

# The South Carolina Public Health Association, Inc.



Nursing Section Minutes from September 17th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm. The first item on the agenda was to identify Nursing Section representatives for the SCPHA standing committees.

Continuing Education	Doris Vorlick
Legislative	Ellen Bouknight
Membership	Judy Alexander
Program	Leanne Bailey
Public Health Month	Carolane Bagnol
Public Information	Melissa Morrison
Nominating	Ellen Bouknight
Student Section	Judy Alexander

The Student section is a new committee with Megan Weiss as chair, looking to reach out to nursing students in colleges throughout the state. It has developed as part of the SCPHA Affiliate Capacity-Building Initiative (ACBI) (APHA/Kellogg Foundation Grant). Discussion involved ways to make SCPHA brochures available for students as a way to encourage membership.

More volunteers are needed for the standing committees, if you are interested please contact Dennis Thompson [thompsds@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:thompsds@dhec.sc.gov) with the name of the committee you would like to serve on.

Like last year, the Nursing Section is planning to hold a book and toy drive during Public Health Month (April and May 2010). Planning for this event is already in process, but we are seeking a coordinator, and would like to have a local coordinator from each region to ensure that collection boxes are placed in each region. It was suggested that we collect tissues and flu prevention type supplies, as well as books and educational/growth and development type toys. Carolane Bagnol offered to accept any supplies that are sent in early.

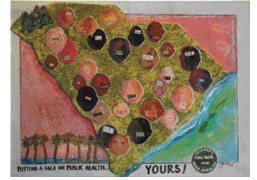
The third item on the agenda was a reminder of the 2nd SCPHA golf tournament, which is being held Tuesday, September 22nd at Northwoods Golf Club in Columbia SC. The cost is \$50. Please contact Leah Dorman at 803-804-8006 if you are interested. Even if you are not a golfer, there are plenty of opportunities for volunteers, and it is a great networking opportunity.

This year SCPHA is planning a Winter Conference to be held in late January or early February 2010. Garrett Gardner is coordinating this event. More details will follow as the timing gets firmed up. If you would like to help out please contact Garrett Gardner at [gardnegd@aol.com](mailto:gardnegd@aol.com)

The fall newsletter articles are due in October 1st to Gloria McCurry. Melissa and Leanne will coordinate an article from the Nursing Section that includes information on our Book and Toy drive. We will also include our very own award winner Michelle Myer, who was awarded the

2009 Southern Health Association's **Ficquett-Holley Award**, for nursing at a joint meeting of the Florida PHA and SHA in August.

Take a minute and go online to the SCPHA website <http://www.scpa.com/index.htm>. There is a lot of useful information on the site, as well as a link to the online store, which is now open. The store has a selection of quality merchandise. Please note that there are Judy Bolton Jarrett prints (\$30) and cards (\$15) available. The prints are a great retirement gift; and the cards will fit into a 5x7 frame to give as Christmas gifts to your co-workers. You can order them online, or contact Leanne Bailey.



There will soon be a new SCPHA website. The target launch date is September 30th 2009. Please check out the new look in October.

Nursing Updates:

**SCNA:** The SCNA had their state convention on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended. DHEC Region 5 Nursing Director, Vicki Green is the current SCNA president. The SCNA has a Community/Public Health Chapter. Sandra Tucker, Region 3 RND [tuckersl@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:tuckersl@dhec.sc.gov) is the chair and also our liaison with SCNA.

**SHA Update from Jan Cooke:**

I went to the TPHA conference in Franklin TN 9/1-4. It was their 70th year. The meeting centered on disparities and PHP issues. Plans are underway for the joint annual meeting there 9/14-17, 2010. Encourage membership, which is really cheap! The APHA Pres, Dr Easley was in TN and the P-E Dr Chevaz will attend 2010 SCPHA meeting in May.

Dennis goes next week to MsPHA annual meeting to pitch membership in SHA. He is very encouraged by contacts with the president and executive director. I will be with NCPHA 9/29-10/2 as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Love to have some members join me at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville!

Ted is following national legislation re: health care reform. He is to notify us re: action as this issue progresses. Mid-year will be at the Cool Springs Marriott, Franklin TN Feb 19-20, 2010. Everyone is invited to attend. We will have a GC meeting and planning session for the annual meeting.

**Board of Nursing update from Brenda Martin:**

Criminal background checks are required of all new applicants, reinstatements and reactivation

Encourage members to check the web site, it has up to date info, advisory opinions, minutes of meetings, as well as disciplinary actions.

Phyllis Raynor nurse consultant has resigned after 8 months

### **Office of Public Health Nursing Update from Ann Lee:**

The major point I would like to make at today's meeting relates to flu - both seasonal and H1N1. I would encourage all to get their flu shots; encourage their co-workers to get their flu shots (we strive for 100% but still have many who refuse), and likewise encourage all to participate in flu clinics to the extent that they can. The Office of Nursing is working with schools and colleges of nursing to engage students in mass vaccination clinics. We are also working very closely with health care entities and community partners to help assure that all targeted populations receive the appropriate flu shots. It seems that the H1N1 vaccine may now be a single dose instead of 2 doses given 21- 28 days apart as initially thought. We hope to work with the faith-based community and where possible, have them help us make flu shots available to as many as possible. I would encourage SCPHA Nursing Section members to take an active role in helping DHEC protect the public's health by promoting both season and H1N1 flu shots.

At our August meeting, the Office of Nursing concluded the work of its standing committees. We now have a very comprehensive orientation plan for new nurses and those who move from working in one program area (for example HHS) to another (clinic based services). Our CQI plan has been revised. And, the Human Resource Committee has completely revised the position description, interview tools and EPDP templates for all nursing classifications. I would strongly encourage all to visit the web site and see the changes.

For this next year we are hoping to accomplish several things. One is we want to completely revise, redesign and update our web page making it extremely user friendly and attractive. If anyone has any ideas or is interested in working with the committee, please let me know. We welcome ideas and participation. We are also focusing our attention on environmental health issues and plan to engage public health nurses more in this area. Gwen Davis will be one of the chairs for the committee that has this as its primary focus. This group will be looking at how we make our work environments more environmentally friendly as well as ways to increase nurse awareness of and involvement in making healthier environments for others and ourselves.

There are more exciting things on the horizon but hopefully this will be enough for today's meeting.

Ann W. Lee, RN, MN  
State Director of Public Health Nursing

### **Upcoming Dates:**

It is early, but please start considering whom you would like to nominate for a position in SCPHA for the 2010-11 ballots. You can contact Ellen Bouknight as she is the nursing section representative for the nominating committee. The Nursing Section would also like you to consider nominations for the Nursing Section Leadership team. We will have openings for a Vice Chair (3 yr commitment – moves up to Chair-elect in year 2, then moves to Chair in year 3), a Secretary (1 year commitment), and a Member at Large (2 year commitment).

SCPHA Award Nominations are due March 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 to Gloria McCurry.

SCPHA has 2 available scholarships. Applications will be due in the spring of 2010.

**Schedule of meetings for 2009-2010**

November 5, 2009	12 N – 1:30 PM
January 13, 2010	12 N – 1:30 PM
March 10, 2010	12 N – 1:30 PM
May 26-28, 2010	SCPHA Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach SC

The theme for the 2010 SCPHA Conference will be “Painting the Future of Public Health”  
The Nursing Section needs speakers and topic suggestions. Please give us feedback on what you would like to hear at the conference.

The meeting closed at 1:00 pm, with 10 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa K Morrison