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MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Monday November, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

No agenda available d/t Annual Meeting for IAFN program updates across MN in correlation w/IAFN conference.

Attendees: Kelly Cichosz
Ellen Johnson
Katie Laney
Alisha Blazevic
Savanha Winkel
Alaine Ripley
Kim Brawk
Susan Kolar
Bree Temple (CMSAC advocate)
Breanna Heisterkamp
Maureen McConnell
Amy Schmitz
Charity Lustek
Linda Walther
June Boie

-Introductions.

-Mission and Vision Statement read by Amy Schmitz.

-Recollection of 2020 Board Members.

-2021 board meetings will be the first Monday of the month from 4:00pm-6:00pm via zoom. Focus is to plan education events and helpful hints to improve our practice. Alisha shared tip of using contacts in cell phone for useful information, password tips, etc. Also recommended texting self with information for future use.

-2020 Education Events

- Spring conference was cancelled d/t covid.

- Fall conference cancelled so members could take advantage of the IAFN virtual annual conferences at a bargain price.
- Chapter check in in September 2020 to discuss how covid was changing practice and tips/tricks.

-IAFN Annual Conference for Forensic Nursing Practice and science

- 9/22/21-9/25/21
- Orlando Florida
- Virtual format has benefits of increased CEUs and 2.5 months to watch the conference. Benefit of being able to view multiple sessions.
- MN Chapter of IAFN and the IAFN will be accepting scholarship applications for 2021 conference.

-Treasurer report for 2020

- 2020 activity:
 - Additions: \$2,633 membership fees
 - Expenses: \$1 donation to the foundation to keep account active. To keep account active.
- Account total \$5,662.38

-2020 IAFN Stats: MN 70 MN IAFN Chapter members. 129 IAFN members in MN.

- 34 SANE A in MN and 7 SANE P in MN

-Certification test 2021

- April 1 2021 exam– application window opens 01/04/2021
- September 1 2021 exam– not sure when application window opens
- 1 month window to test.

-MN Programs summary (locations, number of SANEs, number of exams in 2020 vs 2019)

- HART (Hennepin Assault Response Team)
- Allina Health Forensic Nursing Program
- Regions Hospital SANE Program
- PAVSA
- Mayo Clinic, Rochester SANE Program
- Central MN Sexual Assault Center (CMSAC) – CentraCare St. Cloud
- Carris Health- Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar MN

-Linda updated group that there's new legislation regarding BCA storing restricted kits.

- New legislation that BCA storing all the restricted SA kits for 30 months and will be responsible for notifying victims if they are going to destroy them. Starts in January. Group will be set up for statewide consent form for victims to sign re restricted/nonrestricted. WI has restricted kits sent to their crime lab. They have funding for a SA kit tracking system that will have a user ID for victims to log in and see where their kit is in the system. This will give us more accurate statistics. BCA has funding for better staffing for quicker turnaround time. BCA restricted SA kit storage to start 01/01/21.

-Linda discussed SANE training. Plan working with MNCASA to have (in March) 3 cohorts of 10. 3 days live webinar and 2 days in person. Should know by beginning of December, will have registration info in place at that time.

-Maureen presented on her forensic nursing grad program.

-www.mnforensicnurses.org is resource for training and events in MN. Can email mnforensicnurses@gmail.com to post training, events, and opportunities.

-MN IAFN email is iafnminnesota@gmail.com

-Twitter, FB, and instagram are able to cross reference now.

- Facebook: [Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses](#)
- Instagram: [@mnforensicnurses](#)
- Twitter: [@mnforensicnurse](#)

-2021 goals

- Increase participation and membership to the MN Chapter of IAFN
- Provide virtual education events for 2021
- Discounts for spring all day event for 2020 members.
- Multiple 2 hour evening events or an all-day 2 day event for 2021?
 - Spring will remain all day.
- Kelly and/or Amy to put out a Survey Monkey Poll for MN IAFN education events.
- Linda to add to ballot for all member's to vote and possibly add questions for education topic suggestions.
- Various MN programs offered to reach out to their groups for education topics/interests.
- Approach groups to provide virtual training and information on available SANE and other forensic services.
 - Nursing students
 - Other college students
 - Organizations serving vulnerable populations
- Linda informed that SANE Certification Renewal requires 12 accredited CEUs so there should be a focus on making sure AACN CEUs are provided for education.

-Annual Board Elections

- via Survey Monkey in email to vote for annual board positions, coming out soon. New board to start in the January 2021 meeting.
- Alisha reiterated that there are no prerequisites for running for board position (other than being an RN and a MN IAFN member). Encouraged everyone to express any interest they have in running for board positions.
- 75% meeting participation required for board position.
- Ballots out in the next couple weeks.

- Encouraged everyone to vote and encouraged program leaders to encourage their SANEs to vote.

-Amy expressed that people have expressed concern about the cost of MN IAFN membership. Amy broke down that with CEUs and potential grants, etc that it is worth it to be a MN IAFN member.

-Different programs discussed how they get reimbursed for different types of exams and how to expand programs.

-Meeting adjourned at 1756.