

Pacific Crest Regional Chapter



American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

Meeting November 4, 2009

Attendees: Gemma Marlia-Johnson, Kelly Wells, Marcia Moffatt, Julie Saindon, Rose Sheets, Judy Lang, Karen Anderson, Shelley Bonas, Lori Marlia-Larsen, Nellie O'Rourke, Anne Hansen, Erin Sullivan(SN_OHSU), David Jewell, Sandra Molzen, Lori lind

Review of Minutes: Approved with Treasurer's to follow

Strategic Plan Review:

Certification Gemma was in contact with Nancy Townsend, previous maker of audio tapes for CCRN review, she has just updated her contact to include the new blueprint for the exams. She is finalizing the CCRN and PCCN. Her current website is not up to date at this point but will be in December or so. Gemma proposes for our chapter to purchase the CD's, which are \$599, with the CEU's to be applied for by the person studying, through Nancy Townsend's site. Each site would have a library with one full, original copy location. More discussion on this was deferred until the device/tools become available for sale. **Beacon Status** We are not currently developing any education for our units to promote this idea. At the regional meeting, Gemma and Judy met with Rebecca Hamilton who said she would come to Medford to speak with our area nurses about what it is and how to go about promoting it. The venue could be a country club or the like. Invitation would be given to nurses and management to have the beginning force to this direction for our valley hospitals. Gemma will contact her to get dates of availability etc. **Community Outreach** Judy will contact Glenda Peat about having a contact person/liason with ACH. They did have a plaque of names. No further development on this area for now. Further discussion on this subject in February.

Regional Meeting Report: Gemma and Judy went in October to Seattle. It was felt that Nicole (our CAT) did a great job of promoting each chapter. Our video (created by Julie!!) was seen by others in our region. Ideas to promote things outside ourselves, such as food bank contributions at our educational events, was offered. This is in addition to the 50/50 draw we already do at each function. Christine Peterson gave an update of 80,600 members, skills for leadership and other initiatives being promoted by AACN. Grassroot ideas for the bedside nurse are being explored. Two new chapters are being developed in Oregon, one in Bend and one in Eugene. Leanne Miller is used quite a bit for CCRN/PCCN reviews.

Nov 20th Seminar: Red Lion menus emailed to Rose, do we wish to use the same as previous events for breakfast and lunch or change the food available. Coupon for money off received in mail to Medford residents. We will try to use this as a cost savings. Little bags to assemble and give out to attendees as they register will be put together the night before at the hotel. Contents to be decided before then. Decision made for menu for lunch, as well as all day coffee and tea with no afternoon snacks provided outside the small bag from the morning. Kelly asked how many baskets are to be made. Decision for 4 baskets for our raffle (morning, lunch, afternoon break and the end.) An item from Phillips and a membership will also be up for raffle. Rose gave the idea to let the attendees know the proceeds will be going directly to our library of CCRN. Julie is to make a sign to be posted informing where the proceeds from the raffle goes. Different charities were discussed as a direction for proceeds other than our library. It was decided for the proceeds from this event to go to "Helping Hands."

Education Planning:

Spring Seminar Anne Hansen has not heard back from Integra. Petey Lao is willing to do another presentation on sepsis. Judy will approach Dr Schwartz and Dr Pena about presentations from them. Gemma will ask Jo Jacavone about a talk from her about Hypothermic cooling. Judy presented the idea to have a talk on "Evidence-based" practice. OHSU instructors, such as Joanne Noone and others were brought up by Lori to contact. It is thought we will wait for next fall for a national speaker.

Dinner Lectures No further ideas at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Bernard will no longer be on the checking account. David Jewell will be added as a signer on the checking account. Savings account \$5,137.37, Checking \$6,017.88, Vanguard Money Market Account \$5553.43 for a total of \$16,708.68.

Media Coordinator Report: 25 foot cable was purchased for the "In-focus" to assist the speaker in his/her presentation from a distance.

Newsletter Update: No newsletter article have been forwarded to Julie as yet.

CCRN Scholarship 2010: Flyers are being sent out again from the mailing list for NTI in May. Julie asking for the names and addresses for newer CCRN's.

Certification Celebration: Nellie used to work for RoxyAnn Winery. Agreed it was a good location for an event. No other information to add/discuss at this time. Lori had an idea to contact Cathy Schwartz to do a presentation on Humor in Health Care. Lori agreed to contact her. Sandra presented the idea to have nurses give material on the funny things they have seen in nursing.

Miscellaneous: Sandra told us the National Stroke Association that offers grants for seminars and perhaps there are other associations out there to help pay for speakers and food. Gemma and Judy have names of people from the regional meeting that could support this idea. Sandra will explore this idea further. For NTI, Gemma has some arrangements for lodging with room for a number more. More information to follow.