



# American Public Health Association

## *Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section*

### **Summary Perspectives on Member Involvement in Policy and Planning Activities – September 2007**

#### **Executive Summary**

##### **Introduction**

The Community Health Planning and Policy Development (CHPPD) Section members were invited to complete a web-survey in the third week of September, over two weeks. Two reminders were sent via blast emails to regular members, and three reminders to student members.

In all, 11.7% of members (205 members from the 1,745 who received the survey) responded to the survey. Of these 156 were regular members, and 49 students. The response rate increased three percent from 2006, and the response rate for students was significantly better, as compared to only six responses in 2006. Most members who responded were either researchers, administrators or represented academia.

##### **Selected Major Findings**

- Most members (55% regular members, 68% students) who responded to the survey were not involved in CHPPD or APHA activities in the past year.
- Most members were not actively involved because they did not know about the opportunities (61% regular members, 77% students).
- Activities that members were most involved in are: contacting a legislator (23% regulars, 9% students), presenting papers at the annual meeting (18% regulars, 11% students); and reviewing abstracts/moderating sessions (16% regulars, 11 % students).
- Member described benefits of participation are: personal growth, helps with activities related to their jobs, and connecting with people.
- Most members are interested in community health and public policy.
- In all 71 regular members and 35 students had expressed an interest in connecting (via email or phone) with a member of the leadership team about CHPPD/APHA activities. These names have been forward to committee chairs.

##### **Discussion**

- The survey response rate at 12% was three percent higher in 2007. There was significantly better participation from students, and more

members who are not actively involved in CHPPD activities participated.

- Members who responded want to be involved in section activities, and need to information on how to be involved.

### **Next Steps**

Previously, 72% of the regular members who responded to a survey said that they chose the CHPPD Section because they wanted to stay updated on policy and planning issues, while 82% of students said so because they were interested in community health, and 64% wanted to learn from other researchers and practitioners.

This summary should be considered a preliminary draft and “work-in-progress”. The survey results are being discussed among section members.

## Detailed Results - "Perspectives on Member Involvement in Policy and Planning Activities – September 2007

	<b>Total (T)</b>	<b>Regular (R)<sup>@</sup></b>	<b>Student (S)</b>
Response rate (%)	11.5%	~ 8.8%	~ 7.5%
# of surveys sent	1900	1406 (70%)	594 (30%)
# did not get through	155	NA	NA
# completed	173	128	45
# incomplete	32	28	4

<sup>@</sup> includes regular, retired, contributing and health worker.

### \* 1. Would you describe yourself as?      T                  R                  S

	T	R	S
Professional, para-professional or retired	156	156	-
Student (and may also be a professional)	49	-	49
Answered question	205	156	49
Skipped question	0	0	0

### \* 2 (only students) How did you find out about APHA?

	T	R	S
From my school (flyer, professor, classes)	-	-	<b>61.7% (29)</b>
Search engine	-	-	0
APHA website	-	-	8.5% (4)
From a friend or colleague	-	-	19.2% (9)
From the APHA Student Assembly campus liaison to my school	-	-	4.3% (2)
Other:	-	-	6.4% (3)
Answered question	-	-	47
Skipped question	-	-	2

Student: not sure, My mom who is a professor of biostatistics at the School of Public Health at Saint Louis University., Work-related

### \*3. Have you heard of the CHPPD Student Committee?

	T	R	S
Yes	-	-	40.4% (19)
No	-	-	<b>59.6% (28)</b>
Answered question	-	-	47
Skipped question	-	-	2

### \* 4 How did you hear about the CHPPD Student Committee?

	T	R	S
I am on the CHPPD listserv	-	-	<b>52.6% (10)</b>
Email from CHPPD section	-	-	47.4% (9)
CHPPD website	-	-	21.1% (4)
From a friend or colleague	-	-	10.5% (2)
From a professor	-	-	10.5% (2)
Other:	-	-	0
Answered question	-	-	19
Skipped question	-	-	30

**\*5 What are your current research/career interests?**

	<b>T</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>
Advocacy/public policy	60.7% (119)	<b>63.1% (94)</b>	<b>53.2% (25)</b>
Chronic disease prevention, control, or treatment	35.7% (70)	36.9% (15)	31.9% (15)
Civil rights/social justice	30.6% (60)	30.2% (45)	31.9% (15)
Community health	73.5% (145)	<b>74.5% (111)</b>	<b>70.2% (33)</b>
Disability	5.1% (10)	4.7% (7)	6.4% (3)
Environment/neighborhood	25.5% (50)	24.8% (37)	27.7% (13)
Family planning/reproductive health	11.7% (23)	14.1% (21)	4.3% (2)
Health care delivery	28.1% (55)	27.5% (41)	29.8% (14)
Health insurance/access to health care	41.3% (81)	40.9% (61)	42.6% (20)
Health outreach/promotion/education	42.9% (84)	40.3% (60)	51.1% (24)
Homelessness/housing	10.7% (21)	10.1% (15)	10.6% (6)
Infectious disease prevention, control, or treatment	16.3% (32)	14.1% (21)	23.4% (11)
Mental health	13.3% (26)	12.8% (19)	14.9% (7)
Nutrition/physical activity/obesity	29.1% (57)	31.5% (47)	21.3% (10)
Program/service development or delivery	32.1% (63)	28.9% (43)	42.6% (20)
Program evaluation	40.8% (80)	38.9% (58)	46.8% (22)
Primary prevention	31.1% (61)	33.6% (50)	23.4% (11)
Research	37.8% (74)	35.6% (53)	44.7% (21)
Substance abuse	9.7% (19)	10.1% (15)	8.5% (4)
Violence/abuse	10.7% (21)	10.1% (15)	12.8% (6)
Other:	20.4% (40)	22.8% (34)	12.8% (6)
Answered question	199	152	47
Skipped question	6	4	2

