The Public Health Informatics Committee was established in 2011. The purpose of this committee is to determine the current informatics competency level and informatics needs of MAPHN members. Assist MAPHN members to identify what they may need to build upon their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the informatics area. The previous MAPHN PHN workforce enumeration survey workgroup’s charge remains part of this committee.

**Goals/Objectives**

* Complete online survey of the Massachusetts Public Health Nurses to assess the informatics needs of MAPHN members and assist in addressing any identified gaps in IT knowledge, skills, and abilities.
* Offer educational sessions to help build the MAPHN members competency level and IT skill set based on the results of the 2012 Informatics Survey.
* Draft and automate the third quadrennial MA PHN workforce enumeration survey.

Informatics Committee members: Co-Chairs: Deborah Chaulk & Glynnis LaRosa, Joyce Cheng, Diane Coste, Anne Marie Fleming, Leila Mercer, Andria Nemoda, Charlotte Stepanian, Katie Reilly and Lynn Turner. The committee meets monthly via conference call and subgroups meet more frequently as needed.

**Accomplishments**

* Deborah Chaulk, Glynnis LaRosa, and Kaydee Schmidt presented the 2010 MAPHN PHN Workforce Survey results via webinar to MAPHN members on March 15, 2012. The webinar was archived and the link and slides are posted on the MAPHN website.
* MAPHN 2010 PHN Workforce Survey summary document is posted on MAPHN website.
* An Informatics survey was developed using Survey Monkey in the fall 2011 and winter 2012. The draft survey was presented to the MAPHN Board on October 3, 2011. The IT Committee created “talking points” in February 2012 that committee members used to “launch” the survey beginning in February 2012 at regional chapter meetings. The preliminary results of the survey were displayed on a poster at the MAPHN annual conference on April 26, 2012.
* A table was available at the 4/26/12 MAPHN annual conference to ensure that any MAPHN members that had not yet completed their survey were able to do so conveniently by using computers provided at the conference. The survey was closed on April 30, 2012 and the final results were analyzed. A written summary of findings and suggested educational topics were presented to the MAPHN Board on 10/1/12 and to Chapter Presidents.
* The committee assisted in scheduling educational sessions on informatics identified needs after final analysis of the MAPHN PHN IT survey results and presentation to the Board.
* The following educational webinar trainings are being scheduled for the remainder of the year: MassCHIP, Twitter, Survey Monkey/Doodle Polling, Data and Statistics. There will also be in person trainings at the chapter level to be scheduled by each Chapter President on MIIS, MS Office and ongoing MAVEN training.

**Future Plans**

* Continue educational offerings until all key topics that were identified are completed.
* The third MAPHN quadrennial PHN workforce enumeration survey will be created in 2013. This will be an electronic survey using Survey Monkey which will allow for more timely data collection and data analysis.