

**Delaware Emergency Nurses Association
Meeting Minutes October 4, 2012**

Location: Kent General Hospital

Attendance:

Garry Collins, Pam Collins, Meriam Dennie, Maria Draper, Susan Ebaugh, Ed Johnson, Ruth Morse, Susan Palmer, Kara Streets, Karen Rollo, Terry Thorley, Lisa Wile

Excused: Deena Brecher

Guest: Dawn Culp, Kristi Nichols

Meeting called to order by Meriam Dennie at 1903 hrs. Quorum present so meeting may proceed.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of 4 September 2012. The meeting was held 4 September not June 5th.

Motion: Accept minutes with above change.

Morse

2nd Streets 10 yes 0 no 1 abstained. **Motion passed.**

President's Report (Dennie):

Emergency Nurses Week is October 7 – 13 with Emergency Nurses Day on October 10th. The gift to all the DENA members will be receiving a beach chair as this year's gift. Everyone has been very helpful and picked up their allotment for distribution.

Reminder to all members that there are FREE CEUs available on the ENA website.

DENA Election Results: 58 returns. Pam Collins is President-elect, Susan Palmer is Treasurer and Terry Thorley is Secretary for 2013. Thank to all for participating in the election process.

General Assembly went well. The following are the results for the by-laws and resolutions:

GA12-01 Passed
GA12-02 Failed
GA12-03 Passed
GA12-04 Passed
GA12-05 Failed
GA12-06 Passed
GA12-07 Passed
GA12-08 Passed
GA12-09 Passed
GA12-10 Passed
GA12-11 Passed
GA12-12 Passed with amendment
GA12-13 Passed
GA12-14 Passed with amendment
GA12-15 Passed with amendment
GA12-16 Passed with amendment – student nurses will not be verified in TNCC
GA12-17 Passed

There was a tremendous amount of discussion regarding ENA's decision to move the Government advocacy training to Chicago. Most members expressed displeasure with this plan. As of right now, the plan to hold the training in Chicago in January and another day for visiting "On the Hill".

Next year the General Assembly and Scientific Assembly will be held in Nashville, TN.

Treasurer's Report (Morse for Palmer):

Checking \$23,509.00

CD \$6,706.00

The bill for the beach chairs came in this month.

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report.

Thorley

2nd Morse 10 yes 0 no 1 abstained. **Motion passed**

Government Affairs Committee (Rollo):

S. 296, *Preserving Access to Life-Saving Medications Act*, seeks to amend the ***Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*** to require a prescription drug manufacturer to notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) of a discontinuance, interruption, or other adjustment of the manufacture of the drug that would likely result in a shortage of such drug.

S. 296 requires:

- 1) Six months notice of any discontinuance or planned interruption or adjustment, and
- 2) Notice as soon as practicable after becoming aware of such interruption or adjustment in the case of any other interruption or adjustment.

S. 296 will increase the accountability of pharmaceutical companies to the public, help ensure that the supply chain is more consistent, and allow the opportunity to plan for foreseeable shortages.

S. 374, the *Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act*, seeks to amend **Title XVIII of the *Social Security Act*** to eliminate the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under Medicare.

Current Medicare beneficiaries are restricted to 190 days of inpatient psychiatric hospital care throughout their lifetimes. Seniors living with mental health illnesses now are forced to suffer without treatment when they max out on the number of eligible days of care randomly set by the federal government under the single-payer Medicare program. This cap on benefits discriminates against those with mental illnesses as there is no such lifetime limit for any other Medicare specialty inpatient hospital service.

Eliminating the lifetime cap on inpatient psychiatric hospital care takes another critical step in ending the unfair distinction between physical and mental disorders. This bill better ensures that seniors are receiving care in the right place at the right time. The *Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act* will remove the arbitrary cap, equalizing Medicare mental health coverage with private health insurance coverage.

Webinar and work place violence tool kit are located on the ENA website.

Education Committee (Ebaugh):

The Survey Monkey has been developed for the conference. A copy is provided for committee member review. Conference participants will have two weeks after the conference to complete. They will be able to print out their CEU certificate after completing the survey. Instructions on how to complete this will be included in the conference hand-outs.

One AV person will be able to cover both rooms. The DENA computer and projector will be brought to the conference. Susan Ebaugh has access to another set.

Ed Johnson says he will bring his “Hot Spot” to facilitate use of the internet for any of the speakers. However, speakers are encouraged to embed any videos into their presentations. Karen Rollo will send out this information with her next email to all the presenters.

The food will be as follows: 0700 to the first break the breakfast buffet will be available. Lunch will be a plated meal. In the afternoon, ice tea and water will be available. Terry Thorley will be making “snack packs” for the bags.

The “goodies” for participants will include Terry’s snacks, thermal cups and a thermal bag.

Committee members are asked to wear the formal blue DENA shirt to the conference.

The planning committee will meet at 7 pm on 6 November to set up bags and the rooms. Susan Ebaugh has folders for the agenda, etc. Terry Thorley has purchase the name holders and card stock for Susan Ebaugh.

Membership Committee (Morse):

246 current members.

TNCC (Thorley):

There will be the 2nd TNCC course at St. Francis Hospital on October 16-17. This means all the hospitals in Delaware now offer TNCC!

Administrative Procedures are updated as of 1 September 2012 and are available on the ENA website.

ENPC (Ebaugh):

The 4th Edition of the ENPC was used for the September 26-27 provider course. There were several problems encountered was setting up the course and during the course itself. Susan has been speaking daily with ENA course ops regarding the problems.

The next 4th edition course is scheduled at CCHS in February 2013. Hopefully the problems will be solved by then.

Current ENPC instructors continue to complete the update requirements.

IQSIP (P. Collins):

October 6th is the Brandywine 100 Safety Day. Pam will be attending.

October 20th the Girl Scouts have requested we set up a vendor table at their affair at the Delaware State Fair Grounds.

Suggestion made that DENA consider looking into finding sponsors for a “Safe Kids Day”/ “Safety Towns” affair to be held in southern New Castle County. Pam will research the feasibility of this.

Old Business:

(Streets): The DENA website has been updated. Please take a look at it. www.de-ena.org

New Business:

(P. Collins) Discussion about “give aways” at the conference. The group felt that the vendors usually have raffles, etc and that would be sufficient.

(Ebaugh/Wile) Membership was asked to consider sponsoring a CEN Review Course for the state. Discussion included that there was someone coming into CCHS in April timeframe and perhaps they would agree to stay on and hold the review class at the state level. Susan Ebaugh will research this and bring to the next meeting.

Open Discussion:

(Ebaugh) The General Foods Conference room has been reserved for the DENA meetings in the even months for 2013. Ruth Morse/Meriam Dennie will look into reserving a room at CCHS for the odd months.

(Dennie) Thank you to everyone for all that you do. Especially for increasing our membership and active participation.

(Rollo) Suggests that the membership consider a “Membership Appreciate Night” one in the north part of the state and one in the south part of the state.

(Streets) Plans to submit Delaware for a state award next year. Encouraged the membership to review the nursing awards portion of the DENA bylaws with the plan to implement in 2013.

Adjournment: 2025 hrs.

Motion: To adjourn meeting.

P. Collins

2nd Ebaugh 10 yes 0 no 1 abstained. **Motion passed.**

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday November 6th at Dover Downs at 1900 hours to prepare for the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thorley, Secretary