Regular: genomics literacy/education, Information access, Planning, geriatric health, disaster planning and relief, public health disaster preparedness, Correctional Health, Health inequity, community mapping; GIS, genomics, public health education, genetics, assessment; MCH, Worksite & Obesity, Health Care Reform Women's health, use of qualitative methods, , Expand access to community based services for uninsured, Public health systems, social vulnerabilities, emergency preparedness, school health, preparedness, Health Emergency Preparedness Planning, Disaster Planning, Social Determinants of Health, Correctional Health, long term care, STD/HIV, regulation, ,Tobacco use prevention and treatment, media, workforce development, public health systems research,

Student: youth at risk, Minority Health, Health economics, Outcomes research, workforce development; education & training, HIV/AIDS, Accessibility,

**\*6. How have you been involved in CHPPD or APHA activities in the past year?**

	<b>T</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>
Reviewed abstracts and/or moderated sessions for the annual meeting	14.4% (28)	16.3% (24)	8.5% (4)
Participated in the APHA Student Assembly or CHPPD Student Committee	3.1% (6)	2% (3)	6.4% (3)
Staffed the CHPPD booth	4.8% (8)	5.4% (8)	0
Presented papers at the annual meeting	17% (33)	19% (28)	<b>10.5% (5)</b>
Attended CHPPD business meeting sand/or social hour	12.2% (24)	14.3% (21)	6.4% (3)
Sent out news items in the CHPPD listserv	3.6% (7)	4.1% (6)	2.1% (1)
Reviewed or wrote a policy paper for APHA	5.2% (10)	5.4% (8)	4.3% (2)
Contributed articles to the CHPPD newsletter	7.2% (14)	8.2% (12)	4.3% (2)
Contacted a legislator advocating for an APHA priority issue	19.6% (38)	23.1% (34)	8.5% (4)
Contributed to the CHPPD Reading Club	1.0% (2)	1.4% (2)	
Participated in the CHPPD leadership team (e.g. conference call, committees)	9.8% (19)	11.6% (17)	4.3% (2)
Have not been actively involved in CHPPD or APHA activities in the past year	58.2% (113)	<b>81 (55.1%)</b>	68.1% (32)
Other (please write in):	9.8% (19)	9.5% (14)	10.6% (5)
Answered question	197	150	47
Skipped question	8	6	2

Regular: Participated on policy dialogue planning workgroup, served as Exec. Bd. liaison to CHPPD, attend annual meeting and remain a member, Will be Presenting at APHA next month, and moderating a women's caucus sessionMembership just activated., part of working group, new member, other surveys and comments, Liasion with other APHA units such as the Latino and Socialist Caucases, International Health SectionNot involved, due to unaware of some opportunities for such, Affiliate Capacity-Building Initiative, Poster for Annual Meeting 2007, will present at this year's annual meeting, Just joined a couple months ago,

Student: I have not really been involved CHPPD or APHA activities due to commitments in school and family but will try and get involved one of these days.,CHPPD Work Group For Distance Communication, Participant on Student Assembly Diversity Committee; staffed university booth at annual meeting; (1) Moderated special session at APHA/06; (2) Finished term on COWR, new member,

**\*7. What are reasons for not being actively involved in CHPPD/APHA activities?**

	T	R	S
I don't feel connected to CHPPD or APHA	39.4% (43)	44.3% (35)	26.7% (8)
I do not know that these opportunities are available to me	66.1% (72)	<b>62% (49)</b>	<b>76.7% (23)</b>
None of the activities or topics interest me	8.3% (9)	10.1% (8)	3.3% (1)
Answered question	110	80	30
Skipped question	95	76	19

**\*8. What are some activities that CHPPD can do that would interest you, and make you feel more connected?**

	T	R	S
Share information about opportunities for funding, leadership, and mentorship opportunities within APHA and the CHPPD Section	56.8% (107)	<b>57.7% (79)</b>	<b>62.2% (28)</b>
Circulate opportunities for action within APHA and community health	46.2% (84)	46.7% (64)	44.4% (20)
Provide information about how the CHPPD Section and APHA works	45.6% (83)	43.1% (59)	53.3% (24)
Clarify information about how I can submit abstracts to the APHA Annual Meeting	13.7% (25)	11% (15)	22.2% (10)
Provide information about how I can take advantage of all the APHA Annual Meeting has to offer me	31.9% (58)	27.7% (38)	44.4% (20)
Include me in APHA Annual Meeting planning	21.4% (39)	21.2% (29)	22.2% (10)
Invite me to draft or review policy	30.2% (55)	29.2% (40)	33.3% (15)
Organize networking opportunities with student peers working in my interest areas	16.5% (30)	5.1% (7)	51.1% (23)
Organize networking opportunities with mentors working in my interest areas	48.9% (89)	45.3% (62)	60.0% (27)
Send periodic emails with information on opportunities for action.	41.2% (75)	40.1% (55)	44.4% (20)
Facilitate collaborating on program planning issues	40.1% (73)	40.9% (56)	37.8% (17)
Facilitate participation in discussions on health care personnel shortage	10.4% (19)	11% (15)	8.9% (4)
Participate in discussion on genomics and public health planning	15.9% (29)	17.5% (24)	11.1% (5)
Other:	11.0% (20)	13.9% (19)	2.2% (1)
Answered question	185	140	45
Skipped question	20	16u	4

Regular: Do not have the time to be involved. I am happy with my level of involvement; don't feel I need more, facilitate orientation for new CHPPD Governing Councilors; Share information on CHPPD policies and decisions and how they affect members; Participate in discussion of health inequities and policy change planning Provide Opportunities to discuss updates on community health issues locally and how they relate to APHA action

plans; A historical update on how community health has changed in past 10 years in APHA would be useful to all members. I know that we periodically receive e-mails on various activities - I should be more proactive in getting more info; Organize networking opportunities with colleagues (peer-to-peer) notices of policy issues being worked on by members or by national or governmental organizations. My position doesn't allow me enough time to participate stimulate concepts and ideas I think CHPPD and Public health should be promoting; facilitate connection with state assns; Explain the mechanics and logistics of the APHA strategize for systems change and share experiences among CHPPD Section members; Book review; Network with others in Correctional Health; Post graduate degree-still looking for job; Discuss policy issues on issues regarding immigrants and refugees, provide avenues for advocacy and policy at the state and federal levels regarding community health issues such as clean indoor air, smokefree workplaces, etc.

