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Message from Missouri State ENA Council President

Helen Sandkuhl, RN MSN CEN TNS FAEN

The Missouri ENA Executive Board appreciates the support you have shown throughout the year. The Association's national board elections are finalized and the results are out! Please join us in warmly welcoming our new officers and directors :



ENA State President
 Helen Sandkuhl, RN,
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2011 President-Elect
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- Kathleen Carlson
- Marylou Killian
- Ellen Encapera

Nominations Committee

- Louise Hummel
- Gail Carroll
- Carlene Kincaid

Unfortunately, Missouri ranked 12th in the voting response throughout the nation. Only 7% of the total ENA membership participated in the on-line voting process. Although we ranked higher than average, we had a significant number of members who missed the opportunity to directly impact upcoming decisions.

As Americans, we are fortunate to have a choice in who will be our elected officials. There are many countries where citizens die fighting for these rights. Please consider this and remind others in the ENA of this opportunity when we have our next national election. Together we can make a difference.

Have a safe and happy summer! Thanks, Helen



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“Notice a Nurse”

It is the goal of Missouri ENA to notice special Emergency Nurses in each of our newsletters. This recognition is rotated among each of our 6 chapters. If you are interested in recognizing special ER nurses, please contact the chapter president in your area. Contact information may be found on our website at www.missouriena.org.

Bob Denton, BHS, RN, PA-C

Bob grew up in a small town in Kansas. What he learned growing up in a rural setting was that a day’s work for a days pay was essential. This provided him with the belief that one person can be pivotal to the life of another.

Following high school, Bob was forced to make a decision of whether to remain on the farm going around in circles on a tractor for days on end, riding a horse working cattle (he still can not believe that anyone would ride a horse and not have a reason to do so) or see what opportunities might exist in the “big world”.

He enrolled in the local college and worked as an Ambulance Driver and completed his EMT-B. He then enrolled in the Diploma Nursing Program at Wesley Medical Center and upon completion was accepted into the Physician Assistant program at Wichita State University. While working as a PA he moved rapidly through administrative ranks to become CEO of three hospital within a multi-hospital system.

Although to remain in management was comfortable, he always felt he had a responsibility to make a difference clinically at the bedside and working directly with the staff that were providing care. During the years to follow, Bob assumed the roles of Nursing Supervisor, Director of Critical Care and Emergency Services, Flight Nurse, Chief Flight Nurse and Emergency Service Manager and Director of Emergency/Trauma Services.

Bob is currently our Boss at Freeman Health System a Level II Trauma Center and Accredited Chest Pain Center. He has approximately 130 employees and we have over 50,000 visits annually.

He also serves as a Clinical Nurse Supervisor with the Missouri 1 DMAT and has been on numerous deployments, including Bay St Louis, MS during Hurricane Katrina and Gheskio in Port au Prince.

As a system and as a member of his staff we are proud to have Bob as our leader. He is the one that encourages you to be the “one” person that will lead others in a manner in which they can be successful and content in making a difference for our patients, their families and co-workers.

(This history was obtained through the help of Bob’s wife Renee who is the Director of Medical/Oncology and Peds.)



Kansas City Chapter, continued

by Teresa Coyne, President

Proposed changes to our State Bylaws & SOP’s were e-mailed and handed out at the June 9th local ENA meeting for any questions or discussion. If you wish to see a copy of the proposed revisions please e-mail me and I will send you a copy. They will be discussed and voted on at the August 12th state meeting in Tan-Tar-A. Anyone may attend the state meeting – I can bring any concerns or questions to the meeting if you are unable to attend personally.

2010 Membership Drive – We had 25 new members take advantage of our \$56.00 ENA membership drive this year and 8 members who saved \$10 by renewing with our membership drive this year. The state of Missouri hit their “Ruby goal” for the national membership drive hitting 836 members in June!!

Our June 17th TNCC Instructor course was full with 12 in attendance, with 11

Our next local meeting will be Aug. 4th at St. Joseph Health System from 11 am – 12:30 pm. The awards banquet will be Oct. 13th at North Kansas City Hospital at 5 pm – there will be a regular ENA meeting beginning at 3 pm to vote and cover business matters. Don’t forget the **CEN Review** with Pat Clutter Sept. 15th & 16th – This is an excellent course for new employees in an ED, as a refresher course for more seasoned ED nurses, or for those studying for the CEN!



