestions!  
It was felt that "The Pulse of MAPHN" most clearly depicted the character of our  
twice yearly Newsletter!*

*Maria will receive one of our newly designed MAPHN Bumper Magnets for her  
creativity!*

*Many Thanks to Everyone who sent in ideas!!*



***Please Welcome our Newest MAPHN Members!***

Northeast

*Christine Paulik, Burlington Health Dept.*

Southeast

*Cindy Bonner, Canton Health Dept.*

*Gail Grammatica, Curry College*

*Patricia Roberts, Retired*

Metrowest/Central

*Susan Chaityn Lebovits, Boston Cancer Support*

*Ana Gordon, Framingham Health Dept.*

Western

*Lisa Cunningham, Chicopee Health Dept.*

*Carrie Latulippe, Belchertown Board of Health*

*Medita Lewis, Springfield Health Dept.*

*Sandra Table, Ludlow Board of Health*

Boston/Cambridge

*Anna Morgan, Student*



The Annual Meeting and Expo of the American Public Health Association (APHA) is where public health professionals convene, learn, network, and engage with peers. With the Annual Meeting, we strengthen the profession of public health, share the latest research and information, promote best practices and advocate for public health issues and policies

grounded in research. This year's theme was "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now." MAPHN was well represented this year, with eight active members travelling to San Diego to attend. One of the highlights occurred at the Public Health Nursing Section's Annual Awards Luncheon, when our very own Kitty Mahoney received the APHA Public Health Nurse Creative Achievement Award!

To summarize our experience, some of MAPHN's attendees offered their takeaways:

***Dov Yoffe, Southeast Chapter Co-President and MAPHN Treasurer*** "Personally, I came away quite impressed about the variety of presentations offered, and especially by the dedication and commitment shown by so many individuals hoping to improve the health and opportunities of ALL Americans. To experience the camaraderie and devotion of

thousands of like-minded practitioners will always be an impetus for me to help carry on the message of quality and breadth of public health programs everywhere."



**Our President Caroline Kinsella speaking at the Public Health Nursing Section Member Meeting, addressing current challenges facing PHNs in MA**

**Ruth Mori, MetroWest/Central Chapter Representative** “As I think about what I took away from this year’s conference, it is really about how public health nursing practice intersects with each public health topic. This year it was health equity. How can health equity be accomplished without having public health nursing involvement? We look at everything in a holistic manner. Also I found how helpful other public health nurses from around the country were to support and assist with public health nursing population concerns in MA.”

**Kitty Mahoney, MetroWest/Central Chapter and MAPHN Web Communications**

**Manager**“APHA 2018 provided so many learning opportunities on a variety of Climate Change impacts. What was one of the most compelling to me was the ‘populations of concern’ and the subsequent vulnerabilities of climate change at different life stages for children. **For mothers and newborns:** adverse pregnancy outcomes such as low birthweight babies and preterm births have been linked to extreme heat events, airborne particulate matter and floods. **For Infants and toddlers:** young children’s biological sensitivity places them at a greater risk for asthma, diarrheal illnesses and their young age renders them at great risk for extreme heat related illnesses. **For school age and older children:** The behaviors and activities of older children (outdoor play, outdoor activities) increase their risk of exposure to heat related illness, vector-borne and waterborne disease and respiratory effects of pollutants and allergens. “

**Leila Mercer, MetroWest/Central Chapter and MAPHN Secretary** “Through the presentations I attended, I acquired enhanced perspectives on the role of public health in such areas as aging, environmental change, and the opioid crisis. The Public Health Nursing Section Meetings and Luncheon were marvelous opportunities to network and celebrate the achievements of PHNs across the country (including our own Kitty Mahoney, who was awarded the Creative Achievement Award!). Finally, I have treasured the times of companionship and camaraderie with my fellow MAPHNers who attended!”

**Kathy Downey, Southeast Chapter** “I am a member of the APHA PHN Awards Committee. It has been exciting to serve the past two years on this committee. This year I was able to present Kitty (Mahoney) to the membership as the recipient of the 2018 Creative Achievement Award at the PHN Luncheon. Awesome! I encourage everyone to think about nurses who they know who they believe should be nominated for an award and nominate them.

