The International Association of Forensic Nurses

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is a professional membership organization representing more than 3300 forensic nurses and other professionals who support and complement the work of forensic nurses worldwide. The Association establishes and improves standards of forensic nursing practice by fostering growth and development of the specialty. We promote increased knowledge and skills among our members and among professionals from other disciplines who are dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge about forensic nursing globally.

We wish to especially thank all of the members who volunteered on a Committees or Task Force for their work and dedication. The help of member volunteers allows IAFN to move forward and provide the best service to the profession. Thank you.

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IAFN Highlights

Association's membership grew:
- The target for membership at the end of 2016 was 3500 - we reached 3738
- The target for retention was 80% - we reached 71%
• Continued partnerships with 10 health facilities in North America to provide 16 hours of clinical simulation training for adult/adolescent sexual assault forensic examiners.
• Provided 21 live and web-based trainings through a contract with Indian Health Services under the Tribal Forensic Healthcare training project. This year the first Teaching Clinicians Effective Training was presented. In addition, the Pediatric Pilot Program was introduced, which provides 24/7 consulting during pediatrics exams as well as monthly pediatric case reviews.
• Hosted 4th annual Lobby Day in Washington DC with the IAFN Board and Government Affairs Committee, April 12, 2016.
• Convened a strangulation task force, completing development and publication of the Non-Fatal Strangulation Documentation Toolkit, including the organization position paper http://www.forensicnurses.org/page/STOverview.
• Finalized and released the online publication, Office on Victims of Crime, SANE Development and Operation Guide.

• Provided online and live training through a contract with Indian Health Services.
• Continued to host the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Technical Assistance (SAFEta) project and associated website, addressing 647 technical assistance requests.
- Continued collaboration with the Southwest Center for Law and Policy on the SAFESTAR project, participating in training in Oklahoma.
- Participated as an Advisory Committee member on the SAFER Act with recommendations for release in 2017.
- Participated as a collaborator with Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCA$) on a rural SART leadership grant, including hosting of a leadership conference.
- Collaborating with the Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) at MNCASA in the development of a toolkit for SART case review, for release in 2017.
• Released the National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations – Pediatric and the KIDSta corresponding website. www.kidsta.org
• Continued collaboration with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) on a project to introduce best practices in responding to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in Egypt. This project sought to identify an operational framework in which the Egyptian MDT responds to SGBV, including providing high quality training on exposure to medical forensic and social approaches to SGBV cases.

Certification

The Commission for Forensic Nursing Certification (CFNC) seeks to promote certification standards and uphold the integrity of the program. The Association offers the SANE-A® and SANE-P® certifications for sexual assault nurse examiners practicing in adult, adolescent, and pediatric clinical areas. In 2016,
• 334 nurses took SANE certification exams
• 320 SANEs renewed their SANE certification
• 2 nurses certified in Advanced Forensic Nursing (AFN-BC) (56 total as of December 31, 2016)

Targets for 2016

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Board of Directors and members of the Government Affairs Committee traveled to Capitol Hill for our inaugural Lobby Day April 12, 2016. Board and committee members met with US representatives.

In 2016 IAFN issued the following position statements:
- IAFN FY2017 Funding Request for Programs Under the Violence Against Women Act
- IAFN Supports Justice for All Reauthorization Act
- IAFN Urges Action to Address Sexual Assault on College Campuses
- IAFN Supports Sexual Assault Survivors' Rights Act

Forensic Nurses Week
Forensic Nurses Week is celebrated annually during the second week in November. In 2016, the theme was “Vital in the Healthcare Response to Violence.” The contributions and commitments of twenty-eight forensic nurses were highlighted during the November 7-11, 2016 celebration. The following forensic nurses were recognized by their peers for helping individuals and communities by providing preventive services, developing policy, influencing legislation and collaborating with other healthcare, social services, and criminal justice system professionals to enhance the care of their patients, and for bringing awareness to the specialty:

- Aloisio Olimpio, Brazil
- Alisha Blazevic, Minnesota
- Andrew Mahoney, Louisiana
- Christi LaPrairie, Ohio
- Cynthia Wathen, Indiana
- Donna King, Canada
- Elizabeth Walters, Virginia
- Gloria DiSalvatore, Maine
- Heather Crites, Texas
- Heidi Breese, Maryland
- Holly Renz, Indiana
- Jaclyn Jackson, Illinois
- Jane Rutty, England
- Jennifer Breads, Maryland
- Jessica Albers, Kansas
- Kathleen Houston, Missouri
- Kathryn Keaton, Delaware
- Kaylin Dawson, New York
- Lt. Ada Dee, Virginia
- Mary Cole, Tennessee
- Misty Hunter, South Dakota
- Patty Metzler, Illinois
- Rita Silva, California
- Shayne Wheeler, Michigan
- Stephanie Langley, Canada
- Teresa Ross, Iowa
- Zenaide Medeiros, Brazil

IAFN EDUCATION
The IAFN provides a variety of educational opportunities for members and non-members each year through the International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, live trainings, and the Online Learning Center. In 2016, IAFN provided continuing education to over 2800 providers and distributed over 200 hours of continuing education credit. Curricula and training programs geared specifically toward the forensic nurse include, but are not limited to:

- Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training Program
- Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training Program
- Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence and Strangulation Case Reviews
- Certification Preparation Courses
- Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Clinical Skills curriculum

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT
For the 12th year, the Association continued to provide education and technical assistance regarding the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations 2nd Edition through the SAFEta Project, funded by the US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

The SAFEta project supports formal and informal local, state, and national multidisciplinary efforts to coordinate the response of healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and victim service agencies who respond to sexual assault. The SAFEta website is an outreach of the project, along with the provision of training and resources for sexual assault responders on the medical forensic examination and aspects of the National SAFE Protocol 2nd ed. In 2016, the SAFEta website had 27,618 unique visitors to the site. In 2016 there were 3,378 people trained by the SAFEta project at a total of 194 hours of education through webinars, seminars, workshops and conferences. In addition, there were 194 hours of direct technical assistance delivered by email, phone and in person at events. There were also 3,118 flash drives with the National SAFE Protocol 2nd edition distributed over the year.

• 930 forensic nursing professionals in attendance, and more than 70 workshops

• Keynote: Expert Witness Testimony in Sex Trafficking: A Forensic Nursing Perspective, Sharon Cooper, MD, FAAP. Sharon Cooper is the CEO of Developmental & Forensic Pediatric, PA, as well as faculty with the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. Additionally, she is an instructor at the Army Medical Education Department Center & School.

• Keynote: Children in a Digital Age, Lt. Joe Laramie, retired. Joe Laramie is currently with the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College. With more than 30 years of child protection, investigation and training experience, Lt. Laramie has contributed to a number of organizations including his time as Lieutenant of the Glendale, Missouri Police Department. He is currently a member of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and member of the Board of Directors for the Davis House.

• Keynote: Violence, Compassion Fatigue, and Compassion Satisfaction in the Emergency Department, Darcy Copeland, PhD. Darcy Copeland is currently an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Northern Colorado and a Nurse Scientist at St Anthony Hospital in Lakewood, CO. Her recent work has focused on workplace issues, including compassion fatigue and exposure to workplace violence. She has extensive clinical experience in mental health nursing; has experience as an infirmary nurse in a maximum-security prison for men; and worked with a grant funded program for dually diagnosed, homeless individuals transitioning back to the community from jail or prison.

