TUALITY HOSPITAL PNCC MINUTES

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Time spent 120 minutes.

Present: Pam Bearce, RN FBC (Chair), Cindy Kistler, RN ICU, Terri Kaiser, RN PACU

Old Business:

Review education funds. Need to get quarterly updates. This is an ongoing concern to keep track of money available.

Review orientation for floats. Concerns re: liability issues for the hospital and the orienting nurse. How are individual units handling float personnel?

Staffing: Continued concerns in OR re: call coverage and reduced hours and restrictions for nurses who are on physician ordered work limits.

New Business:

SANE nurses: Concerns re: only 1 nurse in ER is SANE trained. Statistics show evidence gathered by a SANE nurse vs non trained nurse has a higher rate for conviction. Concern for shift coverage when that nurse doesn't work. Suggested solutions:

1. Contract nurses to fill in. This is expensive.
2. Partner with another hospital. Send patient to that hospital with sending hospital to pay for services. Will talk with Tara Gregory about details re: certification, statistics and benefit of having SANE trained nurses.

Nexiva IV catheters: Recommend that Nexiva reps be available as in hospital resource. Concerns that questions will arise even after attending the training classes.

Concerns re: how nurse practice policies are changed and how nurses are notified. Who is doing the updating in each unit and is there a policy and procedure committee?