

MLN Connection



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Mission: "To support the delivery of quality health care by nurses and other health care providers through education, collaboration, and information."

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President's Message

By Nancy Fredrich, BSN, RN, President, MLN Board of Directors

Summer is on its way out and fall is before us. The hot humid days in Missouri have been intense, just as the MLN board of director's activities. We have made some sizzling decisions concerning the MLN computer system. There has been approval for a new server and maintenance agreements which assist MLN to better serve our constituents. The summer board retreat successfully ended with challenges for all board and staff members. Brigadier General Larry Kay and Dr. Glenda Dahlstrom provided the board and staff with educational sessions on the tenants of leadership and necessary traits to be an effective board. Our work is cut out for us, and we have been duly challenged to make a difference to our membership.

Both presentations challenged the participants to know our mission and our customers, and to develop products and an organization to meet the needs of colleagues, while building a stronger, more qualified health professional, thereby improving Missouri health care. We must realize we work for the MLN membership. We want to make a difference in your careers and in the health care of Missouri. Maintaining MLN is hard work, requiring us to take educated risks, evaluate our performance more often, and retool when necessary; in turn requiring us to hold each other accountable for operations, maintenance, and successes. The executive board members will be meeting more regularly to discuss our three, five, and ten year plans for MLN. I invite each of you to email me at fredrich88@yahoo.com your ideas, needs, and desires. We are currently reviewing all

returned surveys and welcome any additional suggestions. I want to thank all of you who attended the convention and all who returned recent membership surveys.

The board has signed a “Pledge of Engagement and Support” to work with the Future of Nursing – Missouri Action Coalition to lead change and advance health care in Missouri. Check out their website, www.thefutureofnursing.org. Get involved and make a difference in health care. Our future as health care providers depends on our active participation in today’s planning. I challenge each of you to participate in this journey.

As fall comes into view, may each of us renew our commitments to our professions and demonstrate it in our winning attitudes, which can infect those around us. The motivation to pursue this commitment is within each of us, and is one of the most intimate aspects of each of our lives. The drive, the growth, or the failure of motivation depends on the individual.

Enjoy the fall explosion of color!

Future of Nursing Action Coalition

FUTURE OF NURSING™ Campaign for Action

Following the Teamwork Summit in June, MLN, MONA, and Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance as co-supporters for the state of Missouri, submitted an application to join the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action* as a state Action Coalition. We are pleased to announce that Missouri has been selected to join the 15 existing Action Coalitions (ACs). We are committed to “advancing health, leading change.”

The *Campaign for Action* will provide support and technical assistance to the ACs to include:

- Strategic planning tools and assistance with capacity building;
- Information resources, including issue briefings, webinars, and access to the AC extranet site to review and utilize important information;
- Communication resources, such as template media materials, audience-specific messages, media training, and website design;
- Content experts to assist in issue areas based on the IOM recommendations.

With technical assistance from the Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, ACs will develop and implement a unique set of goals within the framework of the IOM recommendations. We are confident that our Missouri Action Coalition’s contributions to the National *Campaign for Action* will make a significant impact as we work to transform health care through nursing.

This is a critical time for nursing and health care. As an MLN member, you are in a prime position to influence outcomes to advance nursing and nursing education.

Get involved and make a difference in health care.

For more information check out these reports or visit, www.thefutureofnursing.org

<http://www.thefutureofnursing.org/sites/default/files/ReportRecommendations.pdf>

Medicare Update Workshop

Beginning October 1, there will be several changes for skilled nursing facility residents who use Medicare benefits. The changes range from changing of the assessment windows for completing the scheduled MDS Medicare assessments to new Medicare assessments. Many of these changes revolve around therapy, including resident refusals and therapy minutes. For financial stability of nursing homes, it is imperative that the Medicare team understand the changes and how they affect the day-to-day workload.

For more information and to register go to, <http://www.mlnmonursing.org/MDS>.

Workshop Dates/Locations:

Tuesday, September 20 – Springfield
St. John's "The" City Cancer Center

Wednesday, September 28 – Columbia
Courtyard by Marriott

Thursday, September 29 – St. Louis
Orlando Gardens Conference Center

Tuesday, November 15 – Columbia
Courtyard by Marriott

ICD-10 Preparation for Long Term Care Webinar - FREE

Take advantage of this free webinar, October 11, 2011. This webinar will be offered in the morning and in the afternoon.

9 – 10 a.m.

Click on this link to register for the morning session,
<https://student.gototraining.com/05p6f/register/3118473698083292160>

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Click on this link to register for the afternoon session,
<https://student.gototraining.com/05p6f/register/1188010555662302720>

Registration Fees: This webinar is provided at **no charge**.

