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Message from Missouri State ENA Council

President: Joan Eberhardt



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Well, June is here and summer is almost upon us. Swimming, boating, camping and all the fun outside things are back. Unfortunately, that also means an increase in summer “ouchies” and frankly, much worse in our emergency and trauma departments.

As we move into our cyclical pattern of care, I want to share an interesting article I recently read regarding a Gallup Survey. Granted, I am always a bit behind in my reading and I admit this is from a December 2005 article but it really deserves sharing. Gallup completed a survey regarding public attitudes related to 11 types of professionals. The focus was honest and ethical standards. Almost half of the more than 2,000 adults said they trusted healthcare professionals the most with the top three being doctors, dentists and nurses. Since this was the first I had read about nurses being involved, I decided to do a search to determine if this was the first survey including “us” or if there had been previous survey including our great profession of nursing. It seems nurses were not included in the “trusted professionals” surveys prior to 1999. One thing has been consistent, however, since our inclusion, we have repeatedly ranked as first, second, or third in all the surveys completed (which have included a minimum of 11 professions up to a maximum of 23, depending on the group completing the study). Some of the professionals included in the ranking in addition to physicians and dentist, were pharmacists, veterinarians, clergy members, judges, fire fighters and police officers.

Why should we be impressed? Because each of the surveys I reviewed essentially ranked honesty and ethical stands. One Gallup Study reviewed by Joseph Carroll noted that

83% of the respondents said the “honest and ethical standards of nurses ranked very high or high”. In one of the reports it was noted “and as in previous years, nurses rank higher than any other professions”. Why bring this to your attention? We are called upon to be advocates for our patients in so many ways, meeting not just their physical needs, but their emotional and psychological needs as well. Ranking very high on the list of trusted professionals in terms of honesty and ethical standards is a feather in our cap (no pun intended) which provides critical feedback to each of us when we sometimes go home wondering why we do what we do...Receiving the reinforcement that as professionals we are ranked very high or high in terms of trust and ethical standards is indeed something in which we can all take pride as nurses. But think, it comes down to why we do what we do doesn't it? There's that special feeling at the end of a shift that we've been able to make a difference, no matter how small, for a patient or family in our department.

As we move into summer, keep in mind that we are only a couple a few weeks away from the 20th Annual Combined Clinical Conference on Emergency Care at Tan-Tar-A. The dates are August 9-11, 2006 (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) and as always, there is an outstanding list of speakers. Missouri ENA will again sponsor “Fun Night” and a dance. If anyone has not received a brochure, please email me and I will get one to you. Any questions about ENA? Please contact me at joaneberhardt@yahoo.com. Best wishes for a healthy and happy summer.



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Trauma Report

by Helen Sandkuhl

Following are a list of state faculty for Missouri. Please keep in mind that state faculty will need at least six weeks notice to attend your course and to check off instructor candidates. The fee is \$250.00 per day for state faculty unless the candidate comes to teach in a state faculty run course. State Faculty will notify you as to whom to make the check out to (i.e. ENA local chapter, or a personal check, if they are actually taking vacation day from work to attend your course.).

In the past, the state faculty have tried to accommodate course instructors and not charge for attending the course. This has lead to requests with very short notice and complaints from course directors that state faculty are not accommodating their requests.

Please keep in mind that state faculty members all have full time jobs, just like everyone else and that we all need to be conscious of that and respect their time by contacting them with ample notice. Everyone's schedules are tight. There are plenty of state faculty state-wide. If any course directors have problems getting state faculty to attend your course, please contact the Missouri Trauma Chairperson (Helen Sandkuhl) at (314) 577-8774 or (314) 772-9667.

Many local chapters sponsor local courses as fund raisers. State Faculty usually coordinate or teach in these courses. Any instructor candidate can contact a state faculty member to teach in a chapter course without a state faculty charge.

Please include your CV and instructor potential letter signed by your provider course director in order to take the Instructor course.

REMEMBER there have been changes to the Instructor Course-you must reverify at immediately prior to the Instructor Course and meet specific criteria including: 90% on the written test and 85% in each skill station. There are no retest! Please see the ENA website under ENPC/TNCC/CATN Coursebytes November 2004 for questions!

As a part of our quality control, all instructor candidates must spend 2 full days at your first provider course that you are scheduled to teach in order to achieve instructor verification.