Student: Available job opportunities,

**\*9. What are some ways that the activities you are currently involved in can be enhanced or improved?**

	T	R	S
Establishing a dialogue with international students or colleagues (only Regulars)	3.4% (6)	4.6% (6)	NA
Sharing information on hot topics	28.6% (50)	31.5% (41)	20.0% (9)
Discussing how community health priorities link to resource allocation decisions	41.7% (73)	42.3% (55)	40.0% (18)
Providing information on data sources to assist in development of local public health policy	45.1% (79)	45.4% (59)	44.4% (20)
Having active projects for section members to work on	34.9% (61)	34.6% (45)	35.6% (16)
Having opportunity to share information about innovative projects I am involved with	22.3% (39)	23.1% (30)	20.0% (9)
Providing more involvement in advocacy issues	40% (70)	30.8% (40)	28.9% (13)
Having a written strategic plan for the section	25.7% (45)	26.9% (35)	22.2% (10)
Connecting with colleagues interested in policy analysis	34.3% (60)	34.6% (45)	33.3% (15)
Connecting with other members in my area of interest	60% (105)	<b>56.2% (73)</b>	<b>71.1% (32)</b>
Other:	5.1% (9)	6.9% (9)	0
Answered question	178	133	45
Skipped question	27	23	4

Regular: discussing leadership succession in our section, Alone, having a strategic plan will not be useful, but coupled with action, it would enhance activities, this was a very poorly framed question; and we should be allowed not to answer, Providing information on racial and regional disparities in health would be a blessing to all advocates. This information linked to community health agenda would be great.,my activities are

complicated by involvement in many activities plus limitations of age of 87 but lots of experience, Project-specific subgroups,

Student: No comments

**\*10 Why did you choose CHPPD as your primary section?**

	T	R	S
I want to stay on top of planning and policy information	67.8% (118)	<b>73.6% (95)</b>	51.1% (23)
I am interested in community health	21.3% (37)	NA	<b>82.2% (37)</b>
I want to discuss ideas and my work with other researchers and practitioners in my field	37.9% (66)	42.6% (55)	24.4% (11)
I want to learn from other researchers and practitioners in my field	61.5% (107)	60.5% (78)	64.4% (29)
I am interested in getting a job in this field	26.4% (46)	14.7% (19)	60.0% (27)
I am not sure	4.0% (7)	5.4% (7)	0
Other (please write in):	8.6% (15)	10.9% (14)	2.2% (1)
Answered question	177	132	45
Skipped question	28	24	4

**Regular:** Conviction that the social/economic/political/cultural context matters most for individual and community health, recommendation from an existing CHPPD member, Seemed like the closest thing to focus on Human Services, best fit for my interests overall, , , , , , , , Was most appropriate to former research, Community Health is central to a public health degree and professional practice in public health. Health planning, organization and delivery issues are central to an effective health care system. Community Health appoces and interventions makes the difference in the lives of people. Innovative programs at community level is key to prevention & promotion., most alligned with my interests and work, It seemed to be the only section that could address the promotion of primary prevention at the community level., its the work associated with my current job title, I have not been satisfied with many public health acivities many of which seem to be impractical for use in many situations, I have my professional experience in community health planning and public policy., The Section's focus (albeit not effective)on Community Health

**Student:** I did' nt select..I don't know how I became affiliated

**\*11 Have you ever assumed formal elected leadership within CHPPD or APHA? This could include section chair, a committee chair, secretary, Section Council, Governing Council, APHA board or task force.**

	T	R	S
Yes	13.8% (24)	15.9% (21)	6.7% (3)
No	87.9% (153)	<b>84.1% (111)</b>	<b>93.3% (42)</b>
Answered question	177	132	45
Skipped question	28	24	4

**\*12 For how long have you held the leadership position within CHPPD or APHA?  
This can involve multiple positions.**

	T	R	S
Less than two years	26.1% (6)	23.8% (5)	33.3% (1)
Between 2 to under 6 years	47.8% (11)	<b>50% (10)</b>	33.3% (1)
Six years or more	30.4% (7)	30% (6)	33.3% (1)
Answered question	23	20	3
Skipped question	178	132	46

**\*13 What are some ways the Section and/or APHA might continue to use your experience and expertise?**

	T	R	S
Nominate me for elected offices	43.5% (10)	38.1% (8)	<b>66.7% (2)</b>
Identify a role for me as an advocate for a health issue	52.2% (12)	52.4% (11)	33.3% (1)
Identify a role for me as a liaison with one or several organizations	60.9% (14)	<b>61.9% (13)</b>	33.3% (1)
Other	30.4% (7)	33.3% (7)	0
Answered question	24	21	3
Skipped question	181	135	46

Regular: nominate CHPPD leaders to serve on other APHA Boards/committees, transfer of institutional knowledge to new people, Hire me as a Community Health consultant, coordinate conference calls on civil rights and planning strategies, (I want to leave this blank but the survey won't let me.), advisor,