This is my 4th year volunteering at the (APHA PHN) Booth. We greet visitors, invite them to sign the log, invite them to become members of the PHN section if they aren't already, inform them of the PHN offerings at the APHA meeting, and listen to what they are doing and where their interests and concerns are. Then we do what we do every day in practice: we make connections for them if we know the resources, and if we don't, we take contact information from them and ask the PHN section leadership for an appropriate referral for the person's interest. This has been a great way to find out what others are doing around the country, and in some cases in other areas of the world. It has also been a great way to make informal connections with colleagues.



**Kitty Mahoney receives her Award from fellow member Kathy Downey.**

This year APHA PHN section undertook a new venture providing mentors to students (Baccalaureate and Graduate levels) who were interested in or working in public health nursing. I volunteered to be a mentor and we were matched with our mentees prior to the meeting. At the APHA meeting, Mentors and Mentees were provided with coaching, direction and resources in meetings to support the success of this venture. (There are also online meetings providing the same.) My mentee is at the University of Buffalo pursuing an MPH degree. She wasn't able to attend the APHA meeting this year, but she and I have interacted online and via telephone calls and are excited about what this year will bring us. Just a little plug: There were more mentees than there were mentor volunteers this year. Several individuals who are pursuing a career as a PHN and are actively seeking a mentor will not have one this year. Please consider volunteering for this program next year. *(Editor note: you can contact Kathy at [kdowney@marionma.gov](mailto:kdowney@marionma.gov) for more information!)*

Next fall APHA will hold its Annual Meeting in Philadelphia November 2-6, 2019. MAPHN awards scholarships to eligible PHN leaders who are interested in attending. If you are interested in being part of this unforgettable experience, contact our President at [president@maphn.org](mailto:president@maphn.org)



Front Row, L-R: Nancy Gilbert; Leila Mercer; Ruth Mori; Caroline Kinsella  
Back Row, L-R: Glynnis LaRosa; Kitty Mahoney; Kathy Downey; Dov Yoffe;  
Jason Kirchik (MAPHN supporter from VT!) (Pictured below: Mary McKenzie)





Jerome M Adams, MD, MPH  
US Surgeon General

## **Facing Addiction in America: The US Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids**

*Submitted by Leila Mercer,*

*Metrowest/Central Chapter and Natick*

*PHN*

The US Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH, spoke at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in San Diego in November. Dr. Adams headlined our plenary session on **"The Emerging Federal Response to the Opioid Crisis: What Organizations and Communities Can Do to Make an Impact."**

Dr. Adams commented that the opioid crisis is the worst public health problem that we ever have confronted in the US. Today, he stated, we lose about 200 people a day to death from opioids. Due to opioid deaths, our life expectancy is shorter now than just a few years ago, a shocking reversal that has never

occurred previously in our country. Today the opioid crisis affects almost every family in the US. Dr. Adams described the problems in his own family. His brother suffers from mental illness and substance addiction, and currently is in the Maryland state prison.

In September, the surgeon general released **"Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids"**, which calls for a cultural shift in the way Americans talk about the opioid crisis and recommends actions that can prevent and treat opioid misuse and promote recovery. This can be viewed on the surgeon general's website at <https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/>

The surgeon general also pointed to the importance of building community partnerships and collaborations to address the opioid crisis. We need to mobilize all our local communities by engaging private sector organizations, community organizations, and our local governments in initiatives. Dr. Adams is leading an important Call to Action on Improving Community Health and Prosperity that builds on the essential idea of private-public sector collaboration.

