



State/Region Covered: Colorado

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Recent Chapter Highlights:

- At least one workshop/training/event was held once a quarter.
- Regional membership drive/events held across Colorado thus increasing membership representation in urban and rural areas.
- Supported Public Health Revitalization Bill signed into law June 3, 2008.

Predictions for health education in our state in the next 18-24 months:

- Given the current economic climate; this is a very difficult time in Colorado for health educators. With constant cuts at the state level it impacts our public health educators greatly so a professional network (COSOPHE) is more important now than ever.
- The SOPHE 2010 National Conference in Denver is such an honor and we will help as much as possible. We are excited about sharing our community and expertise with others from around the nation.

How involvement in my SOPHE chapter has advanced my career or professional development:

I've had the opportunity to work with and learn from some extraordinary public health professionals (COSOPHE board and members). My leadership skills have grown along with my ability to say no. I've advanced to the next level professionally with the help of my COSOPHE mentors.

Natascha Palmer

Accomplishment of my chapter I am most proud of?

When I think of the proudest moment, I think of the COSOPHE leadership. With two past presidents serving in an active capacity, we have the luxury of continued organizational history. As with all organizations, it is the leadership that motivates the board.

Melanie Stopponi



Next Chapter Event:

Sept 28, 2009
12pm
**Public Health
of the Rockies
Conference**
Copper Mountain
Resort
Copper, CO