**\*14. What are some benefits, expected and/or unexpected, that you have experienced, as a result of your involvement with CHPPD or APHA?**

	T	R	S
Networking with people in the field	33.7% (58)	<b>36.2% (47)</b>	24.4% (11)
Networking with people in my region	15.7% (27)	16.2% (21)	13.3% (6)
Getting updates from the field	32.6% (56)	32.3% (42)	31.1% (14)
Staying abreast of federal efforts	23.3% (40)	22.3% (29)	24.4% (11)
Gaining tools and strategies to do my job more effectively	16.9% (29)	16.9% (22)	15.6% (7)
Learning more about APHA	33.1% (57)	31.5% (41)	<b>35.6% (16)</b>
Having opportunities to get involved in policy advocacy	17.4% (30)	16.9% (22)	17.8% (8)
I have not experienced any benefits as a result of involvement	15.7% (27)	14.6% (19)	17.8% (8)
I have never been involved with CHPPD or APHA	29.1% (50)	25.4% (33)	<b>37.8% (17)</b>
Other	6.4% (11)	7.9% (10)	2.2% (1)
Answered question	175	130	45
Skipped question	30	26	4

**Regular:** I just joined a few months ago, thru conferences and newsletter - never been active in the section, mtg the FINE people in our section and supporting them into

leadership roles in APHA, was not active over the past year, I have served as dean of colleges of health and human services which have included schools of public health, nursing, social work, community health sciences, aging etc. In these leadership roles APHA and community health have been central for advocacy, community coalitions & networks. Curriculum Innovation for public health professionals can be improved through understanding community health issues. Participation in Government task forces and commissions can be enhanced through community health., too soon to tell, my interests have in general not been stimulated by many public health initiatives but do like PH anti smoking programs but feel that often PH programs have not been across age levels., Encouraging me to write articles (for the Newsletter)., I am a new member and have not had time to explore all the possibilities., recent membership-not enough time to be involved.

Student: Attended annual meeting at no cost,

**\*15. What are some benefits, expected and/or unexpected, that you would like to experience, as a result of your involvement with CHPPD or APHA?**

	T	R	S
Networking with people in the field	73.1% (125)	<b>69.8% (90)</b>	<b>77.8% (35)</b>
Networking with people in my region	60.2% (103)	55% (71)	71.1% (32)
Getting updates from the field	60.2% (103)	60.5% (78)	55.6% (25)
Staying abreast of federal efforts	55.6% (95)	54.3% (70)	55.6% (25)
Gaining tools to do my job more effectively	67.3% (115)	66.7% (86)	64.4% (29)
Learning more about APHA	27.5% (47)	24.8% (32)	33.3% (15)
Having opportunities to get involved in policy advocacy	49.7% (85)	47.3% (61)	53.3% (24)
Other	3.5% (6)	4.7% (6)	0
Answered question	174	129	45
Skipped question	31	27	4

**Regular;** should be allowed to skip since I have already experienced benefits over the years, Strategic policy planning for eliminating health disparities, Involvement in public advocacy would be limited by government job restrictions, opportunities and consultancies with APHA, FINDING EMPLOYMENT,

**Student:** No comments.

**\*16 Would any of the following add value to your CHPPD membership if offered? (please check all that apply)**

T R S

CHPPD-sponsored local/regional professional networking events	49.4% (84)	51.6% (66)	40.0% (18)
Access to a local members list	50.6% (86)	50% (64)	48.9% (22)
Member discussion board	28.8% (49)	26.6% (34)	33.3% (15)
Mentorship program	41.2% (70)	34.4% (44)	57.8% (26)
Access to and updates on funding opportunities	61.2% (104)	61.7% (79)	55.6% (25)
Access to and updates on job announcements	61.8% (105)	54.7% (70)	<b>77.8% (35)</b>
Access to and updates on successful community-based programs, tools, or interventions	79.4% (135)	<b>79.7% (102)</b>	73.3% (33)
Other	4.7% (8)	6.3% (8)	0
Answered question	173	128	45
Skipped question	32	28	4

Regular: job announcements to help graduating students, The networking could occur by teleconference, the book discussion section of our web site is excellent --we should 'hype' it more among our membership --it's under-used, suggest value for CHPPD to become involved in other non public health activities such as state Medical Societies, Community Health Toolbox, access to consultation opportunities,

Students: No comments

**\*17 Would you be interested in distance learning opportunities featuring emerging issues or methods in your field?**

	T	R	S
Yes	77.6% (132)	<b>75% (96)</b>	<b>80% (36)</b>
No (skip to 16)	24.1% (41)	25% (32)	20% (9)
Answered question	173	128	45
Skipped question	32	28	4

**\*18 If yes, what topics are you interested in (check all that apply):**

T R S

Access to care	48.1% (62)	45.8% (44)	50% (18)
Advocacy	55% (71)	53.1% (51)	55.6% (20)
Community Based Participatory Research	58.1% (75)	56.3% (54)	58.3% (21)
Community Health/Urban Planning	67.4% (87)	<b>64.6% (62)</b>	<b>69.4% (25)</b>
Healthcare Coverage	31.8% (41)	31.3% (30)	30.6% (11)
Health Disparities/Equity	64.3% (83)	62.5% (60)	63.9% (23)
Emergency Preparedness	20.9% (27)	21.9% (21)	16.9% (6)
Evaluation Research/Assessment	49.6% (64)	44.8% (43)	58.3% (21)
Mental Health	15.5% (20)	14.6% (14)	16.7% (6)
Pandemic Health Planning	20.2% (26)	20.8% (20)	16.7% (6)
Policy Analysis and Development	62.0 (80)	62.5% (60)	63.9% (23)
Public Health Infrastructure	14.0% (18)	4.2% (4)	38.9% (14)
Strategic Planning/Operations	41.1% (53)	40.6% (39)	38.9% (14)
Other (please specify):	7.8% (10)	8.3% (8)	5.6% (2)
Answered question	132	96	36
Skipped question	73	60	13