St. Louis/Central Missouri area:
Helen Sandkuhl
Joan Eberhart
Janet Kaminsky

Springfield/Joplin area:
Gail Carroll
Chris Hoag-Apel
Jim Gillam

Kansas City area:
Tiffany Strever
Annette Behney
Lori Davis

Thanks to all the state instructors for your hard work and support. We presently have a waiting list for members wanting to become state faculty members. In order to be appointed as state faculty you must be a current TNCC instructor in good standing, and be active at both the local and state level of ENA.

Please feel free to contact the state chairperson or co-chairperson for any questions or concerns

Helen Sandkuhl-chair; Chris Hoag-Apel and Tiffany Strever-co-chairs



Educational Opportunities Offered by Missouri ENA

Trauma Nursing Core Course: Provider and Instructor
Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course: Provider and Instructor
Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing
Certified Emergency Nurse Review Course
Injury Prevention Provider Course

For classes near you go to www.missouriena.org
or
www.ena.org

Upcoming Injury Prevention Provider Course

Where: North Kansas City Hospital
Lewis & Clark Room
2800 Clay Edwards Drive
North Kansas City, MO

When: August 21, 2006

Time: 9am to 5pm

Cost: \$110 per person (covers the course, books, and lunch)

Instructors: Brenda Bowman, RN, CEN & Tiffany Strever, RN, BSN, CEN

Contact: Tiffany Strever, RN, BSN, CEN

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Calendar of events



Missouri State Council Meetings

Thursday August 10, 2006 Tan-Tar-A at Combined Clinical Conference

5:00 pm (State Election of Officers to be held)

Friday November 3, 2006 Annual Strategic Planning Meeting; Joan Eberhardt's house 10:00 am

Saturday November 4, 2006 Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, MO
10:00 am



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Excerpts from SEMO Nurse Camp Candidates

Letter #1: “Hi, I am a senior attending Cape Alternative Education Center, and will be graduating in October of this year. I would like to be considered for a scholarship for Nursing Camp for several reasons. First of all it has always been my dream to become a nurse. I love to help people and am told I am a very kind hearted person. Next, I am a seventeen year old full of ambition, motivation, love and smiles. I know I’m going to go somewhere in life and therefore I refuse to let anything stand in my way. Being able to attend this camp would mean the world to me...I am also applying for this scholarship to attend camp because I am responsible for everyday living expenses, bills and I also have the expenses of my senior pictures and graduation....neither my single mom nor I can afford the tuition for me to attend camp. I have often been held back by the statement; ‘I’m sorry, but we don’t have the money’ and I am not going to take that for my answer anymore.”

Letter #2: “When I think of the medical field, especially nursing, I automatically think helping people. Health care has to do with helping and working with so many different people, and that’s the idea I love most about nursing.” “ I would like to be considered for a scholarship for nursing camp because this camp will be a great opportunity to solidify the pursuit of nursing as a career.”

Letter #3: “I would like to be considered for a scholarship to Nursing Camp because I have always been and still am very passionate about helping people in need of care. Becoming a nurse is very important to me. This kind of career has always been my ultimate goal and biggest dream for as long as I can remember.” “I believe that being able to go to this camp will allow me to apply my skills and learn more. I also believe that being able to work with complete strangers will help give me more confidence, without being afraid of meeting and working with someone new.” “...I cannot afford to pay the tuition to the camp. My mother is disabled and cannot work due to heart problems. My little sister also has heart problems, and with both of them we have quite a few medical bills. I have a job, which is the only source of income other than my mother’s disability check. The household income is stretched as far as it can possibly go....I promise that if I receive a scholarship for Nursing Camp I will work my personal hardest to achieve excellence in the program.”

Letter #4: “I am a seventeen year old child out of a family of seven. I would love to be considered for a scholarship for Nursing Camp because it would give me an opportunity to have a little experience in the pediatric field....my dream is to be a pediatrician....my family is not financially able to come up with \$275 Every since I have old enough to know what pediatricians are, I have had my mind set on being one. I love children, working with people, helping people in need. This scholarship would help this dream come alive.” “Nursing Camp will really help me by providing a more in depth view of my future. This camp will help my dream come alive by taking me one step closer to being a pediatrician.”



