

PROFESSIONAL NURSES' CARE COMMITTEE
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center

Date: November 9th, 2011

Members Present: Kathy Weldon, Heidi Anderson, Helen Collett, and Sue Riley

Chairperson: Kathy

Recorder: Sue

- A. Minutes for the meetings of October 12th and the 26th were read and approved.**
- B. Inadequate/Unsafe Staffing Reports: Sue reports only one new report from ICU and we are waiting a response from the manager.**
- C. Bargaining Unit "End of Contract" Party: ONA members are invited to join other members for a Potluck sometime in the next few months to discuss the current contract and suggestions for our next contract, RN's are being asked to donate any warm coats or jackets in good condition which will be donated to the Men's or Women's Cold Shelters in Corvallis. This committee hopes to keep an outreach with the RN's at GSRMC. More information to come from members of this committee.**
- D. Workshop Forms: The final draft of all the PNCC forms will be ready for our next meeting on November 23rd. We will go over all of them and will put our red books together for all of the units at our last meeting of the year on December 14th.**
- E. ONA Representative: As we announced last week, Susan Link, resigned from ONA. Sue Davidson will be representing ONA at some of our PNCC meetings. Sue is an Executive Director at ONA and is in charge of all the PNCC's in the state.**
- F. Job Description for Sitters: There has been some discussion on the floors as to the difference between sitters and patient companions. It is our understanding that sitters can sit with patients, walk with patients, maybe cut up food but cannot feed patients. Both must keep the RN informed about what is going on. Companions are just with the patients that may be confused or lonely. They can provide no hands on at all. Kathy and Helen are trying to get the specific job description from HR.**

The reason we have been asked about the Sitters is the CNA time that is spent with patients that require 1:1. It seems every floor has at least 2 patients that need this more intensive supervision to keep them safe. Add that number to the patients who may be borderline 1:1, floors may look like they have great staffing but not really when this is factored into the mix. It is appreciated how everyone does pitch in and try to help one another when this happens.

Next meeting will be on November 23rd from 1330 to 1500 in the Conference Room of the Ancillary building.

Please Post on PNCC Board.