# APHA POSTER MOMENTS

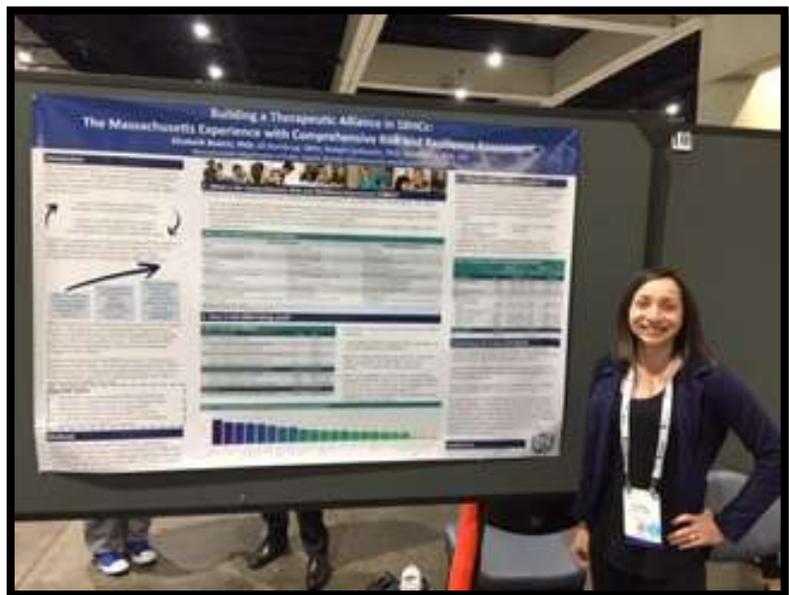
San Diego Convention Center



***Coalition Building: Engaging Partners to Improve Population Health in Your Community***  
**Caroline Kinsella, BSN, RN, RS**  
Milton Health Department, Milton, MA

***Building a Therapeutic Alliance in SBHCs: The Massachusetts Experience with Comprehensive Risk and Resilience Assessment***

**Elizabeth Beatriz, PhD; Jill Northrup, MPH; Robert Leibowitz, PhD and Renee Aird, BSN, MS**  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA



***Proud Mom Moment!***

**Kathy Downey, Southeast Chapter** "It was an absolute joy to see my daughter's (Beth Beatriz) poster (at APHA 2018) on work she has done at MA DPH which was presented by her colleague. Although Beth wasn't able to be present due to work commitments, I was able to text her photo of the poster during the session!"



**Amanda Stone**, Southeast Chapter member and Mattapoissett PHN (R), attended the 2018 MDPH Summer Internship Program Closing Session at the State Lab in Jamaica Plain. Amanda precepted University of New England student **Esther Hurlock** (L). Esther presented her poster titled, **Safe Storage and Disposal of Prescription Medications**. Congratulations to Esther on successfully completing her internship as she works toward her MPH!

## AN EMERGING NON-INFECTIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN

*By Charlotte Stepanian, Merrimac PHN, Northeast Chapter*

Perhaps it's having my office located in our community's Senior Center for many years or maybe it's having a LSW as an office mate now and mutually problem-solving many of the daily issues and concerns. But one of the most common re-occurring issues is the result of aging and isolation from family members either by geography or family dynamics. Couple this with the prevalence of dementia and Alzheimer's amongst the adult population and the concerns of a recent Surgeon General about isolation becoming a public health issue has come home to roost in all of our communities.

In Merrimac, there is no Human Services Department per se so the Senior Center/Council on Aging has evolved into serving multigenerational human needs across the lifespan for residents and their extended family members far and wide. The issue of loneliness has been addressed in many of my monthly newsletter health columns that are widely read and referenced by the residents and their family members which likely contributed to the response for service that has emerged.

The partnership with my office mates has broadened our understanding and awareness of many of the resources available such as Dementia Friendly Environments and Worksites, Memory Cafes and Purple Tables in restaurants. An increased awareness, even at my blood pressure clinics, is triggered when couples who are regular attendees suddenly are seldom seen. When they reappear, a quick visual assessment generally clarifies the broad need for offering and providing support and assistance for both the spouse and the caregiver. This can be public health practice at its finest and salvation for the family caregiver battling despair over their demanding role reversal and family dynamics. It might be your own family that needs this assistance next. Be informed and aware of the resources available in your community!



# CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

**Jane Morrissey**, Andover PHN and Northeast Chapter member, who received the **2018 Public Health Nursing Award** at the MHOA

Conference held in November in Falmouth! The Public Health Nursing Award is presented annually to a Public Health Nurse who has “demonstrated exceptional dedication in carrying out the public health mandates of a regional or local municipal agency.”

