

**NDSNO MEETING
MARCH 15, 2006
PER IVAN
12:15 to 4:15**

The following people were present at various locations in the state.

Grand Forks -Susan Reynolds, Kathy Mack, Cindy Omdahl, Mary Ann Delisle; Bismarck-Dawn Garrett, Teresa Olin, Phyllis Hanson, Janie Stute, Denise Nelson, Stephanie Yesel, Dana Beck, Evy Monzelowsky, Theresa Schmidt, Lorie Martel, Carol Manifold, Deb Sailer, Brenda Whitman, and Wanda Rose; Richland- Becky Willits: First District - Linda Wright and Marsha Fitterer; Fargo - Dede Meidinger, Lori Thomas, Jessica Martensen, Heidi Johnson, Pam Grothman, Pam Stirling, Nancy Leith, Jane Prather, Clydine Fey, Tracy Huebner, Nikki Roesler, Andrea Schroeder, and Becky Pederson; Wells County – Maureen Cook and Karen Volk; Walsh County – Deb Anderson; Nelson Griggs County - Julie Ferry; Valley City - Laurel Thompson; SW District Doreen Ott, Marsha Schmidt, Julie Johnson, and Janet Kuhn; Rolette County – Barbara Frydenlund.

A welcome and introduction was done prior to the start of the in-service. The lead site for the IVAN was in Bismarck with Lori Martel leading the meeting.

In-service presentation by Kevin Chaussee RN, MSN FNP-C and Sue Burns, RN on scoliosis.

Two websites related to scoliosis are

<http://www.int-pediatrics.org/PDF/Volume%2017/17-3/pg.135-142.pdf>

<http://www.int-pediatrics.org/PDF/Volume%2017/17-1/pg%2013-20%20stricker.pdf>

Legislative update per Wanda Rose. She discussed the recent legislative IVAN conference call that took place in February of 2006. She also indicated that another IVAN legislative call is set up for March 28, 2006 from 2 until 4. The legislative group feels that trying for money from appropriations through the general fund instead of trying for a tobacco tax would work better. She stated that Deb Watne from Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) is contacting Tom Fischer to see if he would be interested in being a lead legislative person on the bill. We would also need to include some of the data that has been collected during the DMF model school nurse program project. Wanda indicated that it will be important for everyone to visit with their local legislators about school nursing. The plan is to do some press releases in the spring to help increase overall awareness. Another area to revisit is the school nursing PSA; currently it is only being shown in some areas of the state. The previously used "frequently asked questions about school nursing" will also need to be updated. The goal would be to have a bill drafted by August of 2006 and introduce to legislation in January of 2007.

NASN update from Jane Prather. Jane briefly discussed her trip to the NASN conference in Washington, D.C. She discussed "the trip to the hill" meetings. She also encouraged school nurses to take the certification test. NASN has a page on their website to help prepare for the test. The test is scheduled for 6-30-06. Jane encouraged all current school nurses to be mentors for new school nurses in their area. She indicated that NASN is working toward getting a school nurse in the Department of Education. On the NASN website are some talking points related to diabetes education. The site is www.nasn.org

NASN board update from Dede Meidinger. Dede talked some about the last board meeting held in St Paul, MN. She indicated that the NASN board term will now be a 4 year commitment; the two year option is no longer a choice. She discussed the multiple manuals being developed through the committees. She also informed the group about a healthy 2010 brochure through NASN. The national school nurse day is rapidly approaching. The date is May 10, 2006. The website has ideas on how to celebrate. Dede wanted to thank every one for supporting her as the NASN director for North Dakota. Linda Wright will now be taking the position over.

In-service watched per web cast on Training on Asthma Legislation for Health Care Providers and School Personnel. Asthma is the number one cause for students missing school. Approximately 1 in 10 students have Asthma. Additional modules are available to watch on the web at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/asthma>

Then click on the trainings link.

Everyone in attendance was given evaluations to complete on both of the in-service presentations. After the evaluations are received Nancy will send out the certificates of attendance for contact hours. The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

Submitted by
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