Professional Nursing Care Committee—ONA/PPMC
Meeting Minutes for June 28, 2011

Present: Sue Phillips, RN 8S, Chair
Juanita Wolf, RN OPT
Karen O’Dell, RN Float Pool, minutes
Shannon Ferguson, RN ICU
Ruwani Dissanayake, RN 2G
Eileen McCann, RN 7S
Van Barnes, RN Endo
Susan Link, RN PhD, ONA Practice Specialist
Jenny Taylor, RN, ONA District 1 President
Absent: Kristin Harris

May minutes approved.

**Releasing Time To Care:** Janice Zauner, Project Manager & Facilitator for RTC project came to give this committee an update. 5G has seen positive results on projects. There are reports of more staff engagement. All PPMC staff nurses are encouraged to visit the 5G unit to observe project displays in hallways. Newest units to come on board are 7S and 4R, these units are in beginning stages of this project. This is a DCN driven project to streamline delivery of care. One example, 5G nurses recommended color-coded grouping of nursing supplies, this was found to be helpful & will go house wide.

**Staffing Committee:** 2 new slots are open for new members. This will be decided on July 25 (next meeting).

**Staffing on 5L:** Newly hired float CNAs were being floated to med-surg nursing units instead of being used when needed on 5L. Administration communicated to Staffing that priority should be given to 5L. We will continue to monitor.

**Clinical Nurse Leader:** Administration met with 2 staff members with CNL national certification to discuss issue of certification pay. PNCC recommended that these nurses be eligible for certification pay, as they are nationally certified. PNCC discussed this issue at length. Members
feel that these nurses should receive the certification pay, as they are staff nurses with a national certification (including masters level education). We will write letter to Karen Logsdon, Chief Nursing Officer about our support for certification pay for these 6 staff nurses.

**Certification Library:** Jenny Taylor, ONA District 1 President and Sue Phillips, RN PNCC chair, met with the Medical Librarian to discuss the storing of certification study materials for District 1 and PPMC nurses. Susan Link, ONA Practice Specialist will assist in finding ANCC study materials & information on free instruction presentations. We are again planning for a Certification Fair in Spring 2012 to encourage nurses participation in obtaining certification.

**ICU:** Some concerns have been expressed to this committee from nurses in this department since the department moved. This committee encourages documentation through filling out the: Staffing Request and Documentation Form. This form can be found on ONA bulletin boards or go to www.oregonrn.org to fill out on-line (please print copy for deposit into SRDF box—1 boxes is on each of the main floors of med-surg buildings). Only through clear communication (document) can we resolve these issues.

**2G Split:** Cardiology will be split into 2 units. Primarily 2G will be used for surgical cases. 5K will be used for general cardiology. Nurses are being trained. Consideration of skill mix will be used when planning division of staff. This committee will follow progress of new unit.

All are welcome to attend or bring concerns to PNCC. We meet the 4th Tuesday from 4-6pm in Cancer Center Conference Room.