

PROFESSIONAL NURSING CARE COMMITTEE

Members Present: Kathy Weldon, Pam Gordon, Sue Riley and Helen Collett

Date: July 25th 2012

Chairperson: Kathy

Recorder: Sue

A. The minutes from the two previous meetings on June 13th and July 10th were read and approved and will be distributed hospital wide this week.

B. Education Workshops: We have revamped the forms for workshops to reflect the new routing of these requests. It does not change anything the RN has to do but eliminates one of the approval steps listed on the previous forms. We should have these forms for the next meeting and will distribute to the "Red Notebooks" on the floors.

Your contract does guarantee you 32 hours of education a year and now with almost everyone doing 12 hour shifts, we may think about increasing our education to 36 hours to make the paperwork easier...Just a thought for the next contract.

C. Inadequate/Unsafe Staffing Reports: We have received 3 reports from PCU since last reported. Bill has been reminded that he needs to respond to these reports and hopefully he will. An e-mail to PNCC is sufficient.

D. Standards of Care in Ambulatory Surgery Center: There was some discussion from the ASC RN's about Universal Precautions for patients with infections. Kathy is going to check with Infection Control concerning their Standards but it is presumed the ASC follows the same Universal Precautions as the rest of the Samaritan Health Care.

E. Charter for our PNCC: Kathy and Pam have been working on changing our language in our PNCC to become a charter. Very little language requires changing so will be voting on this soon and send to ONA.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 8th at 1330 in the Education Room in the Ancillary Building. Always check the Conference Room schedules as we frequently have our rooms changed.

Please post on PNCC board.