



News & Updates

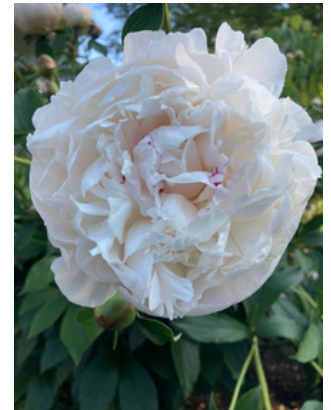
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Public Health Nursing Spotlight

This month, for the public health spotlight, we are celebrating and thanking two members of our team who have moved on to new opportunities.

Tiffany Benoit has been an integral member of our dream team that launched the LPHNC program. She brought her deep knowledge of local public health and public health nursing and her commitment to strengthening our local public health infrastructure to her work as a local PHN Consultant. As many of you know, she left the LPHNC Program at the end of June and will start as the Director of Health and Human Services for the town of Andover this summer. We will miss her contributions to our team and the work we do and are excited for her to bring her skills and passion to this new role. We are grateful to have worked with Tiffany for the past 18 months and look forward to continued collaborations in her role with MAPHN and her new role with Andover.

Sarah Fiske, our Post-Doctoral Research Fellow is also moving on from her Post Doctoral position with our program. We are grateful for Sarah's work developing our evaluation plans, analyzing data, and bringing the Tier I course to completion. Sarah plans to expand her hours as the PHN for two rural Western Massachusetts communities and increase her work with the Nursing program at American International College (AIC) in Springfield. We plan to continue our partnership with Sarah as we evaluate our Massachusetts PHN training courses.



Our best wishes to them both!

The LPHNC Program is hiring!

The UMass Local Public Health Nurse Consultant Program is hiring for a Regional Public Health Nursing Professional (Consultant) to provide clinical consultation and mentorship to local PHNs in our Eastern Region, build a stronger public health workforce, and work collaboratively to increase access to foundational public health services.

Full details of the posting can be found at:
[Regional Public Health Nursing Professional \(Eastern Massachusetts\)](#)

Please direct questions to [Ann Becker](#) or [Meg Burch](#)

A look back in time ...

For our Look Back in Time this month we are offering summer reads and listening focused on public health and nursing.

The Women by Kristin Hannah (2024) has been described as an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided. This historical novel features Frances "Frankie" McGrath, a young nurse who serves in the Vietnam War. The story focuses on her experiences in combat and her struggle to readjust to a country that denies her service upon her return.

The *Case of the Eleven Blue Men* by Bertron Roueché first appeared in the New Yorker Magazine under the Annals of Medicine heading in 1948. Roueché, a journalist, wrote the medical mysteries for the New Yorker until 1988. Each story highlighted a mysterious medical condition and followed the medical and public health professionals as well as the patients as they solved the mystery to identify the source of illness. A selection of 25 stories are collected in the book ***The Medical Detectives***.

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks is based on the true story of Eyam, an English village that quarantined itself during the 1666 bubonic plague. The story is told through the eyes of Anna Frith, a housemaid, follows the town that receives a plague infected bolt of cloth from London. The book beautifully explores both the absolute worst and most noble aspects of human nature during a catastrophic crisis.

If you are looking for a great podcast to add to your playlist, check out ***Drug Story***. Hosted by Thomas Goetz, each episode takes the listener on a journey looking at common medications, exploring the science, real life stories and history behind them. It is an engaging listen and might have you looking at some of the most common medications in a whole new way.

Have a favorite book or podcast? We welcome your recommendations!

We're getting ready to launch!

The Massachusetts Public Health Nurse Training - Tier I.

The course will be live on MA TRAIN by the end of summer. Stay tuned for more information and thank you for your patience.



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Save the dates! Upcoming Webinars and Meetings

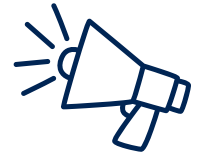
Join us for a Grand Rounds Presentation: Hoarding: A Case Study and the Role of the Public Health Nurse.

Tuesday, August 18th, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Sophie Carnes Jannen, Public Health Nurse Educator, Berkshire Public Health Alliance
Anne Mistivar, Western Region Public Health Nurse Consultant

Grand Rounds [REGISTRATION](#)

Nursing contact hours will be offered.



Communities of Practice & Networking Meetings

Monthly Maternal Child Health Workgroup

The workgroup meeting is open to all local Public Health partners!

Next meeting: **Tuesday August 4th 9:00 -11:00 am (Note there is no July meeting)**

- [Chasea Robinson](#), Northeast Region PHN Consultant
- [Anne Mistivar](#), Western Region PHN Consultant

New Nurse Network Quarterly Meeting

This virtual meeting is open to all new public health nurses in Massachusetts

Next meeting: **Tuesday August 18th 10:00 - 11:00 am**

- [Alyssa Kaiser](#), Southeast Region PHN Consultant

Regional SSA PHN Connection Group

A virtual gathering space for Regional SSA nurses to network and share resources.

Next meeting: **Monday, August 10th 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

- [Tamara Bedard](#), Central Region PHN Consultant

Massachusetts Public Health Nurse Resource Library (Padlet)

The PHN Resource Library is a dynamic compilation of resources to support Public Health Nurses and their colleagues. Content is organized by topic and updated on a regular basis. Please reach out with feedback or content suggestions.

To explore the Library double click [HERE](#)

Resources and Training Opportunities

Registration is open:

MHOA 2026 Annual Conference: Sharing Insight. Celebrating Impact

The MHOA 2026 Keynote speaker will be Dr. Katelyn Jetelina, founder and CEO of 0.05 Findings, which publishes the widely read public health newsletter [Your Local Epidemiologist](#).

October 28 - 30, 2026 / MassMutual Center - Springfield, MA

Save the Date! **Operation Stand Down** will be held in Boston on Friday, September, 11th. Interested in volunteering at the Foot Care tent? Go to: [Foot Care Tent Information and Registration](#)

Stay tuned for information on a special training Foot Care: A Nurse Led Model presented by Kitty Mahoney.

Community Birth and Doula Initiative (CBDI)

CBDI is a statewide program funded and led by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and hosted by Education Development Center (EDC). Conceived in 2025 following the 2024 MA Act to Promote Access to Midwifery Care and Out-of-Hospital Birth, CBDI partners with perinatal care providers, birth centers, hospitals, community organizations, and EMS to ensure families across Massachusetts have safe, respectful access to community birth and doula care.

For more information contact Sonia Chang, project coordinator (schang@edc.org) or follow them via [e-newsletter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#)

Boston Medical Center (BMC) Grayken Center for Addiction Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) provides education, support and capacity building to community health centers and other health care and social service providers on best practices caring for patients with substance use disorders. Offerings include live and pre-recorded events.

For more information go to [Grayken Centeristance \(TTA\)](#)

For more information about the LPHNC Program visit our webpage

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