



VERMONT ENA

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The Joan Hartley Scholarship offered by Vermont ENA, is a wonderful opportunity for a nurse who is an ENA member to receive a \$1000 scholarship to attend the ENA Scientific Assembly or for a SANE to attend the IAFN Annual Symposium. If you are unable to download the attachment it is also available on the Vermont ENA website (www.vermontena.org). Please consider applying – all applications must be received by July 1st.

Derek Kouwenhoven

President-Elect

Vermont ENA



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Save the date! Next Vermont ENA Education Day will be held November 5th at CVH with a pediatric focus. Watch for further news, and mark it on your calendars!



NERS 2010 Report

Well NERS has come & gone, but it was another successful hosting for Vermont ENA. Much thanks goes to all of the hard work by our state council and committees that made NERS run so smoothly.

Joyce Guillemette & Kathy Gutierrez (Planning & Program)



The good, the bad and the ugly...

Derek Kouwenhoven & Dave DeRosia (Registration)

June Stacey (Publicity)

Paul Elmore & John Starkey (Vendors)

Dale Porter (AV/Tech Support)

Deanna Pedersen-Lancot & CVMC (Contact Hours)

Lara Robtoy (Signage)

Linda Libby (Basket Raffle)

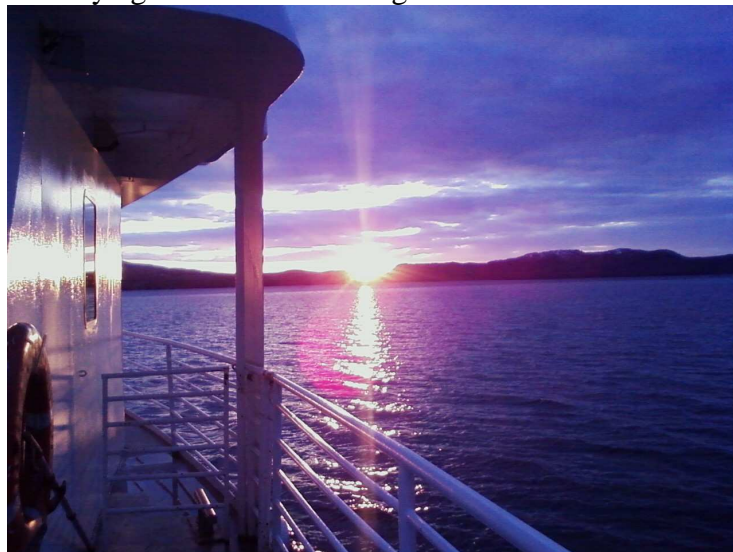
Pat Skidmore & Irene Fortin (Ticket Sales)



CEN Review class was busy, and intense.



Partying on the cruise with great food and friends ☺



Despite a late April raging snow storm, things calmed down nicely for our Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain for 100 attendees!



Barb Wagner, Joyce Guillemette, Maureen Heyder, and June Stacey



Karen O'Neil Award winner, Maureen Curtis Cooper with ENA president Diane Gurney.

NERS 2010 was a great success, and we had very positive feedback from our attendees, our speakers and our vendors. The Sheraton Hotel also did a nice job throughout!

CVH



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Nice article about ED violence, featuring our own Dave DeRosia.

NWMC

NMC ED has formally developed their Stroke Protocol and will institute in the ED July 1 with roll out to all clinical departments in September. Door to CT time goal is 10 min. The protocol was developed and completed by Ruby Merali, a RN in NMC ED when completing her Master's. She is now a licensed Nurse Practitioner, employed at FAHC as the Stroke coordinator. We are hoping to mirror our STEMI process, rapid identification and treatment.

North Country



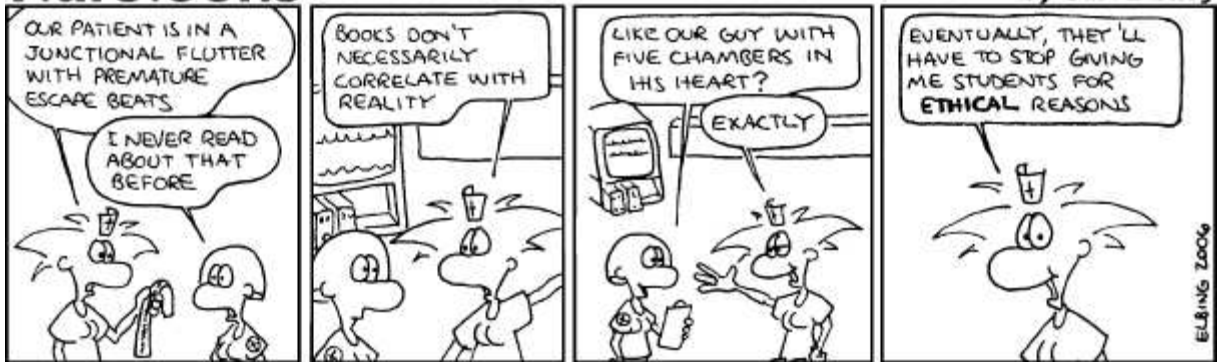
On May 12, the last day of National Nurses Week, a roomful of nurses were hard at work in a classroom, learning more about heart disease. North Country Hospital Emergency department sponsored an all-day workshop on “Challenges and Complexities of Cardiac Care”, presented by Cindy Webner, a national expert in critical care nursing. Emergency and intensive care nurses practiced skills in identifying heart attacks, treating abnormal heart rhythms, and complications of heart disease.