GAIL CARROLL, BSN, CEN, SANE OZARK CHAPTER MEMBER ELECTED TO NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Submitted by Larry Faulkner, RN, BS, CEN

Gail Carroll, member of the Ozark Chapter was elected to serve a 2-year term on the National ENA Nominations Committee. Gail has been a member of ENA for many years and has served in many positions at both the local and state levels. As a member of the Nominations Committee, Gail will represent her fellow ENA members by encouraging and promoting candidates for National positions, promoting member interest, review the election process, as well as the officer and director qualifications. CONGRATULATIONS to Gail for her accomplishment!

CHAPTER REPORTS



Kansas City Chapter

by Teresa Coyne, President

Our June 9th meeting was held at Centerpoint Hospital with 18 in attendance. Excellent turn out for a summer meeting! Special thanks to Tracy Howard – ED Educator; De Anna Edwards - Assistant Director of the ED; and Brett Stock - Trauma Manager for hosting the meeting and providing lunch for the group.

Our injury prevention chairman, Jen Busby, resigned as she has completed her schooling and accepted a position with Kansas University Physicians Inc. as a Trauma NP. Missouri's loss is Kansas gain – Congratulations Jen and good luck with your new position at KU! Please keep in touch – we will miss you! Lori Davis who was co-chair has stepped up and agreed to fill the position through the end of the year. Thank you Lori!

We are accepting nominations for President elect & secretary/treasurer for 2011 at our June and August meetings – Voting will take place at our local meeting Oct. 13th. We are also accepting volunteers for chairman, co-chair, and members for our various committees. This is a great way to become and stay involved in your local ENA.

We drew for free registration to the Combined Clinical Conference (Aug. 11-13) at the June meeting. Cheryl Phillips & Linda Parrett were the first 2 winners (if they are unable to attend we drew back up names.....) To be eligible for this drawing you have to attend a local ENA meeting – We have 6 meetings/year so your name may go in the drawing 1 to 6 times depending on how many local meetings you attend. The state and the local chapter provide a free registration to the CCC every year. Congratulations Cheryl and Linda!



Greater Kansas City ENA Members, Faye Ann Hughes, Stephanie Droppelmann, and Tammy Braley

We held our first ENA Membership Mixer at Tengo Sed Cantina in the Power & Light District May 7th... **You didn't have to be a member to come have fun & network with fellow ED nurses from around Kansas City!** Appetizers were provided (Free Food) & Wells and Draws were half price through Happy Hour 5p-7p. Fun time by all who attended!



INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE

by Chris Hoag-Apel



This week alone, a 13 yr old with an open right humerus fracture, 20 yr old with a skull fracture and a 49 yr old grandmother riding with her 4 yr old grandson, lost control, thrown out of the ATV which landed on top of both of them. Pronounced dead at the scene. The list continues to grow in ER's throughout the state, both urban and rural seeing an increase in ATV wrecks. These wrecks can involve minor to major injuries and disability. So far this year we have had 3 deaths due to ATV wrecks.

ATV's, scooters and motorized bicycles have been advertised as toys, these toys can injure and even kill.

I would like to talk about ATV's and how we can educate the public concerning safety and awareness of the laws and regulations governing their use.

Speeding down the road, splashing through a creek, or riding on the tracks may seem fun on an all-terrain vehicle but it can be dangerous. No person under the age of 16 shall operate an ATV in Missouri unless he or she is accompanied by or under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian, or is accompanied by an adult who is authorized by the parent or guardian.

Rules of the road:

No person shall operate an ATV within the state unless the ATV has been registered with the Department of Revenue.

No person under the age of 16 is allowed to register an ATV.

No person shall operate an ATV upon the highways of Missouri unless the ATV is owned by the government for official use.

No person shall: Operate an ATV in a careless ways so as to endanger the person or property of another, while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance, without a securely fastened safety helmet, unless age 18. The Highway Patrol recommends that everyone, regardless of age, wear protective headgear.

