

Pacific Crest Regional Chapter



American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

Meeting December 2, 2009

Attendees: Gemma Marlia-Johnson, Kelly Wells, Judy Lang, Rose Sheets, Lori-Jo Marlia-Larsen, Shirley Hupka, Sandra Molzen, Shelley Bonas, Marcia Moffatt, David Jewell, Anne Hansen

Review of Minutes: Approved with the exception of the report that no articles had been submitted, there have been a few given to Julie

Strategic Plan Review: Certification—Previous discussion has been tabled until the articles discussed to purchase have become available for purchase. Beacon Status—Rebecca Hamilton has not responded as yet about dates so no plans are in place yet. Poster boards should be made and in place before she comes to talk about the advancement to Beacon Status. RVMC, PMMC, TRCH and ACH should all have boards to provide information and advertise her visit. Julie will take the posters to each site. PMMC management is starting the discussion about the journey to Magnet Status. It is not clear, at this point, if it will have any impact on or provide assistance in our goal of Beacon for all area units. Community Outreach—Judy has not contacted Glenda Peat as a point person at ACH. Travel ideas for other areas has been tabled for the moment. Sandra Molzen presented the idea of our group assisting in the education of people in our community about strokes, signs, symptoms, and when to call for help. The education would be an attempt to reach older and middle-aged adults and kids (to help their adults.) She is asking for volunteers to man and/or speak to the organizations in the community and assist them to facilitate some sort of educational forum. Ideas to access senior centers, community health fairs, fitness centers, youth volunteer programs and any other places we can go to help with the labour and time needed to speak/educate. Emails could be sent to AACN members to solicit help for specific events. Financial assistance to set this up could come from the hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, American Heart and Stroke, etc. Larger events, such as at the Smullin centers, could be set up for a physician to speak. There was overwhelming support for this community involvement from our chapter.

Review of the November 20th Education Seminar: Ideas were submitted for addition to our checklist for future events including a reminder for the membership coordinator to bring the AACN board, send information about the event to the national AACN site, look at having a back up for our AV devices, specific items such as name tags, pens etc. Rose asked we make an inventory list of chapter owned goods. It is thought we should look into making pens, pencils and possibly t-shirts and such with our logo on them for distribution at events and to

identify ourselves at educational events. The comments from attendees still need a more thorough review but the few negative comments included the handouts not being exactly what was being presented. The food and venue are well received. There was \$100 donated to “Helping Hands” with our 50/50 winner, Diane DeVita, contributing her win.

Education Planning: Spring Seminar--Jo Jacavone does not feel experienced enough, at this point, to provide a portion of the education day. Anne will speak with Sarah Carlisle at RVMC about providing the nursing section of the day with information and case reviews. Dates still need to be explored after speaking with Dr Schwartz (vascular), Dr Pena (A Fib vs Flutter) and Dr Lao (sepsis) about their availability. Rose will speak with the Red Lion for possible dates in April, after Easter on April 4th. The doctors will be enlisted to provide a 1-1.25 hour presentation. Dinner—Anne will speak with James Hawthorne from Cleviplex about a dinner talk.

Local Education Consortium Idea: Jo asked Gemma to present the idea of an experienced group of nurses, with different areas of expertise, to become educators to our peers in critical care. Classes, or information sessions, would be available to both the new and seasoned grad. The big piece of this venture would be coordinating the events then advertising them to all the area hospitals, wards and units. We need to look at the AACN site for other areas doing this and ask how they went about developing a program.

Treasurer’s Report: Current Savings is \$5162.37, Checking \$5113.78, VanGuard Money Market \$5553.43 for a total of \$15,829.58. There was a net gain from the seminar of approximately \$2730 plus expected remittance from one vendor.

Media Coordinator Report: Julie will be looking at the cost and benefit of having our own AV devices for use during seminars. It is felt, at the minimum, we should have our own laptop remote and loud-speaking equipment.

Newsletter Report: Julie is still working on the website and newsletter. Area flight nurses may write the occasional article for inclusion.

CCRN/PCCN for NTI: No essays have been received as yet. Reminders will go out, per Julie.

Certification Celebration: Lori-Jo will contact Nellie to remind her of the offer to contact Roxy Ann Winery about a dinner in June. Lori Lind is to follow-up with Kathy Schwartz about speaking at the dinner. Seating would be needed for 50-60 people.