Also, Jane retired on December 11<sup>th</sup>, after over 20 years in Andover, and more than 40 years in nursing. We wish her a wonderful retirement!



**Kitty Mahoney**, Chief PHN for the City of Framingham and Metrowest/Central Chapter member, who was awarded the **2018 PHN**

**Creative Achievement Award** at

the APHA PHN Section Awards Luncheon in San Diego on November 13th. Her Awardee

Biography states, “(Kitty) has a long and distinguished history of service on several local, regional and state committees and organizations as well as advancing academic

collaborations with the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses.”



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NORTHEAST CHAPTER



Environmental Day trip to the MEMA 'Bunker' in Framingham



A tribute to "Super Nurse" Karen DaCampo, Woburn PHN! It was given to her by one of her Woburn MRC volunteers, Tom Cashell, who inscribed *A "Super Nurse" Always Gives her Best!*



Sabrina Torra (L) and Elaine Silva (R) giving a talk on Emergency Preparedness to the chapter



The Metrowest/Central Chapter held their annual Post Holiday Luncheon at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center on January 11. The luncheon included a tour of the campus where the 2019 MAPHN's Conference will be held May 9-10. Under the Conference Planning leadership of Phyllis Schilp and Ruth Mori, the chapter is excited to bring you an awesome Conference this May 9-10. Save the Dates!



Save The Date!!!

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**Thurs May 9<sup>th</sup> and Fri May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**MAPHN 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**  
**Earth Day Every Day: A Public Health Nursing Priority!!!**

An Emphasis on Environmental Impacts within Communities & Public Health Practice

Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center  
14 Mechanic Street Southbridge, MA  
More Details Coming SOON!!!



*Thank you to our Southeast Chapter for 2 fantastic conference years 2017 and 2018!*



## *Saving Lives and Limbs*

*By Kitty Mahoney, Framingham Chief PHN, MetroWest/Central Chapter*

Several months ago, our MetroWest/Central Chapter hosted an emerging training called “Stop The Bleed” (STB). It is a relatively new training opportunity for medical and non-medical/civilian persons alike. From the standpoint of Emergency Preparedness and Response, adding “Stop The Bleed” or “You Are The Help Until Help Arrives” to the arsenal of training ops (alongside AED, CPR, First Aide, Choke Relief and others) is sadly, a really valuable training in today’s culture of mass injuries due to the increase in active intruder events.

In November, to a standing room only crowd, the MRC volunteers in Framingham hosted a STB training and coupled it with a real world event; a surviving shark bite victim from the summer of 2018.

I have read that beach-goers on the Cape and Islands might make STB kits widely available to their lifeguards! Great idea!

Dr. Mahoney (no relation) from Tufts Medical Center Boston was the Emergency Room Surgeon who treated the shark bite victim. Dr. Mahoney has been at the finish line of the Boston Marathon (including 2013), and the Worcester Club Fire in 2015. His lecture was not only fascinating, but also the photographs he brought amplified his presentation and the STB Training, which then resonated so well with the attendees.

For me, the real value of STB training as an immediate lifesaving measure hit home when Dr. Mahoney talked us through each minute of the event from the time the victim was bitten to the time he was on an operating table. Beach blankets and bathing suits (yes, even with sand in them) used for packing ahead of the wound dressing applied by the EMS services. This training was so meaningful to me when I took it at my chapter, that I brought it to the Framingham Fire Department. Together we are providing it to several civic groups, school and district nurses, Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and more! To date, I think we have provided STB training to well over 200.

I have a STB kit in my car, one in my office, and one at home. This training is so important to share and share widely! Once you attend a training, you are eligible to teach it to others! The American College of Surgeons recommends an instructor student ratio of 1 to 12. The STB course includes a class presentation (the slides are standard from the American College of Surgeons) and on skills demonstration on tourniquet application, wound packing, and pressure application. The recommended



Shark Bite victim limbs



tourniquet is called a CAT (combat application tourniquet) is a little tricky at first, but the theory is all about wound packing and wound pressure to prevent blood loss.