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Committee Reports



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Combined Clinical Conference

by Carol Pettit

Combined Clinical Conference--Are You Ready? it’s the 20th year for CCC and we have a wonderful program planned! We go from pediatrics to geriatrics, from hurricanes to bus crashes. We’ve added some management sessions and that’s just for starters. Load up the family and come to Tan-Tar-A, that offers all of the things people love to do on vacations, and with the price of gas it’s close to home. There will be an area for poster presentations, so show us what you’ve been working on. It’s a time to meet with peers from all over, to learn and to have fun. Get a group together for Fun Night and win big bucks! WE are looking forward to seeing you there!!



Tan-Tar-A; Don’t You want to be here?

Membership

by Ginny Myerscough

Remember to renew your memberships. If you expire we will send you a survey asking why. National is fast approaching which means delegates will be selected from those who meet the qualifications. Missouri is only 13 new members short of sending 13 delegates to National. Also remember CCC is in August.

ENA Fun Night

Thursday August 10th @ 7pm

Get a team of your colleagues and compete for \$1,000.00

There will also be a silent auction and a dance-

Come early and stay late



This year’s theme Casino Night



Injury Prevention

Injury Prevention Report

*by Tiffany Strever Injury Prevention Institute
Co-Chair for Missouri*



Governor Signs Booster Law

On June 28, 2006 at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO Governor Matt Blunt signed Missouri Booster Seat Law. The law will become effective August 2006 and requires children who have outgrown a child safety seat to be secured in a booster seat while traveling in a motor vehicle.

Missouri Law now requires:

Children **less than 4 years old or less than 40 pounds** be in an appropriate child safety seat

Children age **4 and older** be secured in a **booster seat until they turn 8 years old, unless they reach 80 pounds or 4'9"** before that birthday; and Children weighing **more than 80 pounds or taller than 4'9"** are required to be secured by a **vehicle safety belt or booster seat** appropriate for the child
The fine for violating this law is **\$50 plus court costs** which far exceeds the cost of many booster seats.



Belt positioning booster



Backless booster seat; must have headrests in back seat of car to use

Nursing Practice Report

by Jan Kminsky

How to Best Measure Continued Competence? In the most recent issue of the Missouri State Board of Nursing Newsletter, the President of the Missouri State Board of Nursing, Teri Murray, PhD, RN, raised the following questions to the nurses of Missouri: "How does one best promote and assure continued competence in nursing practice?"

In her quarterly newsletter section, Murray informs us that the Missouri Board of Nursing is "beginning to explore approaches to assess continued competence after initial licensure." She goes on to explain that this is a difficult task to define due to the many different roles and settings in which nurses practice. In her article she reported that at the present time 25 Registered Nurse Boards and 24LPN/VN boards nationally require continuing education to help demonstrate continued competence. Murray goes on to say that the Missouri State Board has held the position that continuing education hours does not ensure that the nurse is competent nor "does it ensure that learning has occurred". (continued on next page)



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Chapter Reports

Greater KC Chapter

by Lori Davis President

What do you have planned this summer? Vacation, relaxation, keeping the kids corralled? How about all three while learning, also? Then why not make plans to attend the Combined Clinical Conference August 9-11, 2006 at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks. If you have never been, we'd love for you to join us. If it's been a long time since you've attended, come see how we have improved the conference. And if you are "regular", we'll see you there.

We should be very proud and support our local ENA members, which are speaking, not only at this conference, but also Scientific Assembly in San Antonio, TX, in September. The chapter is very excited about offering the CEN review course in our area in a long time. It is scheduled for October 5-6, 2006. Brochures coming soon. If you have ever planned to take your CEN, this is a great way to prepare. Until, then, I am still checking out the CEN software to individuals that are interested.

Hope to see you soon at one of our meetings or conferences.

SEMO Chapter

Missouri ENA Promoting Nurses

by Brenda Bowman

"Nursing Camp 2006" at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO is designed to educate high-school aged individuals about nursing at the time they are making career decisions. The 3rd Annual Nursing Camp kicks off June 11, 2006 with 26 participants slated to attend. The Missouri ENA, through generous scholarships, made it possible for 6 Missouri teens to attend.

The following goals were established for the "Nursing Camp":

1. To expose young people to the registered nurse role in various clinical and nonclinical settings
2. To make nursing an attractive career option to male and female students of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.
3. To make camp an enjoyable, fun-filled week of exploration of not only the nursing career, but also the lives of nurses.

