

PROFESSIONAL NURSING CARE COMMITTEE

Date: May 23, 2012
Members Present: Pam Gordon, Kathy Weldon, Heidi Anderson, Cindy Lathrom & Sue Riley
Chairperson: Kathy
Recorder: Sue

- A. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.
- B. Sue Davidson, ONA: Sue visited us for this meeting and brought some new Unsafe Staffing forms aimed directly for ER and OR. These forms are much more specific for these specialty areas and we are going to distribute them to Helen and Cindy for their areas and see how the RN's like them. The forms would still go through our PNCC. We also talked about getting more feedback to the RN who writes the report. As you all know, the reports go up the Chain of Command from the individual managers to Kathy Hale and also a copy to ONA. We would like to get some response to the RN also. We also talked of the possibility of getting the forms online for easier access for all. Sue reports other facilities are able to do this so we are going to see what is possible within GSRMC.
- C. Education Funds: We are probably not going to have many, if any, excess funds this year but we do invite you to submit any additional costs for education you may have this year before the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2012). As always, extra funding would go to the costs of workshops first and then to travel.
- D. Workshop Forms: We discovered we need to amend our forms slightly to reflect the new way the forms go to the various areas, i.e., PNCC – Scheduling – Avery Square – Professional Development and Accounting.
- E. Charter: ONA is encouraging all PNCC's to adapt their bylaws and develop a Charter. ONA feels this would more accurately reflect what we do. They also feel the language would be more legal and prevent other Unions from taking over our union.
- F. Staffing Committee: ONA would like any RN's with any suggestions for upcoming legislature to make or improve the staffing law to let them know. The law is only as strong as the individual and collective power of the hospitals involved. Certainly, finances will be reflected with all of our staffing concerns this next year. ONA also advises everyone to make Inadequate/Unsafe Staffing Reports if needed. GSRMC did not have any reports the last 2 weeks.
- G. Cath Recovery: Some Short Stay RN's and PCU RN's have been concerned that the patients from Cath Lab have been finishing their Recovery in other units when Cath Lab closes at 1730. Now Cath Lab Recovery will be open to 1930 and will relieve some of the stress on the other units. There is talk of perhaps combining Short Stay Staff and Cath Lab Staff so there are 2 licensed staff at all times.

Next meeting will be June 13th from 1330 to 1500. Check the Conference Room schedule for location.

Please Post on PNCC Board.