***If you have an opportunity to take this class...***

***TAKE IT! Then TEACH IT!***



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF MAPHN!

On November 20, 2018, MAPHN conducted a Strategic Planning leadership retreat, held at the Milton Public Library. The retreat was facilitated by public health management consultant Laurie Stillman, MHSM. There were fourteen members who participated. The retreat's purpose was to develop a Vision Statement; a Mission Statement; and Goals, Objectives and Strategies to guide the organization over the coming three years.

Laurie Stillman helped in guiding the organization's planning process. In advance of the Retreat to develop the Strategic Plan, she conducted an environmental scan of national public health nursing organizations; reviewed selected relevant published articles; interviewed several public health nursing leaders; and analyzed our 2018 MAPHN membership survey. The information gathered through this process was documented in a *Background Report*, which provides information on the outcomes of the Retreat.

You can find the resulting Strategic Plan at: [www.maphn.org](http://www.maphn.org)



Many thanks to those who worked diligently during the Strategic Planning process: President Caroline Kinsella, Jessica Tracy, Ruth Mori, Glynnis LaRosa, Dov Yoffe, Kitty Mahoney, Traci Mello, Susan Poirier, Mary Goodwin, Amanda Stone, Maria Tamagna, Kathy Downey, Leila Mercer, and Charlotte Stepanian.



Who is who!

## MAPHN Board Members

The twelve member Board of Directors consists of the executive officers, one director from each chapter and two at-large directors. [President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer], [Northeast, Southeast, Western, Metrowest-Central, Boston-Cambridge, Cape & Islands], [At-Large I, At-Large II].

### Executive Committee

**President** Caroline Kinsella  
**Vice President** Terri Khoury  
**Secretary** Leila Mercer  
**Treasurer** Dov Yoffe

### Directors

**Western** Mary Allen  
**Cape & Islands** Deirdre Arvidson  
**Southeast** Mary Goodwin  
**Northeast** Karen DaCampo  
**Metrowest-Central** Phyllis Schilp  
**Boston-Cambridge** Open  
**Director At Large I** Traci Mello  
**Director At Large II** Sarah Kinghorn

### Chapter Officers

**Metrowest-Central Chapter**  
Phyllis Schilp, President  
**Western Chapter**  
Sherry Petrucci, President  
**Northeast Chapter**  
Karen DaCampo, President  
**Boston-Cambridge Chapter**  
Open

### Southeast Chapter

Dov Yoffe / Jessica Gardner Co-  
Presidents

### Cape & Islands Chapter

Deirdre Arvidson, President

### Committee Chairs

**Awards** Sherry Petrucci

**Bylaws** Kitty Mahoney

**Conference Planning** Metrowest  
Central Chapter

**Education, Practice, Research &  
Informatics** Charlotte Stepanian

**Finance** Ruth Mori

**Nominations** Maria Tamagna

**Service Committee** Kitty Mahoney

**Outreach, Visibility & Membership**  
Leila Mercer & Ruth Mori

### Board/Business Contributors

**Communications and Website** Kitty  
Mahoney

**MDPH Liaison** Glynnis LaRosa

**Immediate Past MAPHN Past  
President** Amanda Stone

## ***“What can I do?” Get Involved! Call for Volunteers!***

Our Committees need your ideas! Many committees meet via conference call, no travel required! Contact one of our Chairs! If you missed sign up at the Annual Conference, contact the Committee Chairperson listed (email link provided)!

### **Committee Descriptions**

#### **Awards**

Oversees and conducts the process to select the Public Health Nurse of the Year Award.

#### **By-Laws**

Maintain MAPHN organizational foundation by reviewing Bylaws and policies for consistency and making recommended changes. By-Laws amended April 2016.

#### **Conference Planning**

Organizes and Hosts the MAPHN Annual Conference.

#### **Education, Practice, Research and Informatics**

Provide guidance to the membership to enhance evidence based educational opportunities.

Conduct and support research activities for MAPHN.

#### **Finance**

Maintain the financial health of the organization.

#### **Nominations and Elections**

Solicit members to run for office and conduct the election process.