No person shall operate an ATV on private property without consent of the owner.

No person can operate an ATV in any stream or river in Missouri unless on private property.

It is a parent responsibility to make sure their children are prepared both mentally and physically to drive an ATV, With ATV's coming in many sizes, it is important to match the rider with the ATV. Parents are strongly urged to have their children attend a certified ATV safety course, which is provided by several ATV dealers. Parents should also require their children wear safety equipment and not limited to helmets. As with operating any motor vehicle, safety comes first.

(information and tips from the Missouri Highway Patrol)



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Ginny Myerscough, Chairperson

At this time, we have 838 ENA members in Missouri. That is at the "Diamond Level" for the National Membership program. This means that we will be able to send 15 delegates and one alternate to the General Assembly in San Antonio in September.

There is 37,740 National ENA members with a goal of 40,000 for our 40th anniversary this year. Remember if you need recruitment materials, call Member Services at 800-243-8362 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT.

Thank you for all of the hard work at the local chapter level to increase membership and encourage their members to become involved. Keep up the hard work! Wouldn't it be nice if we could reach 850??

I have had approximately 50 responses from the membership survey and the results will be reported at our November meeting. Members can find the survey on our website at www.missouriena.org.



COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

by Gail Carroll, Chairperson

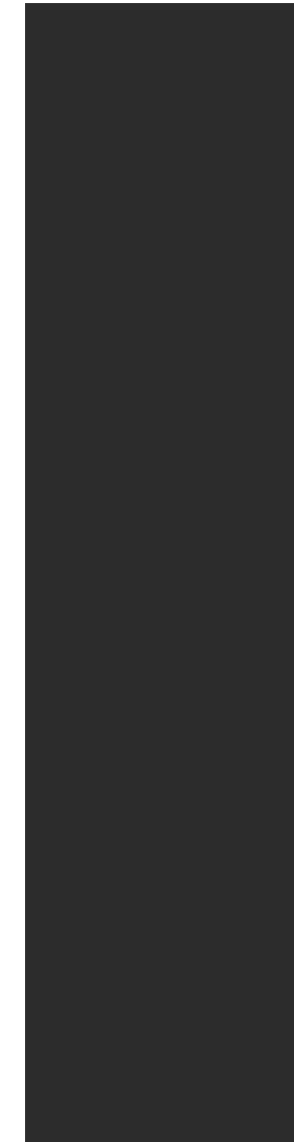
We are meeting with our CPA in St. Charles, MO on Friday, July 9th. If you have any questions please sent them to Gail Carroll, Jo Ann Coogan, or Joan Eberhardt.

We will be validating the delegate selection with the membership committee for the General Assembly to be held in San Antonio in September.

We have received only 1 proposed change for our bylaws and SOP'S.

Audit of chapter books completed at May meeting—will have recommendations at August meeting.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FREE TICKETS AT THE ENA BOOTH FOR OUR AWARDS DINNER CRUISE DURING COMBINED CLINICAL CONFERENCE. AUGUST 12, 6:30 PM. SEATING IS LIMITED, YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND



CHAPTER REPORTS

Crescent Chapter

by Sharon Trumbly, Secretary

The May Crescent Chapter meeting was held at Freeman Health Systems Cafeteria with five members present. Chris reviewed the highlights of the Missouri ENA meeting for our chapter members. In May, Crescent Chapter members conducted a seat belt check checking approximately 167 vehicle. Smarties candy was given to occupants wearing a seat belt and Dum Dum suckers to those not wearing a seat belt. Educational materials were available for people going through the checkpoints.

Chris reminded member that state leaders will be elected at the state meeting August 12th. All members were encouraged to attend the state meeting. The next Crescent Chapter meeting will be July 19th, 5:00 p.m. at St. Johns Regional Medical Center.

Courses scheduled for 2010:

TNCC	ENPC	CATN
Jul. 28-29	Oct. 27-28	Aug. 26-27
Sep. 29-30		
Nov. 17-18		

2010 COMBINED CLINICAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGENCY CARE



This is our LAST TANGO AT TAN-TAR-A.