Participants shadow throughout the hospital; emergency department, obstetrics, pediatrics, and the operating room. They also get to experience life of the nursing student; they spend a day at the Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Science. Faculty members hold mini classes for the participants, they complete CPR training, and they participate in an ethical discussion of "Who gets the organ?" For camp to be enjoyable it can not be all education so there are fun events planned for evening including pizza night, pool party, and an "Amazing Race" Nurse version. The week is educational; fun filled and rewards not only the participants but the nurses that chaperone events and spend nights in the dorm.

Missouri ENA wanted to help those participants that needed financial assistance to be a part of the "Nursing Camp" experience. They gave six scholarships of \$275.00 each allowing six teens to experience nursing from a perspective other than a classroom and PowerPoint presentation.

(excerpts from letters later in this issue. Watch future issue for follow-up)



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Nominate a Colleague

It is time for the Annual ENA Awards. Take the time to nominate a colleague who deserves recognition for a job well done! Awards will be presented at the Wednesday August 9, 2006 Annual Membership Meeting at the Combined Clinical Conference at Tan-Tara-A

Missouri State Council ENA General Membership Meeting 2006 ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION Form

Nominator's Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Category: (Circle One)

- E.D. 1) Clinical Practice 2) Leadership 3) Community Service
4) Educator 5) Rookie 6) Nurse of the Year

Nominee's Employer & Position: _____

Name/Phone Number of Supervisor: _____

Please share the reasons why the nominee should receive this award: _____

Does this individual know they have been nominated? Yes _____ No _____
You will be notified prior to the ceremony if the nominee has been selected. Will you be able to assure the nominee's attendance at the awards ceremony: Yes _____ No _____
Please make additional copies of this form as needed. Add an additional page if more space is needed. Nominations must be postmarked no later than midnight July 26, 2006.

Mail to : Joan Eberhart
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Creve Coeur, MO 63141



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(continued from previous page) I think this is an interesting topic to follow since Murray reports there is a national trend towards examining or assessing continued competence in relationship to licenses renewal. The Missouri State Board of Nursing is soliciting your opinion on this topic. You may contact the Board with your ideas at nursing@pr.mo.gov.

Legislative Update: The most recent Legislative Session ended in May after a very active session. Many of the bills did reflect issues of interest to the Practice of Nursing. One of the major priorities of the Missouri Nurses Association (MONA) was to gain legislative approval to allow advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe Schedule II-V controlled substances. Unfortunately this bill failed, but will be introduced again in the next session. One positive step was the APRNs will be able to write scripts for drugs containing pseudoephedrine. Also APRNs gained the authority to sign for Disabled License Plates.

Coalition for Patient's Rights: In the recent legislative session we saw examples of how physician groups were working to limit the ability of APRNs to practice to their fullest extent. In a recent article appearing on the MONA Advanced Practice Listserve, it was identified that APRNs are not the only group targeted by these physician groups.

The Coalition for Patient's Rights (CPR) is a coalition of 24 different health care provider organizations (including ENA) that have united to ensure that the growing needs for Healthcare in American can be met and to also ensure that patients have access to the quality health care providers of their choice. This is especially important in the rural and underserved areas of our country. In a joint statement endorsed by the 24 health care groups participating in the coalition, the CPR expressed concern "about the negative impact on patients in their ability to seek care from advanced practice nurses, psychologists, nurse midwives, chiropractors, and many other licensed qualified health providers is limited. The coalition is calling on the AMA and other physician groups aligned with the AMA to cease their divisive efforts to oppose the establishment of practice rights." To learn more about the Coalition for Patient Rights see, www.patientrightsnow.org

Tissue Donation Case: It is my great pleasure to inform you that our nursing colleague, who was being sued for negligence in obtaining informed consent for a tissue donation was found "not guilty" of negligence in this case. This case came to jury trial after many years and numerous court cases arguing immunity under the anatomical gift act. Immunity under anatomical gift act is negated if negligence can be proven. Lessons learned: 1. Always have another nurse co-witness these types of consents with you. 2. Make sure that any staff approaches families for tissue donations are certified by your Organ Procurement Organizations.

Have a Safe and enjoyable summer.



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