Purpose: To create ICD-10 awareness among long term care facilities.

Objectives:

1. Identify the main differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10.
2. Discuss implementation steps for ICD-10.

Speaker: Deanna Peterson MHA, RHIA, Director of Health Information Management Services, First Class Solutions, Inc.

CE Approval:

No CE credit will be given for this webinar.

Co-Provided by: MHA Center for Education, LeadingAge Missouri, Missouri Health Care Association, and the Missouri League for Nursing

Endorsed by: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and University of Missouri-Sinclair School of Nursing

Advertise in the *MLN Connection*

Advertise your company/organization in the *MLN Connection*! The *MLN Connection* is distributed to over 1,100 MLN Individual and Agency Members. Make your company/organization stand out above the others!

Size of advertisement is based on 8 ½ x 11.

Business card \$15

¼ page \$25

½ page \$50

Full page \$75

Contact Lori for more information, lori@mlnmonursing.org or 573-635-5355.

Job Board

The MLN is introducing a Job Board. If your company is looking to hire someone, advertise your job opening with the MLN for **FREE**. This is an MLN member only benefit.

If you are currently looking for a new job opportunity, you may find what you are looking for on this site!

Click on this link for more information, <http://www.mlnmonursing.org/Job%20Openings>

Missouri Nursing Students' Association 59th Annual Convention

The Missouri Nursing Students' Association, the voice for professional nursing students in Missouri, is preparing to host their 59th Annual Convention, October 14-15, 2011, in Cape Girardeau at the Plaza Convention Center. This year's convention, whose theme, "Nursing: Crossing the Bridge to Success," promises to bring two days of fun, learning, and networking with other Missouri nursing students from across the state. Convention will kick off with keynote Gine Bufe, PhD, RN from UCLA Health System in Los Angeles, California. Topics will range from acute nursing care to test taking strategies, NCLEX updates to the ever popular "Pharmacology Made Insanely Easy" presented by Sylvia Rayfield, and will end with the luncheon address from Easy Stilson, BSN, RN, CNOR. The convention promises to be action packed, with time for exhibitor viewing, officer candidate campaigning and election, the MONSA fun event "Stayin' Alive in Nursing," the "Brain Bowl" with Hurst Review Services, and much, much more! An MLN representative will be present with an exhibition booth advertising the mission and services of the Missouri League for Nursing. MLN continues to support the efforts of the Missouri Nursing Students', and wishes them the best success for their 59th Annual Convention. For more information regarding student or exhibitor registrations for this event,

visit www.monsa.org or email them, monsa@charter.net.

Free Labor and Employment Law Seminar



THE LOWENBAUM PARTNERSHIP, L.L.C.

The MLN is excited to announce a **FREE legal seminar for MLN Agency Members** presented by The Lowenbaum Partnership, L.L.C. There are six different locations for you to choose from. Don't miss out!

- September 21, Saint Charles Convention Center, One Convention Center Plaza, Saint Charles, Missouri 63303 (St. Louis Seminar).
- September 28, Holiday Inn Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, Missouri 65203.
- October 5, The Drury Lodge, 104 South Vantage Drive, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.
- October 13, The Regency Conference Center, 400 Regency Park Drive, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269 (Metro Illinois Seminar).
- October 26, The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

This seminar is offered at no charge.

To see registration times and to register, visit www.lowenbaumlaw.com, fill in the required information and you will be assured a spot. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Leonard at 314-746-4891.

New MLN Pony Express Unit Chair

By Beth Crawford, Med, BSN, RN

As a new MLN Board Member, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Pony Express Unit Chair. My name is Beth Crawford and I live with my husband and two out of our five children in Albany. I have worked for North Central Missouri College (NCMC) as a nurse educator at the PN level for twelve years and currently serve as site coordinator for the NCMC Bethany evening/weekend program.

Some of my responsibilities as unit chair are serving as a workshop coordinator, attending board meetings, and enhancing relationships with potential and current MLN Members. MLN's mission is to "support the delivery of quality health care by nurses and other health care providers through education, collaboration, and information." Please contact me if you have any questions or if you have suggestions on how we can meet your learning needs. My email address is bcrawford@mail.ncmissouri.edu. I look forward to serving you in this capacity!

What's In Store for MLN's 2012 Annual Conference?

The 2012 Annual Convention will be held April 11-13 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. Featured speakers this year include:

Nurse Educators – **Marilyn Oermann**, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, Professor and Adult/Geriatric Health Division Chair, School of Nursing University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be presenting a session on **Evidence-based Nursing Education: What it Means to *You* as an Educator.**

Carmen Bowman, Regulator turned Educator, Edu-Catering: Catering Education for Compliance and Culture Change

Kent Rader, The Cleanest Comedian

Judy Baker, MHA, Regional Director, US Department of Health and Senior Services

The complete convention brochure will be mailed in December. You won't want to miss the 2012 conference!