Thirty five nurses and EMTs attended this workshop, which was made possible by a generous workforce development grant from the Vermont Department of Labor. The “New Generation Program” provided funding to bring this well-known speaker to Newport and to provide a comfortable workshop setting at the Eastside Restaurant. North Country Hospital Emergency nurse director Linda Libby, RN arranged the program and invited nurses from surrounding hospitals. Twenty four nurses attended from North Country hospital, and emergency nurses attended from Copley, Gifford, St. Johnsbury, Fletcher Allen, Central Vermont Hospital, St. Albans, and Littleton. In addition, several EMT’s from our ambulance district attended the course. Linda Libby is a strong advocate for nursing education, and has arranged to bring workshops to Newport for the past three years in an effort to train as many nurses as possible in our community. We were able to train 35 nurses for the cost of sending 3 or 4 to an out of state program, and we could not present these programs without funding from the Vermont Department of Labor.

The program was very successful and was designed to improve care to the patients in our community and in Vermont hospitals.

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Rutland

Rutland Regional Medical Center received Magnet Designation and the Governor's Award! Significant achievements representing a lot of hard work and commitment! Congratulations!

We have 3 three new nursing interns starting 2nd week of June... for our 12 month intern program is in it's 8th year!

RRMC SANE Nurses will be hosting Oct 22nd 2010 ...a day long SANE-A Prep Course--

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Presenter- Jennifer Pierce –Weeks ... Brochures and registration information to start going out end of June – course\$ 99.00 includes breakfast and lunch.

Go –Live date of EMR in the ED February 27th 2011

FAHC

Fletcher Allen Health Care has been using EPIC for over a year now, and continues to build on the system. We are starting to appreciate the benefit of this EMR as more and more patients are placed into the system. Clinics are still transitioning from paper to EPIC (PRISM in FAHC world), so it is still very new in some areas of the facility.

The ED continues to use wireless phones for their communication. Each of the phones is capable of receiving text messages/updates regarding their patients, as well as reports for incoming ambulances. Each provider, nurse and tech carry one for their shift, and are reachable throughout the wireless network. Floors can call the primary nurse directly, and you can always locate staff for information. It is working quite well for us.



Phone pad game! Use the numbers to try to decode the message below. First word is girls.

44757 273 5453 746637. 93 5683 86 23 4353, 825533 866 288 43

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SANE Committee

1. A SANE course was offered in March at Copley Hospital. There were about 30 participants, including law enforcement and advocacy.
2. The Proposed SANE rules have completed the path through composition, review by the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules, Public Hearing and Comment, and filing with the Secretary of State. The rules now define initial certification and currency of practice for SANEs.
3. The SANE Advisory Board has been meeting quarterly and now has two main committees: Education and Certification/Compliance. These groups will be meeting on a regular basis and will report back to the main body with recommendations on issues brought before them. I am the Chair of the Education Committee and Ellen Kryger, Windham County Deputy State's Attorney, is the Chair of the Certification and Compliance Committee.
4. An ad hoc committee has been formed and is meeting on a regular basis to address the needs of pediatric patients. This group is looking at education for pediatric SANE and a statewide documentation tool and kit.
5. Vickie Poulin, the Clinical Coordinator has tendered her resignation and will be leaving the position as soon as her replacement is found (or the summer, which ever comes first). The position has been increased to an average of 8 hours per week. The administrative duties that used to fall on the clinical coordinator have been separated out into another 8 hour administrative coordinator position leaving the clinical coordinator free from the meeting planning and minutes and other duties.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Joan Carson, RN, CEN, SANE-A



Membership Committee

Did you know that this year marks ENA's 40th anniversary? Our national goal is to reach 40,000 members by the end of the year. Each state has been given a membership goal, based on their current membership, and we are nearing it. We are at an all time high of 189 nurses from Vermont, and our state council has never been more active than it is now. If each hospital were to recruit one new member to ENA this year, we would reach the goal set for our state, cementing our reputation as a small, but mighty force ☺. We are always looking for nurses who are interested in working on one of our many committees, or helping with upcoming educational offerings too!

