

Southeast Chapter Minutes 2007

04/19/2007 Southeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Iyer, R.N. @ 1 PM

Treasurer report: On file

Secretary report: On file

Pat Iyer, R.N., introduced Amanda Perna from Sanofi Pasteur who did a presentation on the relationship between local boards of health nurses and vaccine companies. She went over various components of a vaccine education kit and took questions from the group.

Local news included milestones for the group which include Annmarie Fleming's recognition as the recipient for the ELKS Citizen of the Year Award, Pat Iyer's new son-in-law, Terri Khoury's and Mary Whitney's new granddaughters. We also celebrated Joyce Sullivan's upcoming nuptials with a surprise bridal shower.

The next meeting will be held in Braintree on June 21, 2007 @ 2PM and will include a presentation by Jennifer Cochrane and Carmen Laurenza from the Refugee and Immigrant Program.

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The meeting was adjourned @ 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Iyer, RN, BC

Recording Secretary

03/15/2007 Southeast Chapter Minutes

MEETING HELD AT BRAINTREE TOWN HALL

- Welcome
- Reminders about sign in sheet, ceu information and evaluation for program
- Announcements
 1. MAPHN Board vacancies including chapter vacancies and officers
 2. Annual conference date is May 10 in Westborough. New England Conference, Ed Nardell is Keynote speaker
 3. Annual PHN awards, please nominate and support peers
 4. April meeting reminder. In Sharon at 1 pm at Mandarin Taste Restaurant. Please RSVP to Pat Iyer by April 17 if you are attending.
 5. State supply of Menactra is surplus. Call depot if you or providers need it, they will adjust your quota accordingly
 6. Do not forget to get new Medicare number before May 23rd as they are changing all numbers for Pneumonia and Influenza billing.
- Presentation by Carol Metro, RN, NP, New Bedford Nursing Supervisor on Community Associated MRSA. Slides were forwarded to all SE Chapter PHNs.
- Post Training discussion
 1. Shingles vaccine cost is \$150. Discussion as to whether or not it is covered by insurance.
 2. ICS 200 is coming up in Brockton – it is a two day class. Discussion as to whether on line version is acceptable for talking ICS 300. Some have been able to apply it, some have not.
 3. Focus group to be held on Wed. March 28th 11-1 for nurses on Surveillance and Epidemiology. Sponsored by Region 4B.
 4. Regionalization concerns that it will replace rather than supplement existing services. It is an optional thing for communities.

5. Patriot Ledger Emergency Preparedness article – how many towns disclosed entire plan. Plan is public domain however it can be sanitized version for public read so not to disclose lay outs of EDS sites, location of command post, etc.
6. New Bedford has a full time lead inspector who brings in much revenue to the town.
7. Quincy Nurses have brought in more than \$100,000 to the town this past year. Nurses are negotiating to be in same salary group as wire inspectors because of licensure requirement. Sparked discussion over salaries and fairness for nurses.
8. Quest laboratories do test ticks for Lyme disease.

Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Pat Iyer, RN

02/15/2007 Southeast Chapter Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM by Pat Iyer, President.

Pat introduced Mary Conant, RN, BSN, Immunization Program Nurse Manager

(Please see attached hand-out) The 2006-2007 Flu vaccination season was discussed. We need to change the culture thought from private provider back to public health and focus on the elderly, high risk and pediatric patients. Mary told the group that it costs \$13 for one dose of the thermisol-free pre-filled syringe vs. \$10 for one multi-dose vial. Mary suggested that DPH should consider trainings for pediatric flu vaccine administration as many PHNs do not immunize that population. She also suggested that if we do immunize children, to have a “family area” at the clinics; a lesson learned from participating in an EDS exercise.

Introductions were made as there were guests and new PHNs at the meeting.

Pat announced that both MAPHN and the SE Chapter need to elect new officers. Pat distributed “Cardiac and Pulmonary Pharmacology Summary Tables” as many PHNs have B/P clinics. She announced that the

Chapter has left over money from Sanofi and that the April 19th meeting will be held at Mandarin Taste in Sharon... further information to follow. The fire department bladder cancer project that Pat, Terri Khoury and Donna Locurto conduct in their towns yielded one positive result.

Joyce distributed the "Stress Survey." The results will be in the 2007 spring newsletter.

AnnMarie collected \$12 for the Sunshine Fund.

Next meeting is 3/15/07 with refreshments provided by Braintree. Carol Metrol from New Bedford will present MRSA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Sheila Miller, RNC, BSN

Acting Secretary

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Braintree

Meeting called to order by President, Pat Iyer, R.N. @ 2 PM

Treasurer report: On file

Secretary report: On file

Pat Iyer, R.N., introduced Ann Ackil, RN from the Massachusetts's Attorney General's Office. Ann gave an informative presentation on her role in the Medicaid fraud control unit. She highlighted the cases of nursing home cases and the importance of the mandatory reporting laws.

The next meeting will be held in Braintree on 2/15/07 @ 2PM.

The meeting was adjourned @ 3:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Crowley, R.N.

Recording Secretary