Regular: Assuring that preventive services (primary and secondary prevention) are promoted by the state health dept., Becoming aware of community health disparities would be useful and the basis for planning and advocacy. Demographic profiles of region and nation would help., Certificate of Need, Chronic disease prevention policy, community health workers, chronic illness management, Genomics, peace as a public health issue, Primary Disease Prevention,

Student: Legislative issues relating to public health intervention tools, Health economics Outcomes research,

**\*19: Please rank the first three ways that you would prefer to receive information from the CHPPD section with 1 being most preferred? Only first choice is shown .**

	Total`	Regular	Student
Annual Meeting Business Meetings	7.6% (13)	8% (10)	6.7% (3)
Discussion Boards	8.2% (14)	8.8% (11)	6.7% (3)
Email blasts	47.1% (80)	47.1% (57)	51.1% (23)
Quarterly newsletter	25.3% (43)	25.3% (31)	26.7% (12)
Snail Mail	1.2% (2)	1.2% (2)	0
Teleconferences	6.5% (11)	6.5% (9)	4.4% (2)
Webinars/webconferences	6.5% (11)	6.5% (9)	4.4% (2)
Other	7.6% (13)	7.6% (10)	6.7% (37)
Answered question	173	128	45
Skipped question	32	28	4

**Regulars:** again should not have to fill out all answers I only have top two, cant always attend meetings, conference calls, depends on the quality of info, I can't support any of the choices because I don't know who else is interested in my area of interest., Local mini conferences lead by local and national staff would provide a network foundation that could grow to use internet and teleconferences. A participant network must be developed first to insure partisipation., Regional meetings, Regional/local meetings, Tie

to other local public health programs such as at state level, what is a webinar and how different is it from a teleconference?

**Students:** regionalal/sectional meetings, Emails that come thru APHA system need to be better formatted. Their point gets lost in all the badly formatted graphics and text., mailed newsletter,

**\*20 How important is it for you to feel part of a student community within CHPPD?**

	T	R	S
Very important	33.3% (15)	-	33.3% (15)
Somewhat important	<b>35.6% (16)</b>	-	<b>35.6% (16)</b>
Not important	6.7% (3)	-	6.7% (3)
Have not thought about it	24.4% (11)	-	24.4% (11)
Answered question	45	-	45
Skipped question	4	-	4

**21\* Are you currently subscribed to the CHPPD listserv?**

	T	R	S
Yes	54.4% (92)	<b>57% (73)</b>	43.2% (19)
No	47.3% (80)	43% (55)	<b>56.8% (25)</b>
Answered question	169	128	44
Skipped question	32	28	5

**22\* Would you like to be added to the section listserv?**

	T	R	S
Yes (complete 21),	55.8% (96)	<b>53.1%(68)</b>	<b>63.6% (28)</b>
No	43.2% (76)	46.9%(60)	36.4% (16)
Answered question	172	128	44
Skipped question	33	28	5

**23\* Please write-in your email address # who wrote in: 68P-8S**

**24. What is your vision for the future of Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section? (open-ended)  
Total comments= ; Regular=64 ; Student: 24**

**Regular:**

- I don't know enough about it to make a comment at this time.
- To recruit and retain new members
- Note: do not send duplicate emails - Im already on listserv. More active integration of the work of researchers and community health advocates/activists so that we become the 'go to' entity when community informed research useful e.g. for federal, state, local legislative or policy initiatives relevant to health of communities.
- To be a leader within the Association in planning and policy development on community health, disparities and ELSI issues while addressing the needs of all

section membership. Serve as an educational and networking resource for section membership.

- I do not have a vision for the section.
- That we continue to grow as one of APHA's largest sections; that we proactively provide opportunities for our members to be involved; and that we continue to cultivate and support leaders from our section who go on to serve as Executive Bd members, APHA President, etc.
- This should be the leader in developing a national strategic plan for Community Health. A missing piece has been a section on long term services for the senior and disability - a situation with resources (both financial and workers) that will soon reach a crisis level.
- collaboration
- The CHPPD Section is an influential leader in public health planning and policy development
- I hope that the section finds additional ways for members to connect with one another and share knowledge and resources.
- revival of the art and science of health planning
- I am interested in working in healthcare policy.
- To engage in policy and practice initiatives that improve social determinants of health.
- Continued sharing of varied projects and results
- a strong program at APHA annual meeting. Chance to network with others. examples of successful planning in the newsletter.
- I would like to see the section become more actively involved in community efforts - for example, sponsoring volunteer service opportunities.
- I think that much of what the section does is working well. I would like to see the section give thought to public health competencies and contribute relative to certification of public health workers. Since much of the work of the section is applied I think we should contribute to the discussion about the role of applied public health to the scholarship of engagement.
- To serve as a catalyst for public health practitioners and policy planners to discuss and formulate strategic approaches to implementing policy change to eliminate health disparities in the Nation, in line with federal and international initiatives such as Healthy People 2020 and the WHO's initiatives to eliminate health disparities.
- To communicate clearly the central role of community health & community health strategies & interventions to the health of communities. Clearly articulate the understanding of multidisciplinary tools in knowing a community and how to engage networks & resources for improvement in a complex nation.
- That technology (GIS/mapping) and epidemiology be linked to yield information that will help influence the basis on strategies and action plans for Health Planning and Policy Development.
- An informed group of professionals that practice informed research and advocacy on community public health issues.
- More interaction amongst the members
- knowing who else might be interested in my specific focus area.