Please come and help us celebrate. We have some great speakers scheduled including Ann Marie Papa, RN, CNE, CEN, FAEN, our 2011 National ENA President speaking on the issues that the ED nurse faces stretcherside. We also have our MO 1 D-MAT team members presentation on their response to the Haiti earthquake and the anticipated effects of an earthquake on the New Madrid Fault. There are several sessions on pediatric subjects, medical and trauma. Cooling resuscitated cardiac arrest patients, electrical burns, blood transfusions and a look back at the Oklahoma City Terrorist Bombing are some of the many other sessions. You can download the brochure on our website:

[http://www.missouriena.org/Calendar files/](http://www.missouriena.org/Calendar_files/)

CHAPTER REPORTS

Ozark Chapter

by Pat Clutter, Secretary

The Ozark Chapter of ENA continues to be busy with many activities and a happy increase in meeting attendance and new members! Our membership has increased by 40 members again! The Tri-Lakes Coalition Water Safety Day was held in May and 236 people came through the gates with 92 children going through the ENA booth. We gave out 67 bike helmets and fitted 18 children with life jackets. Plans are continuing for the "Spring into Emergency Care" Conference to be held again next Spring. We are also planning a large banquet for the Fall Emergency Nurse Week Event and are planning on presenting several awards at that time. Reminders were given to everyone regarding the upcoming Combined Clinical Conference at Tan-Tar-A in August. Also, we are gathering data from a Survey Monkey poll regarding membership in the Southwest Missouri area and plans are in progress for a CEN Review course to be held August 30-31 in Springfield, Missouri. The Ozark Chapter also contributed \$600 for books to be distributed at a conference for village health providers in Bolivia through Project Helping Hands. We want to congratulate Gail Carroll on her election to the national Nominations Committee! Our next meeting will be held in Sequiota Park and will include an afternoon of fun and food with our families.

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PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES & FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

San Antonio, Texas, September 2010

Central Chapter

by Gordon Rogers,

The Central Missouri Chapter has been meeting monthly with good attendance. We are on track for our September seminar and brochures have been designed and will be in the mail soon. Our chapter will be present at the Missouri State Fair on August 17 staffing an injury prevention booth. We had a fundraising event in association with the Jimmy John's Sub Shop and raised \$89.10 for the chapter. We discussed the chapter elections and will hold them at the July meeting so we can report the results at the August State Council meeting.

SEMO Chapter

by Julie Dale, President

The chapter has stayed busy with a recent meeting and educational offering. A presentation given by Dr. Elene Pilapil on Induced Hypothermia was well received. A lap top computer and projector were purchased to aid in educational presentations. To date it has been used for a TNCC class and CHOICES presentation. Our chapter has decided to sponsor a Car Seat Technician Training SEMINAR and pay \$35 of the \$75 total up to 20 participants. We are continuing our fundraising activities and have a Sister Soup and Cookbook fundraiser in the works.



COURSE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

by Chris Hoag-Apel, Chairperson

A review of several of the Administrative Procedures for both TNCC/ENPC relating to Course Directors is appropriate at this time.

Course Directors:

- Ensure course integrity by conducting both courses in a professional manner.
- Adhere to the copyright law, ENA is the sole and exclusive owner of all material.
- Obtain Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms for course director, instructors and instructor candidates.
- Complete and submit course applications, fees and appropriate documents to ENA and Course Operations in a timely manner.
- Maintain the security of testing material and ensure exams are graded accurately.
- Maintain availability during the entire course to assist with problems and ensure faculty and/or instructors are prepared, utilize current materials, and maintain time schedules.
- Review instructor evaluations for consideration in planning future courses.

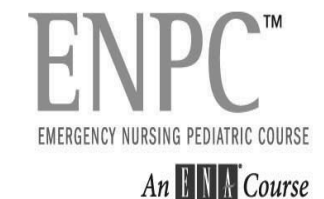
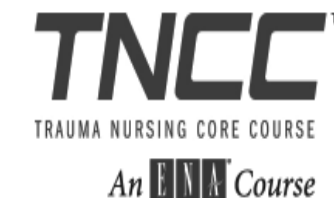
These are several of the highlights that I chose to mention. I would also like to add a few reminders.

