

Minutes from the South Dakota ENA Meeting

October 14, 1998

Telemedicine Video Conference

The October 14, 1998, meeting of the South Dakota Emergency Nurses Association was called to order at 10 AM in Sioux Falls, SD. with transmission via Telemedicine Network System Rural Health Policy to Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Watertown.

The following members were present: Aberdeen: Cheryl Hairgrove, Rapid City: Pat Sortland, Nancy DeVries. Watertown: Jody Foster, Lila Schaefer, Karla Strege, Dory Gassman, Rosemary Lukkes, Sioux Falls: Paula Vogelsang, Peggy Graf, Becky Prochello, Mindy Laflin, Bonnie Murtha, Kathy Martinec, Francie Miller, Tom Berg, Monica Huber, Jill Wiesner, Paulette Kirby, Bette Gustafson.

Minutes were approved from the June 1, 1998 meeting. Motion made to accept by Monica Huber and seconded by Paulette Kirby. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT; Review of current balance and recent expenses provided by Jill Wiesner. The balance on August 1, 1998 was \$11,500. The CATN course had an expense of \$1,200 and income of \$760.00. Other recent expenses were the ~~ENCARE~~ Update and Emergency Nurses Day. Our current balance on October 14, 1998 is \$8,772.07. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Francie Miller and seconded by Peggy Graf. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Governmental Affairs: Lila Schaefer and Carol Fonken.

Lila Schaefer again reported that they have not been receiving the Washington Update. Bette Gustafson will fax the past Washington Update to them. Bette Gustafson reports some update for the Washington Update. ComCare alliance is a coalition of emergency medical professional working to promote 911 networks. Health Care Worker Protection Act advocates the use of safe needle devices to provide protection of worker from needle sticks. There are approximately 3000 needle sticks per day. There is currently a bill proposed letting medical workers as opposed to HMO's decide where patients will get their medical care. There will be a page on the WEB in Jan. 1999 that will be an interactive site for ENA members. They will be able to send messages to congressional members, and also be able to retrieve the bill status and Committee schedules.

Injury Prevention . Monica Huber .

There was an Emergency Nurses Care Training session planned for October 20, 1998. But there is a new program available next month, so the next training session will be held next spring. The new program has updated slides and video. ENCARE and national ENA has partnered with Ford for car seat check-ups. Monica offered that anyone

in the outlying areas may team up with Ford. Locally, we are teamed up with General Motors. Monica also informed us that the son of Sue Sheehey {National ENA} was involved in a diving accident and wondered if the SD ENA was interested in sending a contribution to help defray medical costs. There is consensus to contribute to that fund. Cheryl Hairgrove had no addition to the report.

Pediatric Committee: Paulette Kirby.

Paulette Kirby and Carol Cressman attended a national ENPC update in September in Atlanta, Georgia. All courses taught beginning Jan 1, 1999 **must be** updated format. Please see enclosure regarding ENPC updates.

Trauma Committee: Monica Huber and Jill Wiesner (who reported for Clara).

There was a recent CATN course held with 13 people attending. There is another course planned for spring, but no date has been set. This course is sponsored by the South Dakota ENA. The TNCC instructor course scheduled for November 8, 1998 was canceled yesterday. It is rescheduled for Jan. 15, 1999. Jill Wiesner reporting for Clara Johnson, states that the South Dakota Trauma Systems Task Force is asking for support from the South Dakota ENA in regards to Trauma System development. Clara has composed a letter to Bob Graff, the Trauma System Coordinator in Pierre. Tom Berg made a motion to send the letter to the Trauma System Coordinator in Pierre. Motion seconded by Paulette Kirby. Motion passed.

Regional Special Interest Groups.

Aberdeen: Cheryl Hairgrove reports that the Faulkton Ambulance Service has had increasing problems with transfer re-imbursment with Medicare and Medicaid patients. They are usually non-emergent and greater than 65 miles. Cheryl was asking if we have problems with the same locally. Monica Huber responded with some suggestions to increase reimbursement. 1. Document medical necessity, if there is no necessity there is no payment. 2. Is it for convenience of patient? 3. Get approval before transfer of patient. Monica also suggested that they talk to their Medical intermediary. There are meetings planned for Nov. 3, 4, 5. Cheryl Hairgrove also asked if anyone had taken the computer CEN exam. Jill Wiesner has taken the exam and reports that a big advantage is being able to set the date and time.

Rapid City: No response

Watertown: Thank you to ENA for the money to celebrate Emergency Nurses Day.

Sioux Falls: Darlene Even is working on another newsletter and hopes to have it out in the next month.

#### Old Business

The ENPC update was covered by Paulette Kirby earlier in the meeting. Tom Berg reports that there was a Safety Restraint Training session sponsored by the Safe Kids Coalition put on in July. There were 12 people who attended the two day trained technician course. There was a check point in September and will be having additional ones in October and November at Fire Station #7. These will be presented in conjunction with the immunization clinic. Safe Kids would like help with these check points and are also interested in people wanting to be trained as either two or four day trained technicians. There will be a session next summer for the four day trained technician. There are five four day trained people in the state. The Safe Kids Coalition is partnered with Billion here in Sioux Falls.

New Business

Paulette Kirby has accepted the President Elect position for the next year. She will assume the role of President for the two years to follow. Tom Berg is preparing an article for the newsletter in regards to the 1998 General Assembly in Denver.

Bette Gustafson called for 1999 Committee Memberships and Chairs. They will be the same Committees and the Newsletter. If you are interested send a letter to Bette Gustafson at Box 108 Sioux Falls, S.D. 57101-0108 by the first of the year.

Bette requests committees to work on recording written guidelines for elections. ENA Day, government affairs activities (Nurses' Day at Legislation), ENA delegate selection, etc. Members that expressed interest: Paulette Kirby, Francie Miller, Tom Berg.

SDENA has had an invitation from AACN to join them for a meeting this winter. Bette will find out a date and let us know when that will be. Tom Berg would like input on issues to be discussed at the next General Assembly. Consideration is being given to have an informal forum to discuss issues and resolutions. Information on this will be available at a later time

There being no further business, a motion was made by Francie Miller and seconded by Paulette Kirby. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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