

Professional Nursing Care Committee

Date: March 13th, 2013

Members Present: Heidi Scheffel, Pam Gordon, Cindy Lathrom, Sue Riley and Kathy Weldon

Chairperson: Kathy

Recorder: Sue

- A. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.
- B. Inadequate Staffing: We have received 4 reports recently from PCU and 1 from Short Stay and their managers have been notified. PCU seems to have a problem with high turnover with the heart caths and how busy that is for the floors. Short Stay had too few staff for the workload. Again the problem is getting beds from the PCU.
- C. The new members, Sarah Steffensen and Ben Farlow, were invited to this meeting but did not make it. I am sure the whole house is very busy.
- D. Workshops: If you submit a form that is old, the new software will refuse your application. You cannot get reimbursed unless you have the correct number at the bottom of the sheet. This is a 2013 update.
- E. HB2800 Information: ONA handed out papers including the hospital may not use retaliatory means against an employee for providing information to public body. They also provided information on what the RN can do to protect herself.
- F. Nurses' Day, May 6th: We will be having a Western theme on that day. Dress and food will be provided from 0730 till 1800. We will have door prizes but no gift cards because of the tax issues that have emerged.
- G. Samaritan Retreat: This has been rescheduled for November 8th from 0830 to 1530 at the Corvallis Country Club. All are welcome to attend from the 5 Hospital RNs.
- H. Special House of Delegates: Meeting is this Saturday in Portland. It is involving a new affiliation with American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Sue and Kathy will be attending.
- I. EPIC: We have already received some staffing issues involving EPIC. The transition seems to be going well except for some minor glitches.
- J. Next meeting will be on March 27th at 1330 in the HP conference Room.

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