#### **OVM (Outreach, Visibility & Membership)**

Recruit and maintain members.

Increase the image of MAPHN and the Public Health Nurse.

#### **Service Committee**

Assist the growing developments of organizational participation in the provision of community service(s) projects.

## ***Are you taking advantage of the many benefits available to you as a member of MAPHN?***

### **GET CONNECTED!**

**Chapter Membership:** There are **6 regional Chapters** supported by MAPHN, providing public health nursing with information, networking, continuing education, learning opportunities, “field trips”, and regionally relevant programs. \$50.00 of your dues paid annually to MAPHN goes toward the support of your selected chapter. Chapters elect chapter officers and a chapter director to attend the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors. Monthly chapter meetings are posted on our website with date, time, location and special information on guest speakers or programs. Members can select one of the following chapters when they join or renew their membership:

- ***Northeast***
- ***Southeast***
- ***Metrowest/Central***
- ***Western***
- ***Cape & Islands***
- ***Boston/Cambridge (currently inactive)***

**Membership Directory:** An online directory of all current MAPHN members is available for those looking to connect.

**Website:** [www.MAPHN.org](http://www.MAPHN.org) is the portal for members to obtain the latest practice information, access educational products and services, tools to enhance their practice, get the latest news on professional topics, and explore how to access our benefits listed here..

**Member-to-Member Forum:** A place on our website where you can ask, comment or respond to questions or comments with other MAPHN members! MAPHN serves members by providing a dynamic forum for the exchange of new ideas, bringing together members to share their experiences, expertise and friendship

**Newsletter and “News This Week”:** Electronic newsletters are published twice a year, written for members and by members. MAPHN encourages articles to be submitted by all throughout the year at [newsletter@maphn.org](mailto:newsletter@maphn.org) . “News This Week” is a weekly e-mail update sent to members’ inboxes with important information, advisories and relevant public health nursing news.

**Facebook:** Find us under ***Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses*** and like us!

**Mentoring:** MAPHN provides a viable resource to nurses new to the specialty of public health through its mentor program. Experienced PHNs are partnered with new PHNs, providing encouragement, support and guidance.

## Service Projects

**Operation Stand Down:** This is an annual project coordinated by our Service Committee members. Volunteers from MAPHN, area Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and university students provide foot care, diabetic screening and immunizations to at-risk and homeless veterans at the Operation Stand Down event in Boston.

**Advocacy:** MAPHN supports a pro-active legislative affairs program through our participation in CLPH (**Coalition for Local Public Health**), and LSAC (**Local and State Advisory Committee**), where we advocate for public health nursing and public health nursing practices. MAPHN also partners with other nursing organizations to advocate for issues impacting the field of nursing and public health. MAPHN keeps members abreast of the latest legislative and regulatory developments and often solicits support and assistance from members.

## Professional Development

**Educational Support:** MAPHN promotes excellence in continuing nursing education through our **annual Spring Conference**. It is the largest meeting of public health nurses in Massachusetts. MAPHN also provides educational opportunities at the Chapter level and through relevant webinars in partnership with our colleagues in public health. Many are archived on our website for future viewing. Continuing education hours are provided for conference and educational meeting attendance.

**Savings:** Being an MAPHN member means membership rates and discounts on all of the organization's conferences, webinars, and online educational materials. In addition, scholarship support is available to attend professional events such as the annual American Public Health Association (APHA) and Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN) conferences. Contact your Chapter President or [info@maphn.org](mailto:info@maphn.org) for more information.

**Career Development:** MAPHN has an online Employment Information Service which provides information to help members advance their careers, search for jobs, or post an advertisement for career opportunities in public health nursing.

## Professional Resources

**Survey Monkey®:** Members can access our Select Level survey platform for questionnaires, evaluations of programs, data collection and more. Our subscription includes enumeration of survey question results for large or small surveys. Instructions on how to access this resource are on the website.

**AnyMeeting™ Services and Free Conference Calling:** These services for members include a call number for attendees and a special code for call planners who can opt to record the call for archiving, note taking and more. Instructions are on our website to arrange your meeting or conference call for 1 or 100 attendees!