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Message from the Chair

Greetings,

I hope you are finding opportunities to enjoy the summertime. Since our last newsletter, the NCRN staff and I have been very busy in a number of ways:

a) Establishing a partnership with National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC) to offer joint membership between the NCRN and NNCC, b) Conducting PBRN research, c) Supporting PBRN research efforts through data entry, etc., d) Exploring and writing grant applications, and e) Building infrastructure capacity to increase PBRN research efforts. It has been an exciting last few months as the small but mighty NCRN staff works to enhance our membership and research efforts.

We send a special welcome to our new members and encourage all of you to send a warm welcome to them! A growing membership will provide us with expanded opportunities to conduct practice-based research and we hope they will feel free to get involved. We will be highlighting new members in newsletters to help you get to know them better.

As a member of the Agency for Healthcare and Quality (AHRQ) Steering Committee (and the only nurse on the committee) for the last couple of years, I have been involved

in work that directly impacts the activities related to Practice-Based Research Networks. In this issue, we will also be introducing a section that provides information from AHRQ that you may find useful as we move forward with our research mission. The annual AHRQ PBRN Conference this year was larger than ever and it was terrific to see more and more nurses attending.

Our annual NCRN meeting will be held October 8th during the NNCC Annual Conference in Washington DC this year. We will be nominating people for the Chair position which will begin in June 2008. Please consider serving in this important role. Also, a big thank you to Andrea Bostrom who is now the NCRN Treasurer.

We hope to see many NCRN members at this years conference and hope you take the opportunity to network with a unique group of health providers.

Regards,
Laura Anderko, Chair



New NCRN/NNCC Joint Members

*We are delighted to welcome new NCRN Members!!
Each newsletter we will be highlighting some of our new members.*



University of Colorado

The School of Nursing has instituted a rigorous program to establish and expand nursing practice arrangement linkages in institutional and non-institutional settings throughout Colorado. This includes multiple diverse partnerships that provide opportunities for clinical education, practice, and research. The School nurtures a variety of creative partnership models with individuals, private and governmental agencies, and communities. These partnerships have greatly expanded the traditional clinical educational boundaries and led to new opportunities for nursing education and practice.

Mission

The mission of the Office of Clinical and Community Affairs is to facilitate and coordinate the expansion and enhancement of faculty practice opportunities and student clinical educational experiences that contribute to the overall School of Nursing mission.

Faculty Practice Plan

The Faculty Practice Plan complements the stated mission and goals of the School. These include providing leadership in educating professional nurses; conducting research delivering health care, and participating in community service; supporting the overall goals of the Health Sciences Center which are directed toward improving human health, educating health care providers, conducting research, and providing quality health care to the citizens of Colorado; and allowing the School of Nursing to play a more active role in health care reform by expanding the range of and increasing access to a variety of health and healing services. Priorities of the SON Practice Plan include developing and testing innovative care and delivery models, improving access to care for underserved individuals, enhancing student learning experiences, ensuring continuing clinical expertise of the faculty, showcasing nursing expertise in health promotion, increasing community involvement, and engaging in outcomes research. Faculty practice sites include contractual arrangements with government agencies for correctional health care and indigent care clinics; academic/corporate partnerships; community/education partnerships; and nurse-managed community health clinics.

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2007-2008 Membership

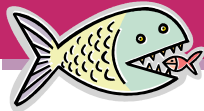
If you haven't done so already, please renew your NCRN Membership. We are now offering a Joint Membership with NNCC. For more information please contact Jennifer Weinzierl at 414-229-6921.

