Message from the President

Taryn Edwards, MSN, CRNP, NNP-BC

Happy Holidays from all of us on the DVANN Board. We wish you many blessings and a happy, healthy 2014!

We had a great turnout for the Fall Conference and my hope is that for those members who attended, you were inspired to be leaders, regardless of your role. At the conference, membership voted on adding an Advocacy Position to our board. This position will focus on influencing neonatal healthcare through the legislative and regulatory processes. Over the past year, NANN and NANNP has become very active in advocacy. Areas that have been focused on are: neonatal drugs and shortages, newborn screening, CHD screening, prematurity and the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act, safe chemicals, access to RSV prophylaxis, and APRN Consensus Model implementation.

Neonatal Drugs and Shortages: NANN’s Health Policy & Advocacy Committee met with the FDA, shared neonatal nursing concerns regarding drug shortages and the negative impact it has on our patients. The FDA explained the reason behind the shortages, which is mainly related to the quality of the product, especially for TPN components. There is now a link to the drug shortages in the U.S. on NANN’s website.

The FDA’s Pediatric Advisory Committee, identified the need to expand current pediatric science in drug development to include the neonatal population. NANN was able to bring neonatal expertise to the committee, but also identified the challenges of neonatal product development, and issues related to drug research for our patients.

Newborn Screening: This year was the 50th anniversary of newborn screening in the U.S., however the bill also expired this year. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and NANN cosponsored a congressional briefing about the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act (NSSLRA) to encourage the U.S. House to pass the bill and the U.S. Senate to introduce the companion bill.

CHD Screening: Only nine states have not taken formal action to pursue universal pulse oximetry screening in the U.S. All other states have either introduced or enacted legislation, passed regulatory requirements, or are involved in pilot programs to evaluate critical CHD screening.

Prematurity: In conjunction with the March of Dimes, NANN supported the passage of the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act (PRA). This just passed in November!

Safe Chemicals: Chemical safety reform is not only a public safety issue, but a neonatal issue. In 2013, the Safe Chemicals Act was introduced into legislation and NANN would like to hear from you about concerns that you have regarding this topic.

Access to RSV Prophylaxis: In 2009, the AAP Red Book revised their RSV prophylaxis guidelines, which limits the dosing and chronological age treatment recommendations, which leaves many high-risk infants unprotected. The Alliance for Patient Access is gathering data from providers who work with neonates and children about barriers to Synagis and socioeconomic concerns for families. Be on the lookout for a survey!

APRN Consensus Model Implementation: Twenty-two states now have autonomous practice and five states have pending legislation. Accrediting and certifying organizations are working to bring their standards and examinations in line with the consensus model. In conjunction with the NANNP Council, a statement is being developed about removing barriers to scope of practice for APRNs. As we look towards 2014, please think of areas that need to be addressed for our vulnerable patients.

We, as DVANN and NANN members, have the opportunity to change neonatal practices and advance the science of neonatal care. There will be challenges along the way, but we can be the voice of change for our patients! ~Taryn

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

DVANN currently has 148 members! New membership applications and renewals can be completed online - it’s fast and easy!

Please encourage your colleagues to join DVANN. Membership benefits include free dinner meetings, discounted conference fees, opportunities for networking with colleagues in the Delaware Valley, building professional friendships, participating in community outreach projects and staying up to date on changes in neonatal practice.

Just a reminder that NANN has transitioned chapter membership dues payment to the national level. When joining/renewing your NANN and DVANN memberships, we are now able to renew both memberships online in one easy step! The overall process remains the same: NANN will notify you 90 days ahead of time when your NANN membership is due to expire. When you renew with NANN, you’ll also have the option of including a chapter membership. Please contact us if you have any questions!

Welcome!

A special welcome to DVANN’s newest members:

Michelle Ashmore
Amanda Baldwin
Dale Ann Beloff
Judith Densten
Annmarie Gennattasio
Tammy Gollinger
Vanessa Graham
Danielle Greeno
Annamarie Gresko
Theresa Groder
Babette Gum
Andrea Huie
Lynn Marie Kelso
Sharon Knuth
Vanessa Lowery
Stephanie Morgan
Kathy Nilan
Molly Prader
Jenessa Smith
Lynn Spilman
Karen Steinmetz-Looby
Susa McFadden
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Regina Grazel, MSN, RN, BC, APN-C

Nurse through ANCC. My career has taken many paths from staff nurse to nursing instructor to project coordinator and advanced practice nurse. I achieved the NANN Developmental Care Specialist designation and became a Certified Breastfeeding Counselor (CBC). I held a long time position (17+ years) at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center as the Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist for the inpatient Women and Children's Care areas and for a short while was a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Newborn/Infant Care Center at CHOP. I continue to do per diem work for Lourdes.

My current position has shifted my focus from hospital based nursing to public health. I am employed by the NJ Chapter of AAP (NJ AAP) through a federal HRSA grant and am charged with overseeing the mandated screening of infants for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) at the NJ Department of Health. I work with a dynamic interdisciplinary team at NJ AAP and the NJ DOH, including nurses, physicians, research scientists, a CDC epidemiologist and other public health professionals. Throughout my career, I have recognized the importance of active involvement in professional organizations and continued professional growth. I have served in many leadership roles including DVANN as former treasurer and president, two terms as Director at Large on the NANN board and Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center representative on the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative board of directors. I am currently serving on the Rutgers University School of Nursing-Camden Dean's Advisory Council and enjoy speaking to high school child development classes about fetal development, prenatal and newborn care. For the past several years, I have hosted Penn nursing students in the shadowing day program to give them a glimpse of various nurses roles. Earlier this year, I was honored to receive the Alumni Nursing Excellence Award from Rutgers School of Nursing-Camden.