Call for Abstract for the MLN 59th Annual Convention

The MLN Convention Committee would like to invite health care professionals, nurse educators, and nursing students to submit an abstract for a poster presentation at the MLN Annual Convention. It will be held April 11-13, 2012, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. Topics should be related to one of the following categories:

- Culture change
- Innovation and new technologies
- Evidence-based practice
- Education, training, and assessment
- Social networking policies

Click on this link for more information, <http://www.mlnmonursing.org/Convention%20NHA%20Pre-Con>

Highlights from MLN July 2011 Board of Directors Meetings

By Nina Bakke, Executive Director

Board members participated in new board member orientation at the Board Retreat July 28 and 29 in Jefferson City. The retreat began with leadership training provided by Brigadier General Larry Kay, and Dr. Glenda Dahlstrom. Board members and staff left energized, you could still feel the buzz in the air from the dinner conversations around the table. (Read the President's message for more information.)

The next day opened with board orientation and regular business meeting and concluded with an update on the MLN strategic plan and master evaluation plans from the executive committee.

Highlights of business conducted:

- Alison Williams was approved by the Board to complete the term of Vice-President left vacant from the resignation of Pam Galbraith.
- Reviewed mid-year financial reports; net through June 30 is down compared to June 30, 2010. Convention registrations were down 25.9% and workshop revenues are down 9%, through mid-year. The primary impact stems from the absences of special projects this spring as compared to those offered in 2010. With the continued downturn in income, the board brainstormed on how to deal with this effectively and efficiently; MLN will be conducting a needs assessment.
- Program and Special Projects: Lori Bonnot announced additional MDS courses are being planned for the fall and gave updates on the other upcoming MLN learning opportunities (watch your mail and check out our website, www.mlnmonursing.org, for details and registration information). Discussion centered on utilizing more frequent needs assessment surveys and evaluating other pricing options for workshops, webinars, and online courses.

- Board approved the move of MLN investment accounts to INVEST Financial Corporation, located with Jefferson Bank of Missouri, Jefferson City. Russ Bell, will be the new Financial Advisor for the MLN.
- Scholarship committee announced they will award \$3,000 from the MLN Memorial Scholarship Fund for the 2011-12 school year.
- The board has signed a “Pledge of Engagement and Support” to work with the Future of Nursing. (Read the Presidents message for more information.)
- Announced MLN will continue to serve as a regional NLN league to provide professional development for Missouri and Kansas through May 31, 2012, and the President, President-Elect, and Executive Director will attend the NLN Constituents League meeting in September.
- Announced the Board Meeting dates for 2012: January 27 (conference call), April 13 (MLN Annual Convention), July 26-27 (Retreat), and October 26.

New Members

MISSOURI LEAGUE FOR NURSING – NEW MEMBERS

May 10, 2011 thru August 9, 2011

(if any names were omitted, it was unintentional)

KANSAS CITY UNIT

Individual Members

Sandi Ackerman
 Marilyn Grizard
 Sherra Herron
 Delores Jordan
 Rae Letterman
 Amy Lombardo
 Marlene Rehmsmeyer
 Shelley Slavens
 Janice Stock
 Rhonda Teig

Agency Members

St Luke’s College of Health
 Sciences

KIRKSVILLE UNIT

Agency Members

Twin Pines Adult Care Center

MARK TWAIN

Individual Members

Sharon Krager

MID-CENTRAL UNIT

Individual Members

De Minner
 Mary Neustifter
 Marlene Stieffermann

MISCELLANEOUS UNIT

Individual Members

Deanna Krankel
 Stephanie Miller

OZARK SCENIC RIVER

Individual Members

Michelle Bernard
 Linda Hagler-Reid

PONY EXPRESS

Individual Members

Diana Diggs
 Brenda Wickham
 Kerry Wilson

SEMO UNIT

Individual Members

Sheila Campbell
 Carrol Randolph

SPRINGFIELD UNIT

Individual Members

Dana Bush
 Rebecca Pierce
 Cynthia Skidmore
 Gene Vestal

ST LOUIS UNIT

Individual Members

Lisa Burdick
 Aimee Couch
 Randy Delkus

Diana Gee-Keaton
Diane Leck
Robert Sands
Sonia Shanklin
Sherry Shepard
Sheenia Stillwell

Agency Members

Ackert Park Skilled Care

Board Members Directory

<http://www.mlnmonursing.org/Content/CMSUploads/boardlisting.pdf>

MLN Staff Directory

<http://www.mlnmonursing.org/Staff>

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