

**NDSNO ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2006
BISMARCK
9:00 TO 3:00**

The following people were present:

Grand Forks -Kathy Mack, Twyla Streibel, Mary Faircloth, Bismarck- Denise Nelson, Stephanie Rodakowski-Yesel, Karen Goebel, Evy Monzelowsky, Tiffany Baumgartner, Theresa Schmidt, Joan Klein, Heather Weaver, Becky Bailey, and Wanda Rose; First District - Linda Wright ; Fargo – Lori Thomas, Nancy Leith, Jane Prather, and Karen Spandl; Custer District Dawn Garrett, Teresa Olin, Deb Sailer, Phyllis Hanson.

Ice Breaker: Jane Prather facilitated an ice breaker as a welcome and introduction. Jane also described the display board for the school nurse organization. The theme is “North Dakota School Nurses are not in Kansas anymore”. The three wishes of the organization are 1) have the school health and wellness bill pass; 2) have nurse to student ratio of 1: 750 and 3) increase the health and wellness of the school environment. A brief discussion took place on having coverage for the shifts at the booth.

Business meeting/Old Business: The meeting minutes from the 8-15-05 IVN meeting were approved with the motion from Linda Wright and the second from Karen Goebel. The treasurer's report was given with the balance of \$2326.97 which does not include the registration for the meeting today and also some expenses for the school nurse award plaque and the display costs. Two corrections were made to the report to change NASN membership to NDSNO membership and to change the NDSNO continuing ed to NDBON. After these changes the motion was made by Jane Prather and seconded by Wanda Rose to accept the report. Legislative update was provided by Wanda Rose. The school health and wellness bill is currently being fine tuned by Senator Tom Fischer. The bill would provide 3 million from the general fund and provide a full time person in the Family Health section of the NDDOH to oversee the funding. In addition, the local health units together with school districts could submit RFP's. There is no financial match, but there will be in kind match. Some discussion took place on how the meeting with the legislators has been going. In Grand Forks they had a town hall meeting which went well. Linda Wright indicated that her agency has had meetings with the superintendent of schools. In Fargo, all of the legislators were sent a mailing and then a school nurse tried to contact and visit with them per phone. Overall the response was positive with a few negative. On February 13 and 14, 2007 there will be a nurses' day for the legislators in Bismarck. The NDSNO would have a display at this event. Also remember to let the school administration/principals along with co-workers in public health know about the upcoming bill. On November 14, 2006 there might be a legislative meeting in Bismarck for various key players to meet to discuss the bill. Wanda also talked briefly about the Measure 3 which is for non-custodial parents to have equal custody. She encouraged nurses to vote no on this measure. The use of the school nurse list serve was discussed. The NDDOH can maintain the site but can not provide information related to legislation. It was felt that if Wanda Rose was the lobbyist then she could send out legislative information. Becky is confirming with Arvy Smith to see if Wanda could then send information to the list serve or would she need to refer members to the website for legislative updates. Linda Wright moved to have Wanda Rose be the lobbyist for the NDSNO and if possible to have one other member from the organization if interested and able. The motion also included that the NDSNO would be paying for the fee to be a lobbyist. The motion was seconded by Evy Monzelowsky.

New Business: Installation of officers was done by Becky Bailey. New officers were Jane Prather for president elect and Phyllis Hanson for treasurer. The executive committee members are Becky Bailey, Kathy Mack, Nancy Leith and Linda Wright. The NDSNO nurse of the year award was presented by Becky Bailey. This year's winner is Mary Beth Traynor, she is a nurse with the Catholic network school system in Fargo. Due to a personal conflict she was unable to attend this meeting. Becky indicated that she is planning on doing a press release about the school nurse of the year and also include some information about the school health and wellness bill. Roughrider conference was discussed. The next conference is in Medora in June of 2007. We have been approached as an organization to be one of the speaker/presenters for three, two hours sessions on the Thursday of the conference. Linda Wright, Jane Prather and Twila Streibel volunteered to do the presentations. The Roughrider board was also discussed. In the past a NDSNO member served on the advisory board. The board has 3 or 4 meetings per year in the Bismarck area and also the board member helps at the roughrider conference. Teresa Olin from Custer Health expressed some interest in serving this role. She would need to visit with her employer to make sure it is ok with them. In addition, the NDSNO continues to provide the camp nurse during the conference. NDSNO meeting dates were scheduled for March 15, 2007 per IVN and possible CE; August 16, 2007 IVN and October 18, 2007 annual meeting in Minot. The group was asked to submit any suggestion that they might have for a CE topic. The current school nurse mailing list was passed around during the meeting and nurses were asked to update any of the information as needed. Women's Showcase will be held in Fargo on October 28, 2006. The NDSNO are being volunteers for the event and will in turn receive some monetary reimbursement for volunteering. Jane reminded everyone that is working to wear a red shirt and black slacks. Discussion took place on getting some type of giveaway for the booth. Some ideas were toothbrushes or dental floss. Phyllis and Karen will check on this.

Covering Kids and Families (CKF): Jeana Peinovich from Dakota Medical Foundation, provided information on the CKF program. The most recent change is the fact that families can sign up on one application for one of three programs. The programs are Medicaid, Healthy Steps, and Caring. The statewide number is 1-877-KIDS NOW. There is both a short and long application. If the family is in need of other assistance, such as fuel assistance, food stamps, etc then they need to use the long form. Otherwise, if it is just for the health coverage the short form will work.

GlaxoSmithKline presentation on Tdap: Rand Misekow provided a presentation during the lunch break. He indicated that the recent use of Tdap for the adolescent population is due to the fact that the previous DTaP vaccination given before school entry, has worn off adolescence. Therefore 40% of the Pertussis cases are in the adolescent. He does have a "tools for schools" presentation that can be used by school nurses. For further information his email address is randy.l.misekow@gsk.com or his phone number is 605-275-6731 or his voice mail is 1-800-496-3772 extension 93289.

Minnesota Epilepsy Organization: Stephanie Kolari provided information on services available through the organization. She also indicated that there are numerous brochures available for order. The website is www.efmn.org or 1-800-779-0777. She is willing to do training on seizure recognition and response as requested; she did this presentation last year at our annual meeting. Overall, seizures affect 3.1% of the population. The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota is a support system for people with seizures and they also advocate for people with seizures

Exercise activity: Tiffany Baugmartner did a physical activity that teachers can use in the classroom to get kids moving plus provide them with education.

NASN update: Linda Wright provided some highlights from the New York trip. She indicated that the NASN office is now only in DC. She also talked about the school nurse certification which is now available on line. For more info see www.nasn.org/ or www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov. The board of director position is now a four year term rather than a two year term. The next meeting she will need to attend is in January in DC for five to six days. She talked about a sign that will soon be available to NASN members only, "Enter at Your Own Risk....No School Nurse Available". She shared information about a new twin jet epinephrine, and allergies. The website is www.foodallergy.org. Another presentation was about meningitis and the importance of getting vaccinated. More information is on the www.nasn.org website. Becky Bailey spoke about her meetings with the state school nurse consultants. She said the focus for future clinical practice is to follow evidence based practice. In summary this is to integrate the best research evidence with clinical evidence and patient values. One such area locally, is the school screenings. There will be a task force looking into current screening (vision and scoliosis) to see whether it is needed. She also talked about a new book "School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text" which is now available at the NASN website. Becky shared the presentation of the NASN president being interviewed on the Today show. The next NASN conference is in Nashville on June 28 -July 1, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Nancy Leith, RN
NDSNO Secretary
October 30, 2006