News from AHRQ PBRN

Title: Research Study Requests: Considerations for NCRN

AHRQ has recently developed a summary of network policies and procedures for handling research requests, collected from a variety of Practice-Based Research Networks. Later this summer, we will be polling members to get input on developing similar policies and procedures for the NCRN. For those of you interested in reviewing the documents now, you can find them on the following link (be sure to look in the Appendix):

http://extranet.ahrq.gov/QuickPlace/pbrn2006/Main.nsf/h_Library/B7139CDE5D8498618525729000584A94/?OpenDocument



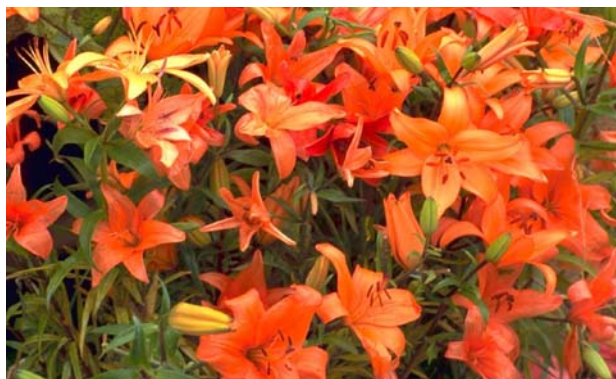
NCRN Research Projects

Methylmercury Assessment Study, *Go F.I.S.H.*

Dr. Laura Anderko (PI) is completing pilot work for the Methylmercury Assessment Study, **Go F.I.S.H.** Katie Hougen, a nursing student that is a summer intern for the Community Health Intern Program (CHIP) from the Area Health Education Conference (AHEC), has been working with Dr. Anderko this summer to create a web page for the project, educate and screen clients, and assist in the development of the online training program. A big thanks to Katie! An update on this research project will be presented at the NNCC Annual Conference in October 2007.

Client Satisfaction Study

- Dr. Elizabeth Fayram (PI) of the Client Satisfaction Survey has completed the data collection and is now analyzing the results. She will be presenting the findings at the NNCC Conference in Washington DC in October.



UWM's Three Community Nursing Centers Celebrate 20-, 15- and 10-year Anniversaries in 2007

In the heart of a low-income housing development, a committed group of university nurses have, over the past 20 years, provided more than 90,000 visits to uninsured or underinsured Milwaukee adults, teens and children. In this 20-year history, the nurses, from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's College of Nursing, have achieved such outcomes as a 97 percent teen pregnancy avoidance rate. Through a strong partnership with a neighborhood center, the nurses provide nursing and health promotion programs and services where people literally live, work, play and attend school.



The UWM College of Nursing's Silver Spring Community Center is going strong, as are the college's other two nursing center: the House of Peace Community Nursing Center (15 years old, located in a community center in an underserved neighborhood) and the Riverwest Pierce Community Nursing Center (10 years old, located in a public grade school).

The staff at these three centers help reduce health care disparities by providing screenings and care coordination aimed at reducing breast cancer, cervical cancer, and stroke, and by providing primary health care for residents with two conditions more prevalent among blacks than whites -- hypertension and diabetes. The American Heart Association has recognized their work.

They also have provided individual and group health services and programs on teen pregnancy prevention; educational and social support for parents and their families; physical and psychosocial services for pre-school and school-aged children and adolescents; and work-related physical exams and screenings, all on a sliding fee scale.

Health disparities are well documented in minority, U.S. populations including African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics. Compared to whites, these minority groups have higher incidences of chronic diseases (including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS and cancer), higher infant mortality, higher overall mortality and poorer health outcomes. These nurses have stayed true to their original mission in 1986 and improved access to community-based health services in ways that have made a difference for many Milwaukee residents.



Institute for Nursing Centers (INC)

National, Standardized Data on Nurse Managed Centers Now Available!

The Institute for Nursing Centers presents the *National Data Warehouse First Annual Aggregate Survey Report: 2004/2005*. Both clinical and financial data are presented based on 29 participating Nurse Managed Health Centers (NMHCs) across the country that provide primary care services. The survey was designed based on a national consensus process with leaders in the field of NMHCs, primary care informatics, and other stakeholders. The report is useful for:

- Comparing populations served, productivity, financial practices, academic mission, and more!
- Planning for a nurse managed health center
- Informing health care policy – especially around services for vulnerable populations

Visit our website to view a *FREE* brief summary of the report titled:

[“Institute for Nursing Centers: Report from the Data Warehouse”](#)

The full report is available for purchase on our website:

www.nursingcenters.org

It is time for our second year’s survey to be completed. See our website to review the survey tool, to obtain details on how to participate, and to read what NMHCs who have contributed data say about the survey and the reports they received.

