

Great Lakes Public Health Coalition History of Collaboration



**Orientation to the
Great Lakes Public
Health
Coalition/Region V
Affiliates**

The Great Lakes Public Health Coalition – 6 State Affiliates



MINNESOTA PUBLIC
HEALTH ASSOCIATION
www.mpha.net



1st GLPHC meeting in Chicago September, 1983

The 1983 **purpose statement:**

The Great Lakes Public Health Coalition

will convene three times a year to

discuss areas of mutual concern including:

- *The role of affiliates and their function in relation to the American Public Health Association*
- *State public health associations' structure, function and activities*

Today – Two Meetings Annually: Spring & at APHA meeting

Those who often attend:

- Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council Association (ARGC)
- President
- Past President
- President-Elect
- Association Staff

Current and incoming officers attend. Costs normally fall on the association &/or individuals

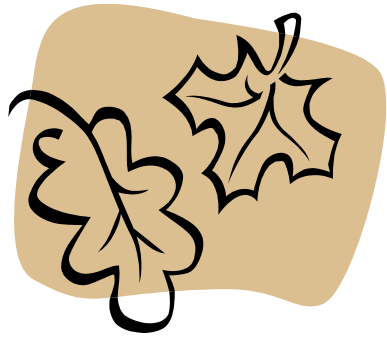


Spring meeting

- Typically 1 ½ - 2 day meeting
- Location rotates among 6 states
- Includes business meeting, shared learning, coalition planning

Group dinner at an interesting local restaurant





Fall Meeting

- Friday before APHA
- Business meeting, shared learning & planning
- APHA candidate roundtables

Group dinner at an interesting local restaurant



AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

For science. For action. For health.

Affiliate staff support for meetings

- Support volunteer leadership in planning meetings
- Meeting room reservations
- Miscellaneous preparation
- Serve as fiscal agent for GLPHC

Communication & Participation

- **Regularly updated** roster, e-mail list include each state's volunteer leadership & staff
- 2 to 4 from each state typically participate in spring & fall meetings
- Outcome of voting – simple majority of those present, without regard to state or office
- **6 ARGCs form Steering Committee**



About the ARGC

- Liaison between APHA & the affiliate
- Facilitates affiliate's resolution review process
- Represents affiliate in APHA Governing Council meetings (mid-year & fall)
- 6 ARGCs form GLPHC Steering Committee

APHA & Affiliates

- GLPHC is APHA's Region V
- 1 of 10 Regions
- Each Region chooses an ARGCC as its representative on the Council of Affiliates



Affiliate Online Community

Coalition Leadership

GLPHC Chair

- Elected in spring for 1 year term that begins at fall meeting
- Usually from the state where the next spring meeting will take place
- Does not have to be an ARGCC
- Maintains current leadership roster

GLPHC Chair Duties, cont.

- Plans agendas & logistics for 2 meetings (including block of rooms for spring meeting)
- Gives timely notice to the entire GLPHC roster of upcoming meetings
- Ensures that the operations manual is current and up-to-date
- Chairs monthly phone calls



Regional Rep to the Council of Affiliates (CoA)

- Elected in spring of odd-numbered years for 2-year term
- Must be an ARGCC
- Represents Region V on CoA
- Facilitates timely communication among affiliates, CoA & APHA

Purpose of the CoA

- **Composition** (including Chair, Chair-elect, and Secretary)
 - 10 Regional reps
 - 5 At large/appointed members
 - APHA staff member
- Facilitates communication & coordination between APHA & ARGCs/Affiliates, and APHA Executive Board
- Monthly phone calls with regional reps
- Specific yearly activities & responsibilities to improve Affiliates' effectiveness

Affiliate Meetings/Events at APHA Annual Meeting

- Affiliate Day (usually Sat. 8am-1:00pm prior to Opening Day)
- Affiliate Directors Meeting (Affiliate staff only)
- New Member Orientation
- CoA Awards Reception (typically Sat. evening)
- 2 CoA Business Meetings
- CoA sponsored scientific sessions
- APHA Policy Statement review process
- APHA Candidates Forum (joint with Section leaders)

GLPHC Dues & Fiscal Management

- Annual dues of \$250 covers costs of two meetings/year
- Invoices are sent by GLC Chair to ARGCS promptly after each spring meeting
- Illinois currently manages GLPHC funds



GLPHC Collaborations

Affiliate Capacity Building Initiative (funded by Kellogg Foundation), multi year grant award: 2008-2011

- Provided funding for new staffing in MI, MN & OH
 - IT /website upgrades
 - 6 shared learning sessions
 - Membership enhancements
- Applied to CDC to conduct regional conference on chronic disease & cardiovascular health (2010? Approved but not funded)
 - Health Impact Assessments, 2010-2012
 - Affiliate resolutions
 - region-wide advocacy
 - Endorsed APHA policy resolution
 - GLPHC Strategic Planning launched 2010, revised 2013

Keys to Success

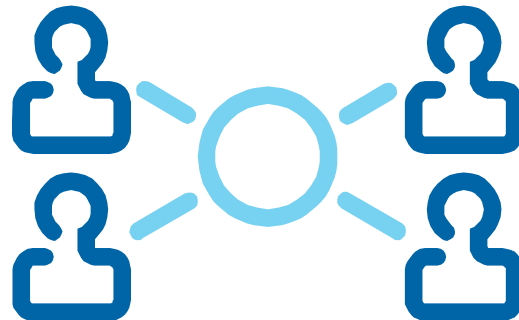
- Rotating volunteer leadership & meeting locations
- ARGCs function as Steering Committee
- Sharing essential functions
 - IL - fiscal management
 - IN coordinates shared learning
 - WI facilitates strategic planning
 - MI created and maintains website
 - MN & OH lead policy resolution processes

GLPHC Past Award Winners



Keys to Success – cont.

- Shared Learning - looking for knowledge & skills among ourselves
- Informal mentoring
- “Behind the scenes” essential staff support
- Affiliate support & commitment to GLC
- Friday night dinners & years of friendships



Important Resources

- GLPHC web site
www.mipha.org/glphc.php
- APHA www.apha.org
- Affiliate Online Community
<http://affiliates.apha.org/home/>