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A MESSAGE *from the President*



Anne Loochtan
NN2 President

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As years go, 2010 has been exceptionally busy. Health care has reached new summits in terms of government oversight. Higher education is responding to more federal controls, and health care education will be significantly impacted by both. NN2 is in a unique position to both influence and help translate many of these changes. We are also in a position to connect and network with other organizations that play significant roles. For example, working with the Health Professions Network, one of our members has assisted in program development geared toward workforce issues. An upcoming summit in Chicago will address these issues.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has contacted NN2 in an effort to gather information related to stackable certificates and planning educational programs for career ladders. They recognize the contribution of two-year colleges in training healthcare workers, and further are looking into the training and educational needs of incumbent and displaced workers. Many of you responded to our online survey regarding your multicompetency/multiskilling programs in response to the foundation's request. We will be posting the results on the website, and we hope that NN2 will be able to continue working with them.

As many of you know, AARC has scheduled its third meeting on 'AARC

2015 and Beyond' this summer. NN2 members will be there as investigation of the issues related to future education of the respiratory therapy workforce continues. We will keep you informed as we learn of new information.

NN2 also has several representatives working with CAAHEP. We continue to support and work closely with them on issues related to accreditation and educational program quality.

There are many other ways that NN2 interfaces with organizations and issues. However, the most important are those where each NN2 member works with his/her profession, and local, regional and state governments. If you are working with a professional organization or governmental organizations related to healthcare or healthcare education, please let us know how things are going. We would love to add information to the NN2 website in the advocacy section. We have not yet posted much information in this area, so we really need your input.

In fact, NN2 needs member input in order to be a great organization. Never have there been more influences on our work than we are seeing; thus communication is more important than ever. Our upcoming meeting in Louisville, Kentucky will give everyone who attends a chance to network and share information. If you haven't already registered, please fill out the form

on the website and send it in today. Now, more than ever, we need membership input; NN2 can be a far more dynamic organization with you. I hope to see all of you in Louisville!

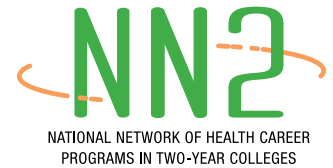


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Editor's Note:

NN2 strives to prepare a newsletter that is informative to members. We encourage the submission of information and best practices related to health career education and training, which you think will be helpful to other members. Articles may be submitted to Janell Lang, NN2 Connections Editor, by email: janell_lang@owens.edu.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY COLLEGE (AACC)

2010 Annual Meeting

The AACC Annual meeting was held in April in Seattle. The conference presented a variety of topics, from “Fraud in Distance Education” to helping colleges prepare for sustainability in trying times. President Anne Loochtan and former President Barbara Jones gave a well-received presentation entitled: “Tales from the Front: Case Studies of Workforce Partnerships”. The discussion centered on several cases of successful partnerships between community college health programs and healthcare organizations and local agencies.



*NN2 Members
Anne Loochtan and
Barbara Jones*

The meeting also presented opportunities for attendees to network and learn about new initiatives, including: the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, Black Women CEOs, Partnerships in China, initiatives geared to success of Asian and Pacific Islander students, Black Male initiatives, rural community colleges, leadership, going green, and a host of technology-related projects. The conference offered attendees opportunities to connect and network with others on issues specifically related to community colleges. AACC also presented its “Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) [which] is the first national effort to define college outcome measures that will be developed specifically for community colleges by community colleges, and is a collaborative effort of the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Community College Trustees, and the College Board” (<http://aacc.nche.edu/newsevents/Events/convention2/Pages/spotlights.aspx>) AACC is requesting input from community colleges in the VFA process. More information can be found on AACC’s web site.

CAAHEP 16th Annual Meeting

There was a great turnout for the CAAHEP 16th Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in April. The Annual Meeting programs were rated favorably by attendees, and the Commissioners approved a number of items during the business session. The following is a synopsis highlighting items approved by the Commission:

Bylaws Amendment

The suggested Bylaws amendment was passed, which allows for the majority of Commissioners registered at a meeting, including at least one Commissioner representing an Education Institution Member group, one Commissioner representing a Sponsoring Organization, and one Commissioner representing a Committee on Accreditation to constitute a quorum. Please visit CAAHEP website for an updated copy of the Bylaws.

New Board Members

Starting this July, the Board will have some new faces. The Commission voted Cyntia Butters to a second term on the Board as a Two-Year Dean Representative. Joining her for their first terms will be Claire Chandler, Sponsoring Organization Representative; Alicia Davis, Committee on Accreditation Representative; Cameron Harrison, Sponsoring Organization Representative; and John Padgett, At Large Educational Representative

New Professions

Two new professions were accepted as eligible professions to participate in CAAHEP during the meeting. These professions include anesthesia technician/technologist and recreational therapist. Along with the two professions, the Commissioners voted to accept a Committee on Accreditation and a sponsoring organization for each group. The Commission welcomes the American Society of Anesthesia Technicians and Technologists and the American Therapeutic Recreation Association as new sponsoring organizations.

2011 Annual Meeting

It’s not too soon to get the 2011 CAAHEP Annual Meeting on your calendar. Please join us April 10-11, 2011, in Memphis, Tennessee.



HEALTH PROFESSIONS NETWORK (HPN) MEETS IN WASHINGTON, DC

During its Spring 2010 conference in the nation's capital, HPN members experienced a "Hill Day" and went to Congress to advocate for increased funding for and awareness of the allied health professions. During these meetings with key Senate and House representatives and their staff, three principal requests were made:

- **Funding for a comprehensive health workforce study**
- **Funding to increase awareness of career opportunities in the health professions**
- **A Congressional statement recognizing the allied health professions**

The meeting also featured a keynote address by Marcia K. Brand, PhD, Deputy Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This session was quite relevant given the fact that HPN's request for funding for a workforce study and career awareness programs would be administered by HRSA within the US Department of Health and

Human Services. Dr. Brand provided the audience with information about HRSA and its activities, current challenges facing allied health and opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

Also featured was Thomas Elwood, DrPH, Executive Director of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAPH).