<http://www.nursingcenters.org/data.html>

Feedback from NMHC participants:

- “Getting an individualized report that highlights key strengths and weaknesses based on data we submitted is like getting a free consultation.”
- “We are using these reports and data in meetings with staff – to congratulate them on where we are doing well and motivate them to improve in other areas.”
- “Your report was received just as I was preparing a report to compare current national salary data for our faculty, which until this report, did not exist. Thank you.”

Please contact us for more information about participation:

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- Joanne Pohl, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN, Principle Investigator, jpohl@umich.edu, 734-936-3631



Purdue University School of Nursing has partnered with Trinity United Methodist Church to develop the new Trinity Nursing Center for Infant and Child Health

The Trinity Nursing Center for Infant and Child Health, in Lafayette, IN, addresses local problems of young children falling through the cracks, using the emergency room for primary care, full Medicaid panels, a waiting list of 300 for Head Start, and a dramatic rise in child abuse cases from 68 in 1998 to 400 in 2005.

The Purdue University School of Nursing has partnered with Trinity United Methodist Church to develop the new Trinity Nursing Center for Infant and Child Health. The clinic offers parent education, health and developmental assessment, and minor illness care with an emphasis on children from birth to five years of age.

The need for such services became apparent in January 2005 when the three local nursing schools -- Purdue, Ivy Tech and St. Elizabeth -- met to discuss state and county data on local healthcare needs. The group, led by Karen Volk of Ivy Tech and Julie Novak of Purdue, found that one of the most pressing needs was infant care, and the geographic area with the greatest need was the downtown Lafayette/Wabash River corridor.

The collaboration with Trinity United Methodist Church was a natural because Beth Lana, a faculty member at Purdue and Ivy Tech and a member of the planning group, is also a member of the church. "The church's senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Jacob Williams, was already collaborating in the School of Nursing's Hurricane Katrina relief effort," says Dr. Julie Novak, clinic director, and Head of the Purdue School of Nursing.

"Their overlapping mission grew into the idea of a partnership. Church members donated over \$20,000 in renovation and start-up monies, while 10 to 12 members spent every Saturday morning for four months remodeling the space."

The Purdue School of Nursing, with teaching emphasis on developmental assessment, clinical rotations in infant, toddler, preschool, and K-12 programs, as well as extensive experience creating and operating nurse-managed clinics, took the lead among the nursing schools in establishing the clinic. Students from all three nursing schools may participate in the project.

Greater Lafayette Health Services Inc. donated supplies for the clinic, and James Bien, a pediatrician at Arnett Clinic, serves as the collaborating physician.

Services offered include:

- Parent education/coaching
- Counseling related to breastfeeding/nutrition
- Growth and developmental assessment
- Disease prevention
- Guidance related to developmental milestones
- Minor illness diagnosis and treatment
- Wellness/health supervision: birth to five years
- Home visits
- Individual and small group well child exams
- Literacy/reading promotion
- Health education, e.g., parental smoking cessation

News



- **Send us your photos!!**

We are working on an NCRN member project and would like to include photos of all of our NCRN member centers. Please send us a photo of your nursing center(s) to Jennifer Weinzerl at jrandall@uwm.edu by August 30th. Also please send us items that you would like to appear in the next NCRN newsletter.

- Farewell and thank you to Susan Braun, NCRN Treasurer who recently took a position outside of the network. We would like to welcome Andrea Bostrom who is now the Treasurer for NCRN.



- Congratulations to Dr. Michael Bleich on his appointment to the National Advisory Committee (NAC) of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NCRN Annual Meeting

will be held on

Monday, October 8, 2007

5:00-8:00pm at the Hyatt Regency Washington

Dinner will be served! More information to come!

Contact Jennifer Weinzierl if you have questions at 414-229-6921 or jrandall@uwm.edu

held during the

NNCC 2007 Annual

Best Practices & Policy Conference

October 7-9, 2007

Hyatt Regency, Washington, D.C.

For more information check out this website:

http://www.nncc.us/conference/NNCC_2007conference.html



It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do.

Walter Winchell

