

Minutes from the South Dakota ENA Meeting  
October 12, 1999  
Telemedicine Video Conference

The October 12, 1999 meeting of the South Dakota Emergency Nurses Association was called to order at 10 AM in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with transmission to Watertown and Rapid City.

The following members were present: Sioux Falls: Tom Berg, Roine Klassen, Paulette Kirby, Jill Wiesner, Clara Johnson, Darlene Even, Mindy Laflin, Francie Miller, Bette Gustafson and Paula Vogelsang. Guest Mary Jagim was also present from North Dakota as speaker for Emergency Nurses Day. The Rapid City and Watertown members present is unavailable at this time and will be obtained at a later date.

Minutes were approved from the June 1, 1999 meeting with two corrections. Motion was made to accept by Tom berg and seconded by Darlene Even. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A review of current balance and recent expenses was provided by Jill Wiesner. Recent expenses have been: CATN mailing: \$30.00, ENPC-I : \$60.00. Recent income was from CATN registration: \$300.00. Our current balance on September 30, 1999 was \$11,303.88. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Clara Johnson and seconded by Roine Klassen. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Governmental Affairs: Lila Schaefer and Carol Fonken

HICFA has released new standards to protect hospitalized patients. A copy of the rights are given to the patient's families on admission. These rights are particularly directed toward restraints and seclusion. Hospitals must provide their staff with training in order to care for Medicare and Medicaid patients. There is a Colorado study of abuse of nurses in the workplace. There have been threats of sexual assault and physical violence, usually inflicted by patients. Many of these are not being reported to management. Male nurses are more likley to be the victims of assault. The California ENA recently supported a bill passed through senate that child seats must be replaced after accidents. Another bill passed by senate is the 911 bill. This would make 911 a universal emergency number. ENA wants us to urge Clinton to sign. The Norwood Dingle Bill is in regard to the prudent layperson and guarantees medical necessity of decisions made by medical personel.

Injury Prevention: Tom Berg

The Safe Kids events trailer should be done shortly. There were no ENA funds used for this project. There will be a one day Injury Prevention Child Passenger Safety Event held on November 20 from 10am to 2pm at Billions on Minnesota Avenue. Anyone interested can help with traffic flow, paperwork, etc. This is a good time for involvement for one day. Notify Tom at 333-7388 if anyone is interested. Rapid City recently had a four day training session that went well. In their checkpoint, two of the forty-four seats were used properly. They hope to do another clinic soon. \$800.00 has been budgeted for Child Safety Events. Tom would like to propose matching funds to

supply bicycle helmets in the emergency departments in the state. Clara feels this is something the whole state can participate in and feels we should move forward with this. Bette questioned who would decide how to distribute the helmets, that there may have to be some type of "mini grant application". Mindy would like to see it go beyond bicycling to include skateboards and rollerblading. Tom is able to get helmets at \$8.00 apiece from Safe Kids. Tom Berg made a motion to designate money to the Bicycle Helmet Safety program throughout the state with applications to the ENA with a limit of \$100.00 per site. Motion seconded by Mindy Laflin. Motion passed unanimously. Clara Johnson made a recommendation of a cap of \$1500.00 to funds available. If there are more requests, considerations will be made. Tom Berg has agreed to develop a draft for application for funds. Lila Schaefer has agreed to help with this.

Pediatric Committee: Paulette Kirby

We are entering into the first year with the new format for ENPC course. There had been a delay in the courses initially. There is an instructor course scheduled October 26 with three participants. Mindy Laflin reports that the revised ENPC course has been offered twice. She feels most of the changes are for the good. There were some problems with the triage station but national is aware and looking at some changes.

Trauma committee: Clara Johnson

Clara has an update from the Governor's Trauma Advisory Board. The South Dakota Board of Osteopathy asked Dr. Fred Harris what his recommendations were for PA's and primary physicians practicing emergency medicine. His recommendation was for those practitioners to take ATLS. The recommendation for nursing was the TNCC course of choice. A CATN course will be held next week with ten enrolled. Clara will bring a proposal to the next ENA meeting asking for a cost of \$65.00 for the CATN course in an attempt to increase attendance.

Newsletter

Cheryl would like to put out another newsletter yet this year. Send her any information or report you would like printed.

Regional Special Interest Groups

Watertown: none

Rapid City: Their four day Child Passenger Course went well.

Old Business

The tentative date for revision of TNCC is August, 2000. This will be a paper revision, not formal instruction. Mary Jagim met with the International Nurses at General Assembly; they discussed TNCC being taught in foreign countries.

New Business

Tom Berg and Darlene Even attended the General Assembly in Washington DC as South Dakota delegates. Darlene extended her thanks to the SDENA for subsidising the trip. She attended a work group of the Election of the Board of Directors. There was discussion on how to fill the President/President Elect position if they were to leave office. Resolution was there would be a special election held to fill the positions. She also enjoyed the social events. Tom felt it was an excellent conference. Networking is an important part of the conference. The General Assembly now has electronic voting. There was discussion about interstate licensure. Tom will write more about this in the

next newsletter. He also attended a session on re-writing resolutions. The next General Assembly will be Chicago, 2000, Orlando, 2001, and New Orleans, 2002.

Nurses Day at the Legislature will be held in January, 2000 sponsored by South Dakota Nurses Association. It is a two day format. The South Dakota ENA has budgeted \$300.00 for members to attend. Lila Schaefer expressed interest in attending.

Paulette Kirby has resigned her position of president elect. We will need to have a special election to fill this position. Call for nominations will be sent out and can be turned into any board member. There will then be a ballot sent out. This will be completed by the end of the year.

Clara asked if any money was budgeted to the Leadership Symposium. The state leadership conference will be February 23,2000 with the Leadership Symposium being held February 24-26, 2000. Clara Johnson made a motion to send the president in 2000 to State leaders Conference with cap of \$1000.00. Tom Berg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary  
South Dakota ENA