• Keynote: Now You See It, Now You Don’t: Identifying Human Trafficking Survivors in the Health Care System, Ann Janette Alejano-Steele, PhD. Dr. Ann Janette Alejano-Steele (A.J.) has been teaching, researching, and speaking on human trafficking since 2000. Currently, she is a professor in the departments of women’s studies and psychology at Metropolitan State University of Denver as well as the co-founder and Research and Training Director for the Denver-based Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking. Her expertise has focused upon multicultural psychology, health access for vulnerable populations, and comprehensive services for victims of human trafficking. In 2013, she was named a CBS4 Game Changer.

Annual Conference

Resources

Journal of Forensic Nursing®

• The Journal offers CEs for nurses through both the JFN and through the publisher’s other respected journals.

• At the 2016 Conference in Denver, CO the Journal presented 3 awards in the following categories:

  - The 2015 JFN Clinical Article of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Kathleen Sanders Jordan for her article entitled “Child maltreatment interventions to improve recognition and reporting.” This article was co-authored with Dr. Sara Hatfield Steelman. The article can be found in Volume 11(2).

  - The 2015 JFN Research Article of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Heidi Collins Fantasia her article entitled “Forced sex and sexual consent among college women.” This article was co-authored by Drs. Holly Fontenot, Melissa Sutherland, and Terance Lee-St. John. The article can be found in Volume 11(4).

  - The 2015 JFN Education Article of the Year Award was presented to Meredith Scannell for her article entitled “Sexual assault simulation course for healthcare providers: Enhancing sexual assault education using simulation.”

Journal CE Opportunities

Caring in correctional nursing: A systematic search and narrative synthesis

The anatomy of human trafficking – Learning about the blues: A healthcare provider’s guide

Alternate light source findings of common topical products

CDC 2015 HPV vaccine recommendations for sexually assaulted patients: A review and update

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Memberships, Chapters, and Partnerships

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTERS
The Association honored several members and the public through its Awards Program, including:
• Diana Faugno received the Virginia A. Lynch; Pioneer Award in Forensic Nursing
• Julie Valentine received the Ann Burgess Research Award
• Dr. Karen Neill received the Distinguished Fellow Award
• Anne Galloway received the Front Line Forensic Nurse of the Year
• Erin Pollitt received the Service Award

In 2016, the Association closed the year with 25 active chapters.

PARTNERSHIPS
IAFN accomplishes much of its work through partnerships and relationships with other organizations. Members and staff represent the Association on a number of advisory councils, panels, agencies, committees, and other high-profile initiatives within the nursing and forensic communities. The Association actively seeks to create formal partnerships at the organizational level with our colleagues in other parts of the world. Our partnerships include, but are not limited to:

American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
American College of Emergency Physicians
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
AEquitas: The Prosecutors’ Resource on Violence Against Women
American Nurses Association (as an Organizational Affiliate)
American Nurse Credentialing Center
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Futures Without Violence

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
International Association of Coroner’s and Medical Examiners
Midwest Regional Children’s Advocacy Centers
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
National Center for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
National Children’s Alliance
National Sexual Violence Resource Center
National Center for Victims of Crime
Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC)
Our Kids Center
Southwest Center for Law and Policy
University of Colorado Health – Memorial Hospital
VERA Institute
Victims Rights Law Center

Financial

2016 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS
Current Assets
Cash 123,016
Accounts Receivable 224,035
Inventory 25,566
Prepaid Expense 73,803
Investments 1,235,891
Total Current Assets 1,682,311

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT net OTHER ASSETS
Security Deposit 1,025

TOTAL ASSETS $1,683,336

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current Liabilities
Accounts Payable and accrued expenses 34,305
Deferred Revenue 252,585
Escrow Funds 86
Total Liabilities 286,976
Net Assets
Beginning Net Assets 923,894
Change in Net Assets 472,466
Total Net Assets 1,396,360

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $1,683,336
THE IAFN LOGO

• Orange and teal colors communicate trust and innovation;

• The magnifying glass represents “forensic science” and;

• The universal healthcare symbol is easy to discern;

• The heart inside the magnifying glass represents the care and compassion of the dedicated nurses in the field.