

## CAPHN Executive Board Meeting

### Minutes of October 9, 2007

**Present** were Kathleen Cooper-McDermott, Linda Bailey, Barbara Dingfelder, Deborah Horvath, Lynn Abrahamson, Sharon Enot, Margaret Balint

**There meeting was called to order at 9 AM.** The minutes were reviewed. An omission of a discussion of the Nightingale Declaration was noted. A motion to accept the minutes with the amendment by Deborah Horvath and seconded by Barbara Dingfelder. A unanimous vote approved the minutes with the correction.

**The Treasurer's Report** stated that the balance of the bank account in September was \$4007.29. This included payment for the administrative fees from the CNA and 5 membership renewals. The balance for October was \$3941.64. The expenditure was for a plaque to honor Beth Strimpel R.N. for her work with the association.

**The President's Report** was presented by Lynn Abrahamson. She reviewed CAPHN's participation in the Annual Influenza Update on September 18, 2007 at Amarante's Sea Cliff in New Haven CT. One of the key organizer's was Debbye Rosen, a CAPHN member. Lynn, as a representative of CAPHN, participated as a moderator in one of the breakout sessions.

Lynn also asked about the participation at the CT DPH's meeting "Public Health Nursing and Building Bridges in Connecticut" that was held on September 26, 2007 at Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown CT. Barbara was the moderator for the meeting and several of our members participated as speakers.

On the same day, September 26, 2007, another member, Linda Bailey, did a presentation called "*Lead Exposure Risks: Pre and Post Natal Concerns*" at the Maternal and Child Health Public Health Initiatives 2007 conducted by State of CT, Department of Public Health.

Sharon Enot shared information about a new group being formed in Windsor called "First Town Nurses". The group was organized by a fellow nurse, Sharon Gauthier, MSN/RN, whose aim is to bring nurses together to share information on all the types of work being done by nurses in Windsor. The group's first meeting was held on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lynn also shared information about the Connecticut Public Health Association's annual meeting to be held October 26, 2007 at Aqua Turf in Southington CT. The featured speaker will be Kristin Gebbe, a well-known professor of Public Health Nursing at Columbia University. She will be speaking about the Public Health Work Force. She will also be part of the breakout session focusing on Public Health Nursing. There will not be an option of attending the conference for a half-day session.

We noted the work that Lynn had done to upgrade the programming of CPHA during her tenure as president. We discussed if we should consider using some of those techniques to revitalize CAPHN as well. We will hold on this discussion until a future meeting.

There was a request for someone to attend the Safe and Healthy Connecticut Summit Meeting being held October 12<sup>th</sup> in New Britain. There were no volunteers at this time.

Discussion was held on updating the website for CAPHN. A motion was made by Barbara Dingfelder to move ahead with the proposal for updates to the website made by Linda Grafton of Up & Running Computer Services at a cost of \$450. The motion was seconded by Kathy Cooper-McDermott and Sharon Enot. The unanimous vote approved the motion.

Discussion of two of the agenda items, considering a position of CAPHN Historian and the next steps in bylaws revision were postponed until the next meeting.

A request was made to send the suggestions made to update the bylaws again to the Executive Board.

The meeting in November has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting is scheduled December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

Respectively submitted by

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Secretary CAPHN