

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH; APPLICATIONS TO MIDWIFERY

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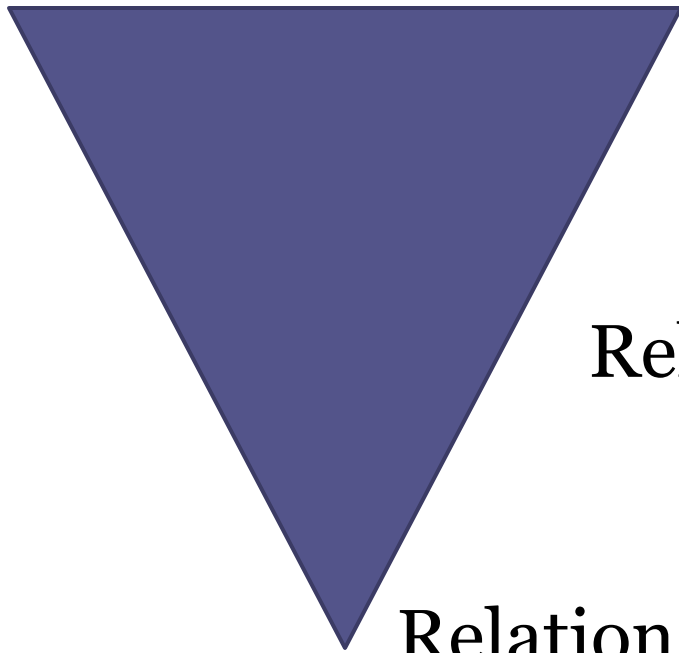
Announcements/ Logistics

- Thinkwave Readings
- Reminder: PH in Headlines E.C.
- Midterm Exam = 6/27/12
- Class topic

Lecture

- Break
- Discussion of Readings

Final Presentation/ Exam Concept



Relation/ application to PH



Relation/ application to MCH



Relation/ application to Midwifery

Review:

❖ **Environmental health is....**

the study of the relationship between
the environment and human health

Review continued....

❖ **The goal of EH....**

Goals of each of the environmental health divisions include the prevention of environmental diseases and the protection and promotion of human health

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**Health Services Policy /
Public Health Law**

Objectives

- Government regulates Public Health
- US Legal System on Health care
- Impact of Public Health Agencies

Public Health Law

- Made of federal, state and local statutes, and regulations that establish public health functions.

Goal... Protect health and safety of community

US Legal System

Branches of Govt.

- Legislative- Makes
- Executive – Enforces
- Judicial- Interprets

Sources of Law

- Constitution
- Legislative Action
- Judicial Decision
- Agency Administrative Action

It all adds up...

3 Branches of Federal / State
Government



4 sources of law



Public Health Law

Its all Relevant

- Constitutional Law as it relates to Public Health
- Constitution gives PH authority to “police” including assessment, monitoring, and addressing public health concerns.

Statutory Law and Public Health Workforce

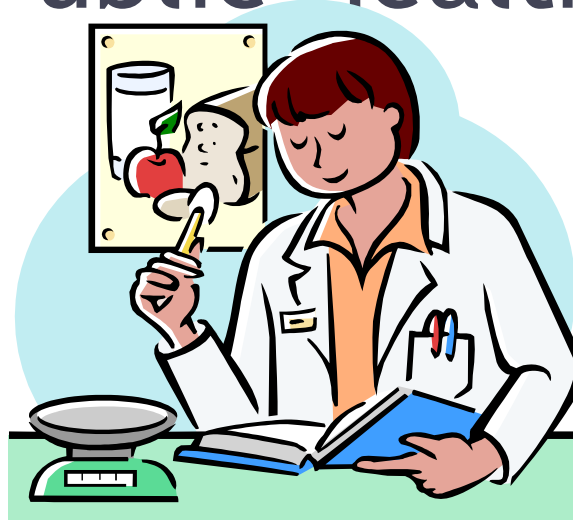
Public health workforce (including nurses, physicians, dental practitioners, health educators, social workers, clinicians and counselors, etc.) have duties under the public health laws that ensure the safety of clients, practices and society as a whole.

Statutory Law and Public Health Workforce

- As part of the executive branch, all public health agencies are authorized by the legislative branch to interpret & enforce public health laws, including the adoption of regulations.

Impact on Public Health

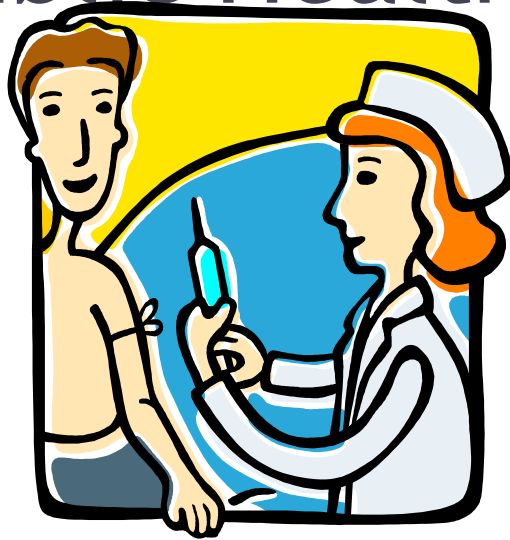
Executive →



HIPPA

Impact on Public Health

- Legislative →



School Immunization Laws

Impact on Public Health

- Judicial →



Tobacco Control Policies

Legal Structure

- ❖ Federal

US Dept. of Health and Human Services

- ❖ State

State Health Department

- ❖ Local

County Health Department



1. Federal: Surgeon General Label on cigarettes
2. State: Prohibit sale of cigarettes to minors
3. State Legal Authority: Taxation of tobacco products
4. CHD: Educational campaigns against smoking

Conclusion

- Public health law has evolved out of, and continues to play, a large role within the U.S. legal system.
- There is a strong relationship between public health and the federal, state and local governments, as they help oversee individual rights and privacy regarding health care.

WTH?

- Why Phillippi....
- Health Policy + MCH \neq Access to Prenatal Care
- Phillippi, 2009 discusses overall factors as they relate to accessing prenatal care.



Resources/ References

- <https://pphtc.sdsu.edu> {Pacific Public Health Training Center}
- Phillippi, J. (2009). Women's Perceptions of Access to Prenatal Care in the United States: A literature Review. *Journal of Midwifery Women's Health*, 54, 219-225.

Midterm Review Questions

1. Name three divisions of Environmental health....

2. What is the primary purpose of public health law?
 - A. To protect the health and safety of the community
 - B. To monitor health epidemics
 - C. To promote physical and mental health

Review questions...

3. According to Philippi, 2009 ... common societal barriers to access to prenatal care include all of the following except
- a. Culture
 - b. Finances
 - c. Partner Characteristics
 - d. Poor quality of care