

# Telehealth Opportunities in Public Health Nursing

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# Why Telehealth in Public Health Nursing?

- Wyoming Department of Health is Centralized- Workforce is scattered
- Telehealth is in use in a variety of settings, but not well documented in Public Health Nursing
- Public Health Nursing serves the populations we want to reach and are most likely to be unable to travel distances
- Geography 😊

# Public Health Nursing Set Up

- All counties are currently equipped with Zoom licenses, and with the necessary hardware.
- Platform already in use administratively but are ready to pilot as host sites
- Several counties have voiced interest in piloting
  - Albany County
  - Big Horn County

# Public Health Nursing Telehealth Uses

- Administrative
  - Training the public health workforce (hands-on included)
  - Fostering positive communication and connections
  - Mentorships
- Host sites for patient health care access
  - Genetics clinic with Utah provider
  - Behavioral health
  - Pediatric specialists
- Enabling home visitation in the face of barriers
  - Weather/terrain
  - Nursing travel time and low staffing
- Chronic disease prevention and management
  - Facilitation of one on one prevention activities
  - Classes- supported in literature
- Communicable disease control
  - DOT for Tuberculosis
  - HIV management

# Public Health Nursing Next Steps

- Literature review for best practices
- Development of guidelines and orders for telehealth activities
- Pilot client-based clinics and encounters
- Work to build relationships with Wyoming telehealth providers
- Looking at options to boost telecommunication capability in rural counties

# How You Can Help

- Let us know if you are interested in partnering to offer telehealth services
- Sample guidelines, orders, clinic procedures for host sites

Questions??

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