My favorite ways to keep active are Soul Line Dancing and rowing for the Rutgers Alumni Crew Team. My husband and I recently moved to Palmyra and are tackling the project of renovating a 100-year-old Victorian home.

Thanks Jean for all that you do! We are proud to have you as a member of our chapter!
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CLARE’S CUPBOARD

At our Fall Conference, DVANN donated $207.45 to Clare’s Cupboard. Clare’s Cupboard is a program in the NICU at Cooper University Hospital, formed by the staff of the NICU and Social Work Department to meet the needs of infants cared for at the Children’s Regional Hospital at Cooper. They provide items such as cribs, bedding, clothes, diapers, formula and food so that babies can receive the care they need and deserve. Please visit clarescupboard.org for more information or to make a donation.

LABOR OF LOVE

At DVANN’s Membership Appreciation Dinner in September, $305.17 was donated to Labor of Love, a partnership with Haitian Christian Mission to help mothers and children in Haiti.

DVANN participated in the silent auction at the NANN Conference. DVANN’s item was a beautiful Anthropologie leather bag and scarf. All proceeds from the silent auction were donated to the March of Dimes.

Do you know of a non-profit community organization that would benefit from our donations? Email us at dvannurses@gmail.com

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DVANN EVENTS

At our Membership Appreciation Dinner on September 17, 2013, Ann Coyle was presented with the Education Scholarship from West Branch Medical. Congratulations Ann!

DVANN received the Chapter of the Year Award and won the Chapter Challenge at the NANN Conference in Nashville, TN. Everyone looked great in their DVANN shirts as we received our award at the business meeting.

Journal Club was held at the Pop Shop in Collingswood, NJ on December 4, 2013. We had a great discussion about an article from The Journal Of Pediatrics titled “Alterations in Brain Structure & Neurodevelopmental Outcome in Preterm Infants Hospitalized in Different Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Environments”. And of course a great breakfast as always!

DVANN’s Annual Fall Conference was held at Cooper University Hospital in November. Our speakers were great! Special thanks to our keynote speaker, Eileen Lake who spoke about Optimizing the Nursing Practice Environment. Sue Williams, BSN, RN was awarded the Professional Development Award. The REACH Award was presented to Tammie Meeker, MSN, CRNP, NNP-BC. The International Community Service Award was presented to Christine Franciscovich, MSN, CRNP, NNP-BC. Congratulations ladies!

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2nd Biennial Perinatal Palliative Care Conference
March 21, 2014, 7:30AM-4PM
Ammon Education Center
Christiana Care Health System
Newark, DE
*See attached flyer

Care of the Surgical Neonate Conference
March 27-28, 2014
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA
*Flyer attached (to email)

RNC Maintenance
Just a reminder that the Stage 1 orientation phase with a non-binding Education Plan for those due in 2013 ends 12/31/2013. Stage 2 begins for those with maintenance due dates in 2014 and beyond. Beginning in Stage 2, only CE earned AFTER completion of the specialty assessment tool can be used for NCC certification maintenance and all CE earned must address the needs outlined by the individualized Education Plan which develops from the stage 2 specialty assessment. For more details and information, visit http://www.nccwebsite.org/ContinuingCompetency/

SAVE THE DATE!
January 21, 2014
DVANN Winter Meeting
Topic: Postpartum Depression
Presenter: Agnes Fuentes, BA, BSN, RNC
Albert Einstein Medical Center
5:30-8PM
Free for members!
*See attached flyer

March 19, 2014
DVANN/PPS Dinner
Details to follow

September 10-13, 2014
NANN 30th Annual Conference
Phoenix Convention Center & Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Phoenix, AZ

HAVE YOU HEARD?!
Do you have something you’d like to see in “Preemie Press”? Please send newsletter submissions to the newsletter editor, Elizabeth Adler (eliz.j.adler@gmail.com). Also, please help us get the word out about DVANN - print this newsletter and post it in your unit!

President’s Message Links & References

http://www.dvannurses.org
JANUARY 21, 2014
5:30-8:00 PM
DVANN ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

Postpartum Depression
Agnes B. Fuentes, MA, BSN, RNC
Clinical Educator
Women & Children Services
Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia

Dinner Provided!
Free for DVANN Members
$20 to join DVANN & Attend Meeting
$25 for Non-Members

EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER
5501 Old York Road
Philadelphia, PA 19141
Gouley Auditorium

RSVP to dvannurses@gmail.com by January 14, 2014
Save the date!

2nd Biennial Perinatal Palliative Care Conference

Friday, March 21, 2014
0730-1600
Ammon Education Center
Christiana Care Health System
Newark, DE

Keynote speaker: Brian S. Carter, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine
Bioethics and Pediatric Palliative Care
University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Medicine

All health care disciplines invited!
Physicians, Nurses, Social Work, Chaplains
Nursing & Medical Students, Residents & Fellows
Obstetrics, MFM, Pediatrics, Neonatology, Maternity

Topics include:
Evidence for practice
Perinatal and neonatal concerns
Ethics and Empathy
Supporting siblings
Parent’s perspective
Spiritual support
Learning through simulation/role play