

Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities
Nurses Network (PADDNN)

Meeting

September 9th (10:00am -3:00pm)

Attending: Sandra Corrigan, Carol Sumner, Shelly Hall, Margaret Camp, Leslie Palmer, Jorga Sukowskli, Kathy Jaczynski, Ellen Steffy, Toby Wolfe, Jack Toomey, Sharon Fairburn, Mary Ellen Bently, Denise Adamitis, Lisa Timek, Becji Fahs, Karen Borusiewicz, Sharon Falzone, Kim Riley, Christine Stapf, Kim Cahill, Ann Pusateri, Irene Stratz, Ronda Dysinger, Bette Belleville, Marie Devlin, Janet Burtin, Patty Graves, Cheryl Callahan, Ellen Edmondson, Janine Tsikalas, Sue Ross, Sheila Zeplin, Laura Aungst, Kelly Morrison, Ce Ce Fedroff, Star Long, Jammie Bubbenmoyer, Kevin Kirlin, Alberta Kohlman, Diane Smith

- I. Welcome Introductions completed. Thanks so much to the Northeast HCQU for hosting us today!
- II. Kim Cahill opened meeting by giving brief updates:
 - a. Committee Chair responsibly will be defined.
Current chairs are:
Communication- Ellen Steffy -need assistance with newsletters, website.
Education- Ramona Bosse -need assistance to start offering CEUs- (start in October 2009),
Announcement, Meeting and Conference Work.
Star Long, Sharon Falzone, and Carol Sumner will be regional representatives.
Membership Committee: Sandy Corrigan & Ronda Dysinger -need people interested in marketing PADDNN.
Diane Smith, Shelly Hall, Margaret Camp are regional representatives.
Nursing Issues-Patty Graves- Ad Hoc- project ideas-New Licensing Regulations,
Development of a Policies and Procedures Appendix, Nursing Assessments for DD Nursing
Scholarship Committee- Toby Wolfe- ongoing scholarship and travel arrangements for winners.
 - b. Conference 5th annual... with PADDNN logo contest.... Design & Submit for Conference
 - c. Financial.....Pharmaceutical Companies no longer sponsoring, few vendor sponsors, in fairness to members and to avoid increasing membership dues, a non members attendance fee will be applied for attendance at quarterly meetings beginning in December 2009.
 - d. Group membership guidelines will be defined and included in 2010 Membership Drive
 - e. Website can be used for information www.paddnn.com
- III. Featured Presentation/Panel Discussion on Pandemic Preparedness Plan for H1N1 by Robert Flanagan, Lackawanna County Emergency Management Services Coordinator and panel participants: Tom Shaffer, Manager for the Deaf Services Program, Northeast PA Center for Independent Living and Tom's Interpreter; Ellen Steffy RN- Regional Nurse South Central HCQU and Sharon Falzone, Director Northeastern PA HCQU

Provided a review of Pandemic Planning Lackawanna County
Current Statistics similar to 1957 flu outbreak
Pa statistics available through DOH
Current planning or working assumptions will drive response
School absenteeism rate will be monitored
Emergency management at county level is important piece in meeting "needs"
All is subject to change every day due to outbreak
Businesses need to be ready to make decisions (no one wants to make them)
School Closures- new guidelines CDC 8/7/09 PA DOH 8/17/09

Flu Symptom Checklist for school staff have been made available
H1N1 Vaccine mid – October nasal and injectable
How many shots vaccines ... voluntary
Target Populations children and pregnant women
Public Health Vaccination Model and SISS
PODS Points of distribution for vaccination are being established
PA serve & volunteer for vaccinations register specifically

H1N1 Flu Resources for the deaf and hard of hearing:

CDC website.

Caption issues with real time, breaking news, video telephone new technology, and texting,

Instant Messaging emails, hope soon a video cell phone, CAP Tell telephone,

Services for deaf: interpreter, video remote interpreting, benefits all.....

CPIN funded through homeland security

Work with IUs, school for deaf, PS for advancement of deaf for emergency response, access through internet and face book, mass emails, Deaf MD.org

IV. Meeting Minute Approval

Next PADDNN Meeting December 9th SE Region

Drawing for the 2010 DDNA Conference Scholarship- Air fare, 4 night hotel stay, pre & regular conference.

PADDNN conference & one night stay at Eden resort 2010

PADDNN Annual Conference October 14, 2009 Eden Resort Lancaster, Pa

X. Presentation Kinesthetic Learning by Sharon Falzone RN, Doctor of Education

Kinesthetic learners absorb information through doing: including manipulating items, simulations and role plays, and other methods that physically involve them in the learning process. They enjoy and learn well from experimenting and firsthand experience. Further, they learn best when activities are varied during a class period.

This presentation showcased this type of learning along with examples including gallery walks.

I. Open Forum

MAR issues, seem to be a target during survey for completion in accordance with Timelines and guides.

Be leery of CEUs beware of scams

XV. Farewell! Safe Journey!

Submitted by,

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