- Utilize research data, provide best practices, share it among organizations regardless of size.
- I have so little connection now that I have no specific vision of the future.
- More information on the latest policy developments at the federal level.
- Serves as a conduit for information on hot and new topics in CHPPD and as a conduit for information on successful projects and programs.
- Provide mentorship, address issues, provide funding opportunities, be a driving force in public policy.
- Don't have a vision right now
- broader cross disciplinary networking and pulling other health based programs into cooperative ventures
- A clearly articulated vision and mission for national, regional, and local professionals to share their expertise and learn from each other about policy development and advocacy, planning for community health outcomes, and continued resources such as funding, job opportunities, and evidence-based practice.
- affordable health care for all.
- I would like to see it take up a role in advocacy for what communities need nationally by being actively involved in the programs of other advocacy organizations throughout the country, especially in Washington, DC.
- I have tried to become involved in the past. I email a lady from Harvard who never responded. I also emailed another lady. Any effort I've made to engage have been met with silence. It seems like a very closed section.
- I would like to become an active member and collaborate with other professionals in this field.
- A greater emphasis on COMMUNITY Health rather than theoretical planning, lesser isolation from the other Sections (more interaction with other Sections and Caucuses), less emphasis on students, less dependence on a handful of (the same) people who tend to dominate the Section.
- refer to [www.hcop.org](http://www.hcop.org) weblog
- I would like to network with members of the Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section in order to learn how to work more effectively in public health.
- a strategic vision to promote and fund community health planning at the local, regional, national level a better relationship between NIH and HHS/CDC funding for translational research in the community
- To promote policies for the good health of all residents in the USA.
- As a new member to APHA and someone who is planning on going to graduate school in FY08 my goal is to get as much out of this section as possible. I would savor any opportunity to get more involved on a local or even national level in whatever capacity is needed. The reason I joined APHA is to get back into the "public health loop" so to speak. So far I feel informed, but would like to be active.
- Section members could share ideas and interests with each other through a listserv and develop forums for action and sharing during the year
- To better and/or specifically define the 'community' for which the section desires to develop policy and conduct health planning. To strategically focus on current and

emerging health needs that are manageable at the level of community or through policy enactment.

- I have to have an idea of what the old vision is before I can give mine.
- I am not sufficiently involved to answer this ? at this time
- A dynamic section that provides the membership opportunities to network with other members and receive training in community health planning and policy development.
- A group where one can learn how to tie in all of the various community health resources to be able to offer more seamless care to those accessing different levels of care within the community
- Lots of change with upcoming presidential election.
- APHA CHPPDS is the lead resource for community infrastructure planning for public health and provides subsidized educational opportunities for professionals to develop their skills in the field.
- a dynamic, leading section which involves its members in all aspects of its functions and operations
- Seems reasonable as is.
- don't have one
- My vision is that public health becomes more than words to the community and that we are seen as advocates who cares.
- Help get support for advocacy for health policies.
- Continued advocacy and information repository
- to be a leader in health planning strategies and a contributor to APHA policy sessions
- An actively collaborative group of professionals who through interaction with each other are better able to shape health planning and policy at least in the communities in which members serve.
- don't know
- To new to have a vision
- A place where we can network, share information and learn about strategies to improve community health, including changing individual behavior, improving the built environment, working with communities, and regulatory/legal mandates
- Since I'm a new member, I haven't developed a vision as yet. I'd like to meet the membership and look at the work they've done and be involved in the work to be done. I hope this section will provide an opportunity to advocate for issues of interest to me and work toward policy change.

**Student:**

- to mentor students interested in becoming health policy analysts and prepare them for professional positions at the state, local and federal levels. to continue to communicate relevant health policy issues to its members.
- To keep students abreast of new information relating to planning, implementation and evaluation of community health programs.
- A section which connects the practices of planning and public health and offers opportunities for participation in programs and advocacy which improve health through planning and policy.

- Clarity in need for multicultural understanding of disease interpretation and how to improve communication for health providers. Community contribution regarding their needs and the ability to try and fulfill the gap.
- To be the most active section of APHA in advocacy, research, and public health planning.
- Leaders in research, funding and advocacy around community-based research.
- My short term vision is continued work toward getting everyone without health insurance some kind of coverage. In addition to this, we need to focus on health in all communities. Education and primary prevention needs to be increased, analyzed, restructured if ineffective, and sent out into the public again. I believe that the key is starting in the schools. But, we cannot only teach the importance of healthy eating and activity, but also show it in the educator's behaviors. It needs to be fun and make an impact. I'm also concerned about tobacco. I believe that a lot more initiative should be out there pushing for decreased tobacco use and sales. Essentially, I have a lot of concerns. I know that many of these concerns are global, but I believe that there needs to be an additional push to work on getting good, strong, effective planning and policies into motion.
- I currently do not have a vision of CHPPD because I don't know enough about it.
- I would hope that this section will serve to guide public health practice and policy, furthermore, to serve as a network for all professionals and students across the nation.
- My vision for the future of the Community Health Planning and Policy Development is to be able to participate in the activities of this organization and be production in some areas sharing my experience.
- Have not developed a vision
- Provide resources and support systems to facilitate progress towards Healthy People 2010 goals and objectives.
- Access to health care all people in the United States
- To actively involve budding public health practitioners in community health planning and policy matters.
- Explore stronger linkages to affiliates, in light of common policy development goals
- Continue linkages with other APHA sections, caucuses, SPIGS through annual meeting program
- Review means for learning about members' interests/needs for program at annual meeting
- To develop more strategies that will help reduce the health disparities among communities of color.
- Access to health care for the homeless.
- I see it as a resource for public health workers in community health and an advocate for community health policies.
- My vision for the Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section is to promote advocacy and public awareness for our nation's healthcare system.
- - increase awareness of the connection and importance of policy within public health
- - its connections to all areas of public health - so many people don't understand the relationship and importance of planning and policy work to research - and/or how to

- More opportunities for students to shadow senior members in leadership roles as well as student entry level positions that have a strong foundation in community health and policy background.

