

CAPHN Executive Board Minutes
CT Nurses Association
June 16, 2009

Those present were: Philip Greiner, Debbie Horvath, Sharon Enot, Monica Wheeler and Liz Reynolds.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM.

The meeting began with a general discussion of the Annual Meeting in May. After a review of the evaluation summary provided by Andrea Lombard via email, it was agreed that the format and content led to a successful effort. There were suggestions made in the individual evaluations, and those were reflected in the overall comments section. It was suggested that the event seemed more suited to presentations from students at the undergraduate level, and that there did not seem to be sufficient time for a more detailed presentation by the graduate students. Given the work that the grad students are doing in relation to development of training materials for new PHN's in CT, it might be more appropriate to invite them to a quarterly meeting where they can have a more personal discussion with the CAPHN members.

It was agreed that CAPHN should definitely repeat the Annual meeting program next year, with some revisions and correction of issues that arose re abstracts, poster session materials and summarization/facilitation by a CAPHN board member to "draw it all together" at the end. In addition, the committee may wish to consider a different venue, or funding to address refreshments for the student presenters. CAPHN will send a thank you note to Phil and Lydia Greiner for their donation of \$250 toward the cost of food for the students at the 2009 annual meeting.

Barbara Dingfelder has asked for input from the CAPHN board re the selection of members who could serve as "model PHN's" for a campaign being conducted by Johnson and Johnson. Deb Horvath provided a summary of email discussions re how to select what were described by the request originator as "younger" PHN's to appear in a media campaign designed to interest high school students in public health nursing as a career choice. There was some discussion re CAPHN members who are active in different roles in local health, including emergency preparedness, school health, community education, environmental health nursing, etc. It was agreed that CAPHN would not support the inclusion of school nurses as representative of CT public health nurses – as they maintain their own organization separate from public health nurses, and have limited general population based activities. PHN's in local health, who also have supervisory responsibility for school nurses, would be a preferable choice. After discussion, it was agreed that CAPHN would recommend the following members: Sharon Enot (Windsor HD); Loren Pace (Westport/Weston HD) ; Leslie Polito (Torrington Area HD) ; Angela Simpson (Meriden HD) and Trish Sullivan (Naugatuck Valley HD). Debbie will call Barbara and provide the names and a summary of the board's discussion.

The next meeting will be held 7/14 at CNA from 8:30 – 10:30 AM. Monica Wheeler will send out an agenda. Margaret Balint will send out a save the date notice.

Respectfully submitted by,

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