- Instructors while lecturing shall not emphasize or refer to test questions as such.
- If a participant fails the multiple choice test and has passed the psychomotor skill station they may retest. The SAME test is not to be used for retesting. When applicable encouraging the participant to return within a 2 week span is preferable.

Our goal and responsibility continues to be, providers of TNCC/ENPC/CATN courses in our state.. I am pleased to state we have many great instructors in our state that are driven to provide quality courses.

Any issues or concerns do not hesitate to e-mail or call and I will respond. All our faculty are listed on the website for your convenience.

Below are the new TNCC and ENPC logos that can be downloaded from the National website.



NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

by Jan Kaminsky, Chairperson



On June 30, 2010 the public comment period ended for input on the proposed rules, which had been published in the Missouri Register, regarding the changes in collaborative practice arrangements and controlled substance prescriptive authority. We are awaiting the final outcome of the comment period and subsequent publication of the new regulations.

One of National ENA's strategic focuses, is the problem of Workplace Violence. In 2007, 3,465 ED nurses participated in an anonymous survey on violence against Emergency Nurses. This study revealed some pretty disturbing statistics. For example, more than half of emergency nurses reported experiencing physical violence on the job, including being "spit on," "hit," "pushed or shoved," "scratched," and "kicked." One in four nurses has experienced such violence more than 20 times in the past three years.

On June 3rd of this year the Joint Commission published a Sentinel Event Alert on preventing violence in the health care setting. It does appear this problem is finally being recognized as a serious safety issue and is gaining national attention. The problems of workplace violence are multi-dimensional, and I encourage all members to become educated on this topic. It is also important to become involved in helping to enact changes within your own work environment as well as to have a voice on a national and regional level through advocacy and legislation action. Information and resources may be found on ENA website, by going under the IQSIP tab and selecting ENA Strategic Priorities—Workplace Violence.

In the Joint Commission Sentinel report of June 3, 2010, 13 suggested actions were listed for health care institutions.. These suggestions included:

1. Work with the security department to audit your facility's risk of violence. Evaluate environmental and administrative controls throughout the campus, review records and statistics of crime rates in the area surrounding the health care facility, and survey employees on their perceptions of risk.
2. Identify strengths and weaknesses and make improvements to the facility's violence-prevention program.
3. Take extra security precautions in the Emergency Department, especially if the facility is in an area with a high crime rate or gang activity. These precautions can include posting uniformed security officers, and limiting or screening visitors (for example, wanding for weapons or conducting bag checks).
4. Work with the HR department to make sure it thoroughly prescreens job applicants, and establishes and follows procedures for conducting background checks of prospective employees and staff. For clinical staff, the HR department also verifies the clinician's record with appropriate boards of registration. If an organization has access to the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, check the clinician's information, which includes professional competence and conduct.



NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

by Jan Kaminsky, Chairperson



5. Confirm that the HR department ensures that procedures for disciplining and firing employees minimize the chance of provoking a violent reaction.
6. Require appropriate staff members to undergo training in responding to patients' family members who are agitated and potentially violent. Include education on procedures for notifying supervisors and security staff.
7. Ensure that procedures for responding to incidents of workplace violence (e.g., notifying department managers or security, activating codes) are in place and that employees receive instruction on these procedures.
8. Encourage employees and other staff to report incidents of violent activity and any perceived threats of violence.
9. Educate supervisors that all reports of suspicious behavior or threats by another employee must be treated seriously and thoroughly investigated. Train supervisors to recognize when an employee or patient may be experiencing behaviors related to domestic violence issues.
10. Ensure that counseling programs for employees who become victims of workplace crime or violence are in place. Should an act of violence occur at your facility – whether assault, rape, homicide or a lesser offense – follow-up with appropriate response that includes:
11. Reporting the crime to appropriate law enforcement officers.

Missouri State Council Meetings 2010



Thursday, August 12, At Combined Clinical Conference on Emergency Care, Tan-Tar-a, 4pm

Friday, November 5, Strategic Planning Session, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri 10:30am

Saturday, November 6, Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri 10:30am