**25\*. What is your primary role in community health and/or health care? (Please choose just one)**

	T	R	S
Academia	9.5% (16)	12.9%(16)	NA
Administrator	17.3% (29)	18.6% (23)	13.6% (6)
Advocate	4.2% (7)	4% (5)	4.6% (2)
Consultant	5.4% (9)	6.5% (8)	2.3% (1)
Educator	10.7% (18)	9.4% (12)	13.6% (6)
Outreach Coordinator	3.6% (6)	4.8% (6)	0
Health care provider	1.2% (2)	1.6% (2)	NA
Philanthropist	1.8% (3)	1.6% (2)	2.3% (1)
Planner	4.2% (7)	4.7% (6)	2.3% (1)
Regulator	1.8% (3)	1.6% (2)	2.3% (1)
Policy Developer	2.4% (4)	3.2% (4)	0
Researcher	23.8% (40)	<b>20.5% (26)</b>	<b>31.8% (14)</b>
Retired	1.2% (2)	1.6% (2)	NA
Student	0	0	NA
Other (please write in);	11.3% (19)	10.5% (13)	13.6% (6)
Answered question	168	127	44
Skipped question	33	29	5

26 What degree program do you currently attend? (spaces provided for degree, school, department) – only student

4 responses

Hunter College, Urban Public Health, MPH

University of North Carolina, Health Behavior/Education & City/Regional Planning, MPH/MRP

Walden University, Public Health, MPH/Ph.D

Walden University, Public Health Community and Education, PHd

**\*27. If in the US, which region do you work in? If not from the US, please write in your country.**

	T	R	S
<b>Region I: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT</b>	9.5% (16)	10.5% (13)	6.8% (3)

<b>Region II:</b> NJ, NY, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands	13.1% (22)	12.9% (16)	13.6% (6)
<b>Region III:</b> DE, MD, PA, VA, Washington D.C., WV	21.4% (36)	<b>20.2% (25)</b>	<b>25% (11)</b>
<b>Region IV:</b> AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	13.7% (23)	14.5% (18)	11.4% (5)
<b>Region V:</b> IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	11.3% (19)	12.1% (15)	9.1% (4)
<b>Region VI:</b> AR, LA, NM, TX, OK	6.5% (11)	6.5% (8)	6.8% (3)
<b>Region VII:</b> IA, KS, MO, NE	5.4% (9)	6.3% (8)	2.3% (1)
<b>Region VIII:</b> CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY	0.6% (1)	.8% (1)	0
<b>Region IX:</b> AZ, CA, HI, NV (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands)	14.9% (25)	12.6% (16)	20.5% (9)
<b>Region X:</b> AK, ID, OR, WA	3.6% (6)	3.2% (4)	4.6% (2)
Other (please write in);	1.8% (3)	2.4% (3)	0
Answered question	171	127	44
Skipped question	38	29	9

**\*28. What type of areas (or regions) does your professional work primarily impact?(please choose one)**

	T	R	S
Mostly Rural	7.7% (13)	7.1% (9)	9.1% (4)
Mostly Suburban	6.0% (10)	6.3% (8)	4.6% (2)
Mostly Urban	31% (52)	<b>30.7% (39)</b>	<b>29.6% (13)</b>
Rural-Suburban (equally distributed)	2.4% (4)	3.1% (4)	0
Rural-Urban (equally distributed)	8.3% (14)	8.7% (11)	6.8% (3)
Suburban-Urban (equally distributed)	8.3% (14)	9.4%(12)	4.6% (2)
Rural-Suburban-Urban (equally distributed)	23.8% (40)	26.8% (34)	13.6% (6)
Rural	1.2% (2)	1.6% (2)	0
Suburban	0.6% (1)	0.8% (1)	0
Urban	12.5% (21)	5.5% (7)	31.8% (14)
Answered question	171	127	44
Skipped question	34	29	5

**\*29. How long have you been a member of APHA?**

	T	R	S
This is my first year	31.5% (53)	21.3% (27)	<b>59.1% (26)</b>
More than one year, but less than	31.5% (53)	<b>32.3% (41)</b>	27.3% (12)

five years			
5 – 10 years	19.6% (33)	22.8% (29)	9.1% (4)
More than 10 years	19.0% (32)	23.6% (30)	4.6% (2)
Answered question	171	127	44
Skipped question	34	29	5

**30 How long have you been affiliated with CHPPD as your primary section?**

	T	R	S
This is my first year	48.5% (81)	<b>38.9% (49)</b>	72.7% (32)
More than one year, but less than five years	32.3% (54)	35.7% (45)	20.5% (9)
5 – 10 years	12% (20)	14.3% (18)	4.6% (2)
More than 10 years	9% (15)	11.1% (14)	2.3% (1)
Answered question	167	123	44
Skipped question	34	29	5

**\*31. Have you selected a secondary section?**

	T	R	S
Yes (got to 31)	64.9% (109)	<b>60.6% (77)</b>	<b>72.7% (32)</b>
No (skip to 32)	36.9% (62)	39.4% (50)	27.3% (12)
Answered question	171	127	44
Skipped question	34	29	5

**\*32 If yes, what is your secondary section(s)? Check all that apply.**

	T	R	S
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
Chiropractic Health Care	0	0	0

