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National Organization for Public Health Nursing

Records, 1913-1953

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Historical Sketch. By 1910, more than one thousand organizations were employing visiting nurses across the country. Anxious to better direct this new fields development, a Committee on Visiting Nursing of the American Nurses Association was formed. Chaired by Lillian Wald, this group asked the American Nurses Association and the American Society of Superintendents to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a third nursing organization. The end result was the creation of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing (NOPHN) in June of 1912. This groups encompassed nurses from visiting nurse associations, anti-tuberculosis organizations, rural health agencies, and industrial health units. Unlike their private-duty counterparts, public health nurses concentrated on contagious disease control, screening, and health education in place of bedside care.

The NOPHN was a cooperative effort between nurses and lay people in the promotion of public health. Its objectives were to stimulate responsibility for health of the community by establishment of extensions of visiting nursing and all other forms of public health nursing; to facilitate efficient cooperation between nurses, physicians, boards of trustees and other persons interested in public health measures; to develop standards of ethics and techniques of public health nursing; to establish and maintain a central bureau for information, reference and assistance in matters pertaining to such service and to publish periodicals and issue bulletins from time to time to aid in the general accomplishment of the organization.

Through an anonymous gift, the NOPHN become the first nursing organization to open an office and hire a full-time executive director, Ella Crandall. Additionally the *Visiting Nurse Quarterly* with it's one thousand subscribers, advertising contracts and remaining budget was given to the new organization. An association of nurses, lay people, and educational and service agencies, the NOPHN for years pursued it's agenda of establishing standards for service and education and ultimately community health.

Concluding an era in the history of public health nursing, on June 19, 1952, the NOPHN held it's last meeting, voting the dissolution of the organization and the transfer of it's interests and resources to the newly formed National League for Nursing.

Summary. The Center for the Study of the History of Nursing purchased this collection of microfilm from the National Library of Medicine in 1985. The collection consists of 25 microfilm reels (numbered reels 9 through 33). In order to provide greater access to the collection, Center staff examined each reel of film and recorded the information from the title sheets forming part of each reel. Although this information is somewhat crude, it will assist the researcher in finding relevant material.

The collection consists chiefly of minutes from the meetings of the board of directors, committees, and the annual conventions. Correspondence files are also included within the minutes

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Miscellaneous Manuals, 1928-1935
Advisory Committee on Lay Participation, Oct. 13, 1941

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Agency Adjustments in the National Security Program, Jan. 9, 1951
Allocation of NOPHN Functions and Programs, 1950
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Cost in Public Health Nursing, 1945-49
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Education Committee Minutes, 1930-1950

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Collegiate Council on PHN Education, 1947-1951
Financial Committee Minutes
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Committee on Service Cost & Analysis, 1927-1951
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Conference on Mental Hygiene Education for PHN, Nov. 16-18, 1949
Committee on National Improvement of Nursing Services, 1949
Unification Accrediting Activities, 1949
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Committee on Unification of Accrediting Activities, 1946-48
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The Promoting Committee for the Study of the Structure of the National
Professional Nursing Organizations, 1946
Committee-Minutes, Headquarters Cabinet, 1941-1946
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Public Health Nursing Magazine
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Miscellaneous Materials, 1925-1951
Regional Meeting, April 9-10, 1947

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Joint Project-Report of Development of Criteria for the
Evaluation of Psychiatric Nursing.

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NOPHN-Sub-committee on Accreditation, Special Meeting Proceedings, 1948
The Council of State Leagues of the National League of Nursing Education

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Sophie Nelson's Book of the NOPHN

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Financial Statement of 1941
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