

September 21, 2005

September Newsletter

The Sept. meeting was held at Pardner's Restaurant in Piney held a discussion regarding an ethical dilemma.

PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

CASE STUDY: Lisa is a 16 year old high school student who is healthy with only minor respiratory infections. Her cultures she appears to be in good health. About 3 months ago, Lisa Fearing that she was developing worsening symptoms related to CF. To everyone's surprise, Lisa was pregnant. Lisa has two children with CF. Mr. and Mrs. B. questioned Lisa's intention of getting an abortion. Ms. O. was supportive of the father of the baby is 17 years old and a high school senior part-time job and will be of no financial help to Lisa at this time. Lisa is carrying a baby to term and the possibility of a child with CF. What is her obligation to the baby? Lisa's prognosis at best is a life expectancy of late 20's. CF is a recessive trait and the risk to the fetus depends on whether the father possesses a genetic trait for CF as well. Previous CF patients have experienced significant malnutrition and weight placement during pregnancy.

EMANCIPATED MINOR

Lisa is not considered an emancipated minor until she delivers
Pregnancy does not automatically grant emancipation

OTHER

Lisa's safety versus the safety of the fetus during pregnancy
Insurance issues

Financial responsibility to the parents

The obligation of the Nurse Practitioner to Lisa's desires

The responsibility of the father

Quality of life for the child after her mother's demise

Potential for adoption

Business Meeting

President Kathy Sharp opened the meeting by welcoming our
Secretary's Report: The minutes were posted on the website
by Pat Gibson. They were accepted as correct and approved
checking of \$14,646. 18.

Old Business:

DNP: Wendy Vogel completed the video taping in Chicago
to the DNP Medscape webcast. This response will be available
Please go to Medscape www.medscape.com to view the response
has sponsored. If you are not currently a member of Medscape
set up a free account. You may also view the reader's response
www.medscape.com/viewarticle/543596.

Fall conference: Friday, October 27th. Brochures should Kathy Sharp has verbal confirmation of 7.5 CEU's approve register online www.netnpa.com or by mail to NETNPA, 18 Bristol, TN 37620.

TNA annual convention: October 13-15, 2006 at the Fra Springs in Franklin, TN. Go to www.tnaonline.org for more Bone will be attending and will be presenting a resolution of the draft was presented and opened to the floor for discussion meeting. The resolution re: the Scope of Practice of Advanced in Tennessee was presented at tonight's meeting. The purpose the AMA regarding all mid-level providers and allied health prescribe medications in the state of TN. This resolution is by District 5 of the TNA. If you have any changes re: this email Kay Bone @ kayandpatbone@aol.com.

National Nurse Act: This is continuing to gain momentum. state senators to co-sponsor. This Act if passed will allow a Cabinet member for health policy decision making. Kathy a letter on behalf of NETNPA to our representatives urging co-sponsor the bill. Kathy has asked that all of the attendees www.nationalnurse.org for information and links to local representatives Department of Health Survey: Call 615-741-5226 to ask have not received one. This survey looks at funding for state initiatives. It is very important that we make Nurse Practitioner providers, especially of rural health care.

New Business:

RN vs. APN license numbers: for many years now, the www.Tennessee.gov/health site has listed NP beneath our associated practitioner profile. These profiles were mandated things as certification number, practice site, physician back information, etc. With the advent of the APN designation from the RN license, that profession is also listed within the professions. You will see that nurse practitioners are listed have practitioner profiles with information. It has come to when a practitioner's profile is updated, the updated information the RN profile-only the APN. When you sign for pharmaceutical SURE THAT THE REP HAS YOUR APN number not the RN database. THIS IS IMPERATIVE. Many constituents have reported of the collaborating physicians are no longer accurate, practices changed, etc., but many of the pharmaceutical companies license which references the outdated info. List your APN for credentialing, drug samples, etc. as the RN profiles are now Online CE survey: This is being sponsored by the University of Tennessee College of Nursing in Knoxville to assess the educational needs of TN. The input of every nurse is valuable! Please support taking a few minutes to complete the survey at <http://nightingale.con.utk.edu/test/survey.html>.

National Influenza Vaccine Summit: For the 4th consecutive year, "Vaccination Pocket Information Guides" for use by healthcare providers nationwide are being produced. The purpose of the guide is to provide healthcare personnel with information about indications and

the injectable and intranasal influenza vaccines. It also provides the recommended target population for vaccination and details at www.nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#pocketguide

Kathy Sharp will be representing NETNPA at the annual AAANA conference in Washington. She was invited as an affiliate representative and will be discussing some of our legislative concerns.

Job Opportunities:

Cardiovascular Associates, P.C. in Bristol has openings for Dr. Shamley at Dickenson County Clinic has an opening for \$72,000 a year with one week paid vacation and possible day week. The clinic is in Clintwood, VA. If interested, call ETSU College of Nursing is looking for a NP for the Mountain Hours Health Center. Submit application to ETSU Office of Box 70564, Johnson City, TN 37614-1707 or call Nancy Associate Dean for more information.

Blue Ridge Medical Specialists in Bristol is looking for a NP office.

Next Meeting:

Dr. Joseph Smiddy with the Wound Care Center at Wellmont available. The date is October 19, 2006 and the time is 6:30 information regarding this meeting and the number of CEUs quickly approaching; therefore, the next two meeting dates moved to the second Thursday due to the third Thursday fall