

Dear MN IAFN members:

Hope you are doing well in this leap year. Several exciting things to share with you...

Congratulations to those selected during our annual business meeting elections! We now have Amy Lagenfeld, a nurse midwife at the Indian Health Board in Minneapolis and a HCMC SARS nurse as our new President Elect. Barb Kern-Pieh, the manager at HCMC's SARS program is staying on as Treasurer. Several new positions were filled; Kathryn Carver, also from HCMC's program will be our new membership chair and Karine Zakroczymski, the Allina SANE manager will be the government liaison representative. The Board has appointed an Adviser to our organization. Dr. May Carr, ER physician from Regions will work with our Chapter on forensic issues. Dr. Carr is the medical director for the Regions SANE program and did a forensic residency program at Hennepin County Medical Examiners. Welcome to all!

We are working at getting an updated Facebook page. Check our website frequently as we are often adding resources, listing a variety of conferences on forensics, DV, child abuse, etc. , being held in MN and in warmer states. The board is looking at doing some type of broadcasting of educational programs for those who may not be able to travel to the Cities or are working during the selected time frame, we will inform you when they are up and running. If you have any expertise in this area, we would appreciate your assistance.

Our education night got moved from March to February. Please note that it for this meeting it take place on Thursday (February 23rd) versus the third Tuesday. This session on STI's and Plan B will be held at the same location as January's meeting - Rm 101 in the Education Building at Abbott Hospital from 6:30-8:30pm. You can find more info on this and RSVP at mnforensicnurses.org. After the CEU we will hold our Education meeting, from 8:30 – 9pm, anyone who is interested in being part of that group can join us!

If there are resources, conferences, books, etc. that you believe would be helpful to those with our organization, please let us know, so that we can add it to our site. St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO will be hosting their annual forensic conference on May 9-11th, along with pre-conference sessions. Their early registration deadline is March 1st. Several of the board members have attended this in the past and recommend it!

Stats from Twin Cities programs for 2011 are as follows:

Allina: 225 exams - 4 males, 2 suspect exams.

HCMC: 555 exams - 23 males, 17 suspects, 82 children's exams

Regions: 178 exams - 9 males, 1 transgendered, 1 suspect exam.

St. Francis: 16 exams, 0 suspects.

Please let us know if we can share the cases that you have done. Thank you for everything you do!

Sincerely,

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