Environment	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
Epidemiology	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
Food and Nutrition	6.5% (3)	6.5% (3)	0
Gerontological Health	4.3% (2)	2.2% (1)	7.7% (1)
Health Administration	15.2% (7)	15.2% (7)	0
HIV/AIDS	6.5% (3)	0	23.1% (3)
Injury Control and Emergency Services	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
International Health	4.3% (2)	4.4% (2)	0
Maternal and Child Health	6.5% (3)	4.4% (2)	7.7% (1)
Medical Care	8.7% (4)	8.7% (4)	0
Mental Health	4.3% (2)	2.2% (1)	7.7% (1)
Oral Health	0	0	0
Occupational Health and Safety	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
Population, Family Planning and Reproductive Health	0	0	0
Public Health Education and Health Promotion	41.3% (19)	<b>28.3% (13)</b>	<b>46.2% (6)</b>
Public Health Nursing	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
Podiatric Health	0	0	0
School Health Education and Services	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	0
Statistics	0	0	0
Social Work	2.2% (1)	2.2% (1)	7.7% (1)
Vision Care	10.9% (5)	10.9% (5)	0
Answered question	59	46	13
Skipped question	146	110	36

**33. Please write in any other comments that you would like to share with CHPPD members.**

**Total = ; Regular=21 ; Student=7**

**Regulars:**

- Call on me if you need me!
- Health planning concepts need to be re-energized to confront the ever expanding issues of cost containment, quality improvement and access expansion, and to help policy-makers understand that public oversight of health care development is paramount since competition doesn't work in health care delivery.
- I am here to put hepatitis C on the agenda, front and center. The ratio of this worldwide epidemic is 1:4 That is 1 person with HIV/AIDS for every 4 with hepatitis c. It's time we do something.
- I have too many other professional affiliations and responsibilities to play a big role in CHPPD or APHA but I do want to stay involved at the level I currently am.
- I have very little time to be involved and could only do so if the involvement directly related to my work in heart disease prevention
- I value CHPPD as my primary section a great deal. We have leaders who are active in their field, love to network with others, and we're also pretty good with our student outreach. Our annual meeting scientific sessions are mostly EX-cellent, and so is our

newsletter. I like that we occasionally network with other sections, too. All in all, I'm pretty happy with us! [PS: I responded no to the question below re: getting more involved in CHPPD/APHA because I'm already pretty involved and can't put one more thing on my plate at this point!]

- I wish there was a statistical profile of the members of CHPPD with interests perhaps based on this survey that could be shared with all members and may also include contact information
- I would like to be more involved, but my job responsibilities are too great at this time to allow me to participate.
- I would like to get more involved but my job has so many demands that my extra work time is limited.
- It is difficult to be approved for conference attendance; given that, it would be helpful to have regional events and sessions that use current internet technology.
- It is very difficult to become involved in this section.
- it would be good to learn about good models or best practices in community health planning and policy development
- Looking forward to meeting members at the upcoming conference. Enjoy networking and learning what others are accomplishing in their communities.
- my problem is significant involvement in a number of local initiatives and limited time. I have been impressed by my ability to help various agencies communicate with each other. Concentration on just one aspect of public health does not seem like a good idea.
- On question 3, I think the options are limited. It asks why you have not been more involved in CHPPD...I did not agree with any of the 3 options (the reason was I was a student and just too busy) but it required me to pick one.
- Thanks for conducting this survey.
- this questionnaire needed a little more work and should have been run past a few more people.
- Would be good to disseminate information about publishing opportunities - Perhaps list of journals friendly to community health and policy work, notice of special issues, etc. Also info on research based reports which often don't get published in regular journals (at least not in complete form) but can be useful to others (eg evaluations of local initiatives to end homelessness).
- Your work is vitally important to the improvement of public health in the country.

**Students:**

- To increase the value of public health issues for communities of interest that need service, one could become more involved with local politicians and the community that needs to be served.
- This survey is more like an ambush--I feel like I'm forced to answer questions which, given the choice of responses, implies a minimal level of interest on my part to increase my participation. Your survey is skewed: there should be response options that indicate "no interest".
- It is not clear how one can get more involved in the section. Also, can someone provide more information on how to select a secondary interest?
- I have no other comments, May the Lord bless you all.

- CHPPD is an excellent resource for students and newcomers in the public health field. The networking and information sharing options are excellent
- Besides being an Administrator with CHPPD, advocacy has been a passion primarily because these actions instigate the elements of social change.
- I wish there were a way to separate out those interested in community health from those interested in policy. So much of the section focuses on policy, and it doesn't feel like there is a home within APHA for those interested in community health interventions and evaluation work.

**34\*. Would you like discuss CHPPD or APHA activities with a member of the section leadership?**

Comment [PC1]: Awkward wording.

	<b>T</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>
Yes (go to 33, 34)	64.8% (107)	<b>57.9% (70)</b>	<b>84.1% (77)</b>
No (go to thank you page)	35.2% (58)	42.2% (51)	15.9% (7)
Answered question	165	121	44
Skipped question	36	31	5

**35\* Please write-in your contact information and a section member will contact you.**

**Total = ; Regular = 71 ; Student: 35**

**36\* Which section activities are you most interested in?**

	<b>T</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>
Member communications	20.2% (21)	17.4% (12)	25.7% (9)
Membership recruitment and engagement	6.7% (7)	8.7% (6)	2.9% (1)
Policy development/Advocacy	67.3% (70)	<b>73.9% (51)</b>	<b>54.3% (19)</b>
Program planning	55.8% (58)	59.4% (41)	48.6% (17)
Student involvement	16.3% (17)	4.4% (3)	40% (14)
Other:	2.9% (3)	2.9% (2)	2.9% (1)
Answered question	104	69	35
Skipped question	97	83	14