

MINUTES FROM SOUTH DAKOTA ENA MEETING 10-08-97

The October 8, 1997 meeting of the South Dakota Emergency Nurses Association was called to order by President Jill Wiesner at 12:45 pm in Sioux Falls with transmission via Telemedicine Network System made possible by a grant from the Office of Rural Health Policy to Aberdeen and Rapid City.

The following members were present: in Aberdeen-Cheryl Hairgrove; in Rapid City-Pat Sortland and J D Giegler, Bev Krietlow; and in Sioux Falls- Jill Wiesner, Darlene Even, Mindy Laflin, Tom Berg, Bette Gustafson, Clara Johnson, Francie Miller, Paula Vogelsang, Roine Claussen, Linda Barck, Paulette Kirby and Bonnie Murtha, and several guests at each site.

Minutes from the June 2, 1997 meeting were approved as printed. Motion by Clara Johnson, second by Francie Miller to accept. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expense-Income Statement enclosed. Current Balance as of 10-08-97 is \$7474.84.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Bette Gustafson

There is much volume received monthly. Key points include the recent Anti-fraud/anti-abuse strategies for medicare and medicaid over payment, over charge with an ongoing program Operation Restore Trust. National awareness of Latex Allergies is becoming an issue for all areas of health care. Assisted Suicide was debated with ENA taking the stand to Not be involved. Another item of interest concerned Family Violence Prevention Club which stresses that Health Care Workers need education in screening, assessment and referrals in the family services area. Use of the Emergency setting as Primary care is due to the lack of primary providers. The national debate is ongoing in the amount of monies to provide for Children's Health Insurance. Another interest is concerning a push to limit access to Medical Records to provide for confidentiality and patients rights to access.

INJURY PREVENTION: Monica Huber

No report available.

PEDIATRIC COMMITTEE: Paulette Kirby

There are two upcoming ENPC Courses in Sioux Falls and one ENPC-I course set for October 22-23 in Rapid City. Carol Cressman and Paulette Kirby are Faculty for these. In planning for 1998 Community events, continued work with Safe Kids and the Subaru Child Safety Seat Campaign are two projects for now.

TRAUMA COMMITTEE: Clara Johnson

Monica Huber and Clara Johnson are on the Task Force to develop a Statewide Trauma System. Guidelines for transfer and designation of levels of care are two areas of interest at this time. CATN for fall was cancelled but rescheduled for March 4-5, 1998 with brochures forthcoming. TNCC is ever growing with multiple courses held throughout the state. TNCC-I is scheduled for October 14-15, 1997 in Sioux Falls. South Dakota EMS has received funding for ATLS, BTLs, and TNCC-P for rural areas in the state. McKennan will be doing a course in Tyndall and Sioux Valley will be doing a course in Chamberlain. Money for physicians is only to be used for rural doctors.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Darlene Even

The fall newsletter will be coming out in mid November. Any and all articles or news items ie: upcoming classes and events, will be greatly appreciated. Can be sent to me at home: 6309 W 59th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or faxed to 322-2030. Discussion was held about the liability insurance for the

newsletter for the content. Darlene will contact a local insurance company to get estimates for coverage.

REGIONAL INTERESTS GROUPS

Cheryl Hairgrove in Aberdeen requests input from other facilities regarding policy of having all patients who are registered as ED patients seen by ED physicians before leaving the department. Suggestion to use ENA position statements as a resource. You can contact ENA at 1-800-2-get-ENA.

Pat Sortland in Rapid City is looking forward to having ENPC-I course and have TNCC courses scheduled. For information contact Pat at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

OLD BUSINESS

State By-Laws were voted on by the membership. Fifty nine ballots were sent with forty two returned voting to accept as written. This meets the need for approval by 2/3 of the membership. Revisions can be made in the future and voted upon as needed. They will be submitted to National ENA for approval.

Delegate Selection by point system was discussed with recommendation to set a time limit of prior two years, May to May. Motion by Mindy Laflin: Accept Delegate Selection Application as printed with the recommended two year time frame. Second by Bette Gustafson. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Scientific and General Assembly reports: Bette Gustafson, Paula Vogelsang, and Mindy Laflin were our delegates to the General Assembly this year. This is the first year South Dakota has sent a delegation. Bette Gustafson said was a learning process for all. Several resolutions were presented and debated with the issue of Assisted Suicide bringing the most discussion. There are new Position statements available on Customer Service and Wellness. A Mission Statement was also established and will be published in the Etcetera. The professionalism and process of coming to a decision were two steps that impressed Mindy Laflin. Getting away from the emotional issues was difficult, but your votes do count. Paula Vogelsang enjoyed the large selection of topics. The topic of the Impaired Nurse was handled in a panel discussion including a lawyer, a member of the Tennessee State Board of Nursing, and a rehabilitated nurse. This discussion was well done. Managed care is ever changing nationwide. The issues for us are just beginning. A written report will be included in the newsletter.

Call for 1998 Committee members: Anyone interested in Chairing a committee or as a member should submit to one of the officers a letter of interest by December 1, 1998. Committees include: Governmental Affairs, Pediatric, Injury Prevention, Trauma, and Newsletter.

Meetings for 1998 were discussed, tentative times are: February 2, May 4, and October 5. Format to remain the same at this time with use of the Telemedicine Network. New Committee Chairs should submit proposed budgets for 1998 to Jill Wiesner or Darlene Even.

There Being no further business, motion by Francie Miller, second by Mindy Laflin, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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