

On Jun 4, 2012, at 11:58, Paula Johns <president.mnforensicnurses@gmail.com> wrote:

Welcome to summer!

This month I would like to talk about several events, here and afar that you might find interesting.

I recently completed the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Citizen's Academy. This informative five week course met once a week in St. Paul, informing participants about the many facets of the BCA. If you would like to be considered for an invitation, please contact Brittni Alvarez at brittni.alvarez@state.mn.us or tel: 651-793-1104. She is also the person who is in charge of BCA tours. They are offered on the first & third Thursday of each month, during the months of September through May, from 10-2pm. (I had hoped that we could organize a weekend tour as a chapter but that does not seem possible.) Therefore, if your organization is interested in learning more about the BCA, schedule your 1.5 hr tour with Brittni.

Our monthly educational events have been moved the 4th Thursday of the month. Therefore on Thursday, June 28th from 6:30-8:30pm at Abbott Hospital, the MN IAFN Chapter will be hosting a speaker from The Bridge on homeless and exploited youth. The board meeting will be held afterwards and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. In July we will have another CEU event, then in August our chapter will host a social gathering with a rooftop party. To RSVP for these events, go to our website at <http://mnforensicnurses.org/>

IAFN recently announced that they will be cataloguing their daytime webinar lectures. As many of us aren't available during the weekday to listen to these informative sessions, it will be extremely helpful to obtain these CEU's and knowledge at other time periods. These webinars will be 1 CEU each and cost \$15.00 for IAFN Member and \$30.00 for non-Member per session. They are available at <http://www.iafn.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=742>

If you like webinars, the Battered Women's Justice Project also hosts multiple presentations on various aspects of violence. You may sign up for these at <http://bwjp.ilinc.com/per/ilinc/lms/event.pl?uc=1>

The Academy on Violence and Abuse recently sent out an article written by local researchers on the correlation of difficulties with wound healing for patients with histories of experiencing violence. You may access this article at http://avahealth.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={19084675-8908-45FF-88BB-262B794E7E69}

For those in the northern part of Minnesota... the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) will be holding another Testimony Institute on July 16 & 17th in Grand Rapids, MN. To register, contact melia@mncasa.org. On June 22nd our Minnesota Northern IAFN representative Leah Mornes-Kulcsar and I will meet with two SANE groups, PAVSA in Duluth and then onto Bemidji to network and dialogue, I look forward to meeting our MN SANE colleagues!

Early registration for the annual IAFN conference on October 10-13th in Puerto Rico will end soon. American citizens do **not** need passports to visit this bilingual island, as it is an unincorporated territory of the U.S. I know of three of the Region Hospital SANE nurses who will be presenting at the conference. Congrats to Ellen Johnson (nurse manager for the SANE program at Regions and Regions ER nurse), Dr. Carolyn Garcia, (Regions SANE and nursing professor at the University of MN), Kristi Jarvis, (Regions SANE and research nurse), as well as Dr. Mary Carr (SANE medical director) for excelling in forensic nursing!

Sincerely,

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