

Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN)  
Educational Needs Assessment 2002  
For Local Public Health Providers

The Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN) is planning its annual meeting, scheduled for September 13, 2002 in Grand Island. The conference planning committee wants to provide programming that will be of benefit to those people and organizations that are new to public health as well as to those that are public health veterans.

Keeping that in mind, please give us some insight into what topics you would like to see - whether through workshops or breakout sessions - at the upcoming September meeting.

Please complete this form and return it to Debbi Barnes-Josiah by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!

**\_7** Bioterrorism

- General concepts
- Mechanics of local response

**\_4** Board Development

**\_1** Internet 101

**\_4** Assessing Community Needs

**\_4** Community Partnerships

**\_5** Grant Writing

**\_9** Marketing public health

**\_2** Successful public health organizations

**\_3** Priority setting

**\_6** Making the most of limited funds

**\_3** Diabetes

- Working with communities
- Latest clinical updates

**\_2** Cardiovascular health

- Working with communities
- Latest clinical updates

**\_0** Obesity/Nutrition

- Working with communities
- Latest clinical updates

**\_5** Disease prevention/health promotion

- Working with communities
- Latest clinical updates

**\_1** Record keeping

**\_4** Women's public health issues

**\_6** Men's public health issues

**\_5** Children's public health issues

**\_6** Changing behaviors

**\_4** Mental health

\_\_ Other topics:

- A review of NE's year 2010 goals etc. might be useful for our future planning. As well as a broad overview of the various grant & funding opportunities.
- State Prevention Incentive Grant update. Collaboration with other community & regional organizations. Drug & alcohol issues in rural areas. Developmental assets. Tobacco prevention initiatives across the state.
- Violence Prevention (bullying, harassment, school and community settings). Mentoring.
- Prevention Track to include: Building on the Strengths of Families - An Asset Approach. Teen Health - Risk Behaviors and Their Effects, Substance Abuse, Violence, Sexual/Teen Pregnancy & STDs.. Resilient Youth - Risk/Protective Factors. Tobacco Prevention.

Are there physicians in your community that are interested in public health issues? What would interest them in coming to a public health conference in September and/or being a speaker for one of the sessions? Please help us with ideas on how to reach this group of professionals.

- Dr. Clint Jones - Preventative Health, Kearney
- Jean Cleborad, Free-Clinic Nurse, Norfolk, NE 68701. Excellent in working with community collaborations and inclusion of minorities within the community. Also well versed in minority health issues.

Suggestions for speakers:

- I conduct training/workshops in the strength-based approaches to prevention such as Asset Development and Resiliency.
- Jessica Meeske is a pediatric DDS with an MPH. She is always willing to be a conference speaker! Is on the Clay County Health Dept. Board. Kathy Anderson is a pediatrician with Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings and does a lot with a group called the 'Brain Team.' This focuses on the importance of brain development. Is on the Clay County HDB. Cindy Strasheim is with UNL Cooperative Extension and has started a group called Parents Forever and Kids Talk About Divorce. She gets the judges to mandate that parents and their children attend these classes. She does tons of Public Health work, but doesn't see it as that.

- **Dr. Jessica Meeske, Pediatric Dentist/Public Health Advocate (Very willing to talk on public health issues). Dr. Gasseling, Pediatrics (Kearney). I don't know if he would speak or not, but he is very knowledgeable.**

Speaker contact information: (Name, organization, phone or email):

Your contact information: (Name, organization, phone and/or email):

Would you attend a two day meeting in Grand Island if the topics were sufficiently interesting?

11 yes      0 definitely no      3 maybe...

If yes, what would make it worth your while?

- **Good topics and combining our section meetings to that day.**
- **Functional information on the topics stated above, i.e., information that can be used to manage a public health program and manage care of the families. Good food helps also!**

Any other thoughts?

- **I appreciate the thought of having mtgs closer to the west i.e. GI. However, I find that if the meetings are held in Lincoln conference attendees have the ability to go to the various State offices and meet staff as well as do other business and conduct meetings while attending the conference. I also realise that the sites are picked on a variety of factors including cost etc. For those of us traveling from the western 1/2 of the state there is little benefit from the distance saved to GI as compared to Lincoln.**
- **I like the conference held in GI.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**