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President's Message

Spring Has Sprung & Summer Is Here!!!

To all LPNs and their families, I wish you the best summer, of