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Congratulations to the candidates you elected to serve on the 2011 ENA board of directors and the Nominations Committee:

2011 ENA President-Elect (will serve as the 2012 ENA President)

Gail Pisarcik Lenehan, RN, MSN, EdD, FAEN, FAAN
Hingham, MA

2011 ENA Secretary/Treasurer

Jason Moretz, RN, BSN, CEN, CTRN
Maiden, NC

Directors

(3-year term: January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013)

Kathleen E. Carlson, RN, MSN, CEN, FAEN
Hampton, VA

Marylou Killian, RN, MS, CEN, FNP-BC
LaGrangeville, NY

(1-year term: January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011)

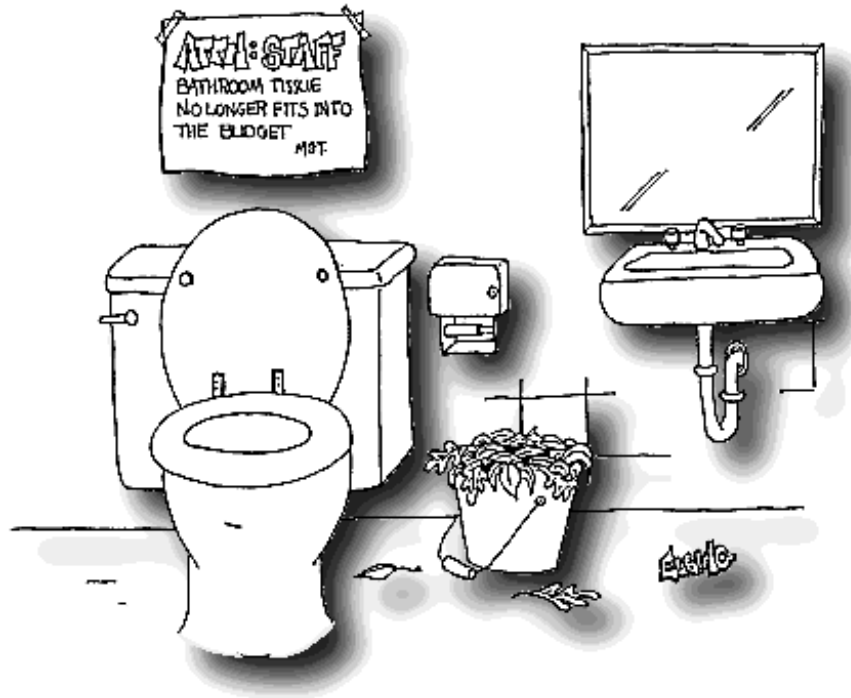
Ellen "Ellie" H. Encapera, RN, CEN
Huntington Beach, CA

ENA Nominations Committee

Region 1 - Louise Hummel, RN, MSN, CNS, CEN
San Diego, CA

Region 3 - M. Gail Carroll, RN, BSN, CEN
Strafford, MO

Region 5 - Carlene N. Kincaid, RN, CEN
Lenox, MA



From The Vermont Department of Health:

Emergency Nurses Can Register Today to Help Vermont in the Event of an Emergency
Vermont Department of Health uses online tool to pre-register emergency volunteers

Contact: Kristen Harker, Office of Public Health Preparedness Intern
Vermont Department of Health
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The state of Vermont is specifically looking for emergency nurses who are interested in pre-registering with the **Vermont Emergency Response Volunteers (VERV)** system to provide assistance in the event of an emergency.

VERV is an online registration system for volunteers interested in responding to, or assisting with a disaster or other emergency by collecting basic information concerning a volunteer's skills and areas of expertise in advance of an emergency response event. **VERV** is used by the state as a tool to quickly identify, credential and notify registered professionals in the event of an emergency requiring their expertise. The Vermont Department of Health sponsors and supports this state-wide registry system.

Emergency nurses can sign up to work alongside a number of organizations in the event of a public health emergency, a natural disaster or terrorist event. Participation will provide critical support in our state's time of need. At the time of an emergency event, **VERV** will alert all pre-registered potential volunteers. Individuals can then decide if they are available to respond to the event.

Volunteers are healthcare professionals and Vermonters from all walks of life. Volunteers are trained to be a part of an emergency response team - performing critically needed tasks, such as supporting the operation of mass clinics, helping during a snowstorm or flood, or other emergency events. Emergency preparedness means being ready now to respond to a situation quickly and effectively.

For further information or to register today, go to VERV.vermont.gov or contact Karen Crampton, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Department of Health at 802-863-7205.

The poster features a central yellow panel with the text "ARE YOU VERV READY?" and the VERV logo, which consists of a stylized cross with a green 'V' and a red 'V' intertwined. Below the logo is the text "VERV READY VERMONT". Surrounding this central panel are eight smaller panels, each with a yellow background and a black and white photograph. The panels are labeled: "YOUR ENERGY", "YOUR SKILLS", "YOUR EFFORT", "YOUR TOWN", "YOUR STATE", and "YOUR NEIGHBOR". The top and bottom of the poster are red panels with white and yellow text. The top panel reads "In an Emergency We May Need a Hand HOW ABOUT YOURS?". The bottom panel reads "Register to be a Vermont Emergency Response Volunteer Today! VERV.VERMONT.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION DIAL 211".

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