PNCC Position Changes and Recent Work

Prineville Professional Nursing Care Committee (PNCC) is excited to welcome Heidi Hagensee, RN to our group. Heidi has been employed as a registered nurse in Prineville for over five years, and worked at St. Charles for many years before coming to Prineville. She will be a great addition to our committee!

We are still recruiting for new members, so if you are passionate about professional development in nursing, and interested in joining PNCC, let us know!

Did you know that we now have a PNCC group email? Please contact us at: pncccommitteeprineville@stcharleshealthcare.org

Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) communicates with members via non-work email addresses. Please ensure that ONA has your updated address so you receive important information. To update your information online go to www.OregonRN.org then click on the "Membership" tab and then the link to "Update Contact Info". Contact Courtney Niebel at: niebel@oregonrn.org if you need assistance.

In an effort to increase teamwork and showcase our fabulous nursing staff, PNCC randomly chooses RN’s for a “Featured Nurse” display. This includes a special picture and an interview where we learn more about the chosen nurse on a personal level. You may have noticed this displayed in the back hallway by the lab and the education board. We have now added another location, by the vending machine in front of the Emergency Room. Please check it out! Let us know if you are interested in being the “Featured Nurse.”
PNCC Educational Fund Updates

We still have funds available for education related to professional development but they are going quickly! Please submit your applications before Nov. 1, 2016. We recently contributed funds to the all campus Trauma Certified Review Course that was held in Bend and taught by Jeff Solheim. This was a great opportunity to attend a certification review course close to home. Jen Wine, Emergency Department RN, was able to attend and stated that the course was really beneficial, and talked about the care of trauma patients from triage to discharge, including inpatient care.

According to the American Nurses Association, continuing nursing education allows opportunity to brush up on knowledge that you may not have used recently or gain more technical background in specialty areas. Continuing education improves professional competence, which translates to improved health care outcomes and increased job opportunities for nurses! Ongoing education prepares nurses to make informed decisions and decreases exposure to risk.

PNCC is so excited to provide the funding for Michele Lawson, RN to attend the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses Annual Convention in Washington D.C. September 29, 2016. Please stay tuned as she will be presenting some of the great information she has learned. You too, could attend a National Conference in 2017, so let us know if you are interested and let’s make it happen!

Oregon's New Nurse Staffing Law

Thanks to ONA members’ support, the Oregon Legislature successfully passed improvements to Oregon’s Hospital Nurse Staffing Law in 2015. These much-needed improvements ensure that nurse staffing committees have the final say in hospitals’ staffing plans, increase state-led investigations and audits, enhance staffing plans’ transparency, establish reasonable limits on mandatory overtime, and create a mediation process for staffing committees to resolve impasses, among other changes.

Key changes to Oregon’s Hospital Nurse Staffing Law include:

- Clarifying that hospital nurse staffing committees’ plans must be implemented by hospitals
- Creating a more thorough review process for staffing plans
- Establishing reasonable limits on the use of mandatory overtime
- Publicly posting information about the law and how to report violations on all hospital units
- Creating a statewide advisory board to study staffing trends and make recommendations to the state
- Establishing a mediation process to resolve staffing committee disagreements
- Increasing state-led audits of hospitals’ compliance with the staffing law

Click here to learn more about Oregon’s new Nurse Staffing Law