

# *Lisa Finetti Hahn, RN, MS*

## *Why did you choose public health nursing?*

I really liked the preventative piece. I felt empowered with knowledge and a connection between the individual client the community client and potentially changing the future course of a disease.

## *Please provide a brief description of what you do.*

I am the Chief of Clinic Services and Special Programs for Oakland County Health Division. I oversee all planning activities and staffing for two large community walk-in clinics that provide immunization, pregnancy testing, STD/HIV testing, and the preventative TB control program. I also support the counties Immunization Action Program and the flu programs.

## *Please describe your role in the health care community where you practice nursing.*

I work directly with the Administrator for Public Health Nursing Services and the Health Officer in providing insight into the needs of the Public Health Clinic, public health codes and principles, nursing licensure requirements and professional standards and provide input on county wide statistical trends.

## *What do you consider to be the most challenging part of public health nursing?*

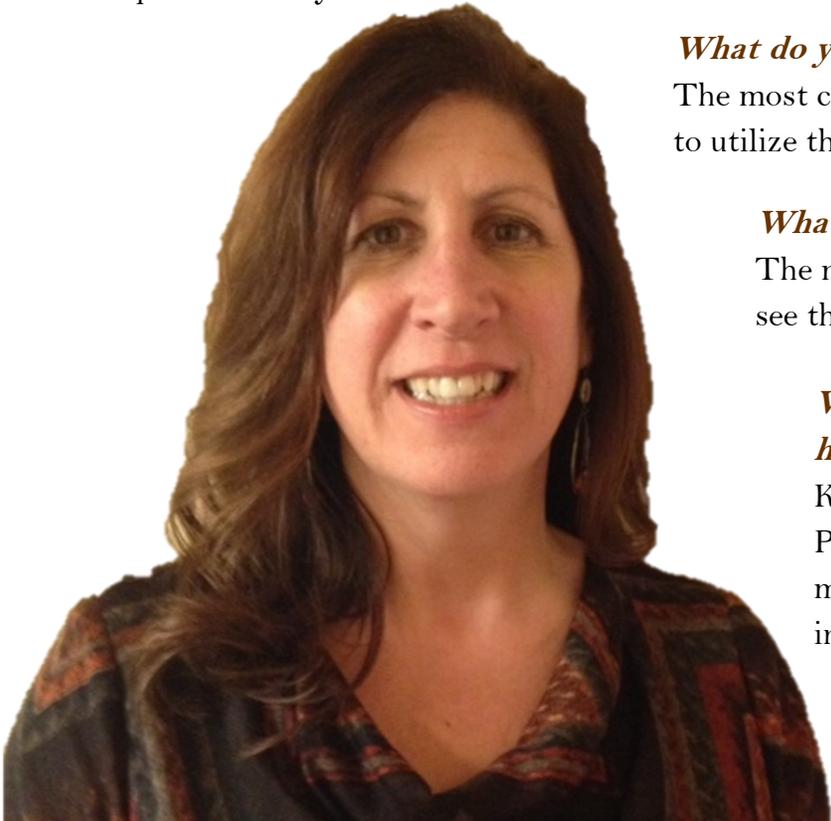
The most challenging and frustrating part of public health is inspiring the appropriate people to utilize their authority to act on a health need quickly.

## *What do you consider to be the most rewarding?*

The most rewarding part of being a public health nursing administrator is being able to see the impact one individual or program has on health trends.

## *What advice do you have for nursing graduates who are considering public health nursing as a career?*

Keep an open mind, be creative, thoughtful and utilize your communication skills. Public health is ever changing. Know that the program you are involved with today may help an individual tomorrow and someday eliminate the need for medical interventions altogether.



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