



Editor's Note on Volume 2 Issue 3

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Editor's Note

The current issue of Journal of Community and Public Health Nursing addresses several provocative issues in the field but the commentary written by DeSalvo and Parent was of particular interest to me [1]. In the commentary, the authors discuss Public Health 3.0 and the importance of bringing new and innovative ideas to the problem-solving table to reduce barriers and improve health, especially for those citizens experiencing the poorest health in our communities. At least two other articles in this edition share ideas on some innovative ways to do just that: Collaborative efforts between neighborhood community health settings and academia that provide clinical experience for nursing students while increasing access to care for the underserved [2] as well as use of a community based registered nurse-community health worker (RN/CHW) model to provide more regular screenings for low income residents [3].

As public health dollars are stretched (and frayed), it is essential that we, as nurses, continue to look for new and innovative ways to provide care to those who are disadvantaged and disenfranchised. Nurses' collaborative approach and fearless tenacity make us well-suited for today's challenges. Our communities need us. Let's lead the way to healthier communities.

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