He shared his observations on the DC political scene and the complex history of health care legislation efforts in the U.S.

Miriam O'Day, Legislative Affairs Consultant for the American Association of Respiratory Care prepared HPN members on how to conduct their Congressional visits to garner the greatest benefits.



NN2 Members Anne Loochtan and Janell Lang on Capitol Hill

SAFE or SORRY? *How to improve patient safety and health care teamwork*

Interdisciplinary communication and collaboration are essential to ensuring a culture of patient safety in health care organizations. Without a fundamental level of respect and understanding of each others' roles among each member, health care teams cannot reach their full potential and achieve high productivity and patient satisfaction and safety.

In other words, just as there's no "I" in "team," there's no "I" in patient safety either.

SEPTEMBER 15

"Patient safety 102: Checklists, and beyond"

William Hamman, MD, PhD

Director, Center of Excellence for Simulation Education and Research, William Beaumont Hospitals

In addressing medical error and enhancing safety, however, how do we evolve beyond "shame and blame" towards real reform and redesign of the care system itself? How do we expand our thinking beyond checklists and narrow process-oriented "fixes" towards change in the broader system and structure of health professions education and practice?

To help reach this goal, the AMA is sponsoring a series of four webinars on patient safety. Our first webinar, held May 19, featured John Gosbee, MD, from the

NOVEMBER 17

"Patient safety 103: Communication: Disclosing Events and Errors to Patients"

David Mayer and Timothy McDonald
University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Michigan and was titled "Patient safety 101: It's the system, stupid (or, It's the stupid system)." (Note: An archive of his presentation can be purchased online at <http://eo2.commpartners.com/users/ama/session.php?id=4424>)

Be sure to mark your calendars now for our next three events in this exciting, thought-provoking series (all webinars are held at 1:00 pm Eastern).

JANUARY 19

"Patient safety 104: The NASA Safety Culture: Applications to Healthcare"

Gregg A. Bendrick, MD, MPH
Chief Medical Officer, NASA Dryden Flight Research Center

Allied health professionals, students, educators, and safety experts should plan to register for these sessions:

<http://eo2.commpartners.com/users/ama/session.php?id=4424>

For more information, please e-mail fred.lenhoff@ama-assn.org or call (312) 464-4635.

Memoriam

MARGY WILSON
BLANKENSHIP



Margy Wilson Blankenship, a long-time and active member of NN2, passed away on May 31, 2010 after a short illness. Margy earned her BSN from the University of Kentucky and her Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Kentucky University. She was the Associate Dean of Health Sciences at Somerset Community College.

Margy's passion for health care education and her students was well known. She brought the same passion to her participation in and support of the National Network, and she will be sorely missed.

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Anne Arundel Community College
Arnold, MD

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Professions
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County - Essex
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Milwaukee, WI

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Blue Bell, PA

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Largo, MD

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Renton, WA

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Southwest Georgia Technical College
Thomasville, GA

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St. Petersburg, FL

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River Grove, IL

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Batavia, OH

NN2 Sponsors

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Commission on Accreditation for
Respiratory Care

Commission on Accreditation of Allied
Health Education Programs

Please join your fellow members at

The NN2 23rd Annual Conference



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OCTOBER 6-8, 2010
THE HISTORIC BROWN HOTEL
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

*Registration and Hotel
Information may be found
on the NN2 Website:*
www.nn2.org

Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

- 1-5 NN2 Board of Directors Meeting
- 6-8 Conference Registration
- 6:30-8:30 Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, OCT. 7

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30-9:00 Welcome, JCTC President Tony Newberry
- 9:00-9:45 Teaching Dynamic Skills for Healthcare Careers
Jeffrey Strausse, Northwestern University
- 9:45-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:00 E-Health & EMR's, Dr. Gary Ozanich
- 11-12 Job Trending and Forecasting
Fred Lenhoff, American Medical Association
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-2 Breakout Sessions
Successful Grant-Writing, *Eric Schmall*
Nurses Up: A Successful Model
for the EntryLevel Healthcare Workforce,
*Stacy Ocander, Metropolitan Community
College, Omaha, NB*
- 2-3 Using SOAP to Clean Up a Program
*Dr. Ron Mead, PTA Coordinator, Somerset
Community College*
- 3-3:30 Break
- 3:30-5 A Very Special Musical Event:
Harry Pickins
- 6-9 Dinner at Churchill Downs

FRIDAY, OCT. 8

- 8 - 9 Breakfast
- 9-10:30 Future Health Career Education, Stephen Collier
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00-12 Innovative College/Industry Partnerships,
Rayman, Jenkins, O'Bryan
- 12-2 Lunch & Annual Membership Meeting
- 2-2:45 Committee Meetings
- 2:45-3 Break
- 3-4 Breakout Sessions
Academic Electronic Health Record...Preparing Your
Students for the Real World
*Patricia Gray, VP Healthcare Education Initiatives,
Cuyahoga Community College*
Hands-on Experience in Learning: Use of Simulation
Tools to Increase Competency
*Natalie Bell, Physician Assistant Program, Cuyahoga
Community College*
- 4:30-6:30 Tour JCTC's new Health Sciences
Building/Reception

SATURDAY, OCT. 9

- 8-5 NN2 Board Retreat

2009 - 2010 NN2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Pat Harris, Member-at-Large
Cullen Johnson, Executive Director

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Not pictured:

Becki Evans, Member-at-Large

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Type of Membership: (Check one)

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