

## **GSRMC PROFESSIONAL NURSING CARE COMMITTEE**

Date: April 24, 2013

Members present: Cindy Lathrom, Kathy Weldon, Sarah Steffensen, Heidi Scheffel, Pam Gordon, Sue Riley and Special Guest: Sue Davidson, ONA PNCC Representative.

Chairperson: Kathy Weldon

Recorder: Sue Riley

- A. Minutes from the meetings of March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 9<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved.
- B. Unusual Occurrences: Sue had multiple reports from the first month of EPIC dealing with low staffing, and not enough support for the staff during training. These reports have been sent to the management and we are waiting for responses from management. We have no specific feedback to give to individual RNs about this matter. These reports deal with and include the following areas: ICU, PCU, 2SW, 3N, and 3C. There is concern by this committee about the increase in numbers of reports received with the advent of the new EMR, when there had been only a few reports prior to the start of EPIC.
- C. Workshops: Kathy, Pam and Cindy attended a meeting with Tina Thurman on March 17<sup>th</sup> regarding an Instructional Plan for Staffing for Education either through attendance at or online CEUs. They are working with Tina and administration to assist in not driving overtime and other issues that relate to workshops. Watch for more to come as this gets developed. It was also agreed at this meeting that in order to allow nurses to be able to get off for committee meetings that they need to attend, the RN should submit a message to the scheduler for dates of their meetings and then the scheduler will put this into Lawson, allowing the floors to better staff for the days and times these nurses will be off their floors. Tina also said that nurses on the HB2800 committee could submit their meeting times to her in this same manner. Our contract states RNs will be afforded time off for such committee meetings that they are part of. We hope this will help get more RNs to their respective meetings.
- D. Nurses Day: May 6<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our "Western Days Theme" for Nurses Day. It will be from 0700-1800 in Conf. rooms A&B. Meals and door prizes will be going on throughout the day.
- E. ONA PNCC Liaison: Sue Davidson, our PNCC ONA Representative, has announced her retirement effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. She will continue on for awhile after that with special projects, such as HB2800 Staffing Law. She shared with us a project that a student is assisting her with related to Unsafe Staffing Reports (SRDF). We are working with Sue to accommodate our Unsafe Staffing Forms to the ones that ONA uses.

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