

F.A.M.I.



Administration, Management Support and Information Technology Section

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Welcome aboard

By Cathy Nicholson, Chair

I would like to take a moment to thank you for electing me to represent you as the FAMI section Chair for this year. Although I have been in Public Health for more than 27 years, this is my first NCPHA leadership role. During my tenure with Henderson County Department of Public Health I have always looked forward to coming to work. It has been where I found my niche to serve others and to be a working mom.

FAMI is short for Finance, Administration, Management Support, and IT. In the administration unit of the local health department I view our FAMI roles as the glue that holds all of the other sections together. We are the ones that support the directors, managers, supervisors, operations, nurses, health educators, environmental health, and nutritionist. We are relationship builders; many times in our roles we may be the initial public health representative that impacts how customers and clients will respond to our services and its personnel.

As they say, “we are the boots on the ground” that ensures that the public health programs and services operate efficiently and smoothly.

Whether your agency is known as human services or public health the FAMI executive committee would like to challenge every county/district for at least one person to join the FAMI section of NCPHA and attend the NCPHA Fall Conference, September 14–16 in New Bern. I like the buddy system, if you are the same encourage one or more of your co-worker friends to also join. To help with the burden of expenses to attend NCPHA consider carpooling and rooming with the nurses, health educators or social workers. I have found it to be beneficial and time well spent getting to know them by sharing a laugh, idea or Ah-hah moment together. The FAMI Executive Committee used your suggestions from last year’s conference to obtain meaningful and useful topics for the Fall Educational NCPHA Conference. I can’t wait to learn about the *IT Tips & Tricks for Efficiency*, *What’s Holding up Your Funds* and *Communication and Team Building* through the FAMI section at the Fall Conference.

After seeing the adult coloring books in the stores and the new NCPHA PH Nurse logo, the FAMI executive committee has decided to solicit FAMI members for logo suggestions. I invite you to start creating logo submissions that represents and unites FAMI. Look for more information to follow on when, how, what for submitting your ideas.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. I am hopeful that it will encourage you to become an active member in the FAMI section of the NCPHA. Please join us at New Bern on Thursday, September 15 for the unveiling of the logo, election of officers, sharing a meal together, raffles, laughter and educational sessions. Look forward to seeing you there.

Motivate others with the right phrase.

To build excitement, say: “Please update me on your progress”; “That’s an excellent idea”; “I’d be glad to take care of it”; “Nice job on saving that account”; “Let me help you solve this.”

FAMI Section Leadership 2015-2016

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Benefits of NCPHA Membership

As a Member of NC Public Health Association you will enjoy:

- Leadership and educational opportunities within NCPHA committees, sections and council.
- Opportunity to participate in section-specific activities.
- Representation by a registered lobbyist at the N.C. General Assembly.
- Networking with other public health professionals and advocates.
- A discounted rate for the NCPHA Annual Educational Conference.
- Access to numerous awards and scholarships.
- An interactive website posting the latest NCPHA news and events.
- Social activities with other public health professionals.

Membership Benefits Continue to Grow

NCPHA Members are now eligible to receive discounts at many of North Carolina's popular theme parks and attractions! Members enjoy discounted tickets to the Biltmore Estate, Wet'n Wild Emerald Pointe, Carowinds, BJ's, Great Wolf Lodge, and the North Carolina Zoo. For the complete list and codes, login and go to the [Members Only Page](#).

If you joined a section, see the NCPHA website for section-specific information and ways to get involved. You can also look forward to website enhancements, a rejuvenated public advocacy committee, increased involvement of North Carolina students through a Student Caucus, and many other opportunities.

FAMI updates / Logo Contest

We hope you are making plans to attend the 2016 Fall Educational Conference in New Bern – September 14-16.

Our FAMI section is looking to revamp our conference sessions and bring more topics to the table that are helpful to our group, and others, as a whole.

For this year's conference, we are planning a Raffle/Fundraiser to help our Section have some funding outside of our annual section dues, which has almost been depleted for this fall conference. At this time, we are planning to have some raffle items/baskets plus 2 handmade quilts. If you would like to donate an item or oversee this 'committee' we would love to hear from you.

We are planning for some great speakers this fall, including a phenomenal main speaker for Thursday that you won't want to miss!

Our logo contest is underway... please be thinking about something that represents our FAMI group. We will accept any submissions up through the end of July.

How to Join/Renew

To join NCPHA, please use web address below. You will indicate on the form whether you are joining as an individual, student or retiree. Don't forget to join the FAMI Section as well.

The annual membership rates are:

Individual \$55

Student \$35 (Must be enrolled as a full-time student)

Retired \$35

To join FAMI Section, or any other section, it is an additional \$5.00 each, which specifically comes to our group.

<https://ncpha.memberclicks.net/join-now>

Dates of Interest

2016 NCPHA Spring Conference

Thursday, May 5
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Doubletree Raleigh
Theme – Health in All Policies
\$30.00 per person

2016 Fall Educational Conference

September 14-16
New Bern

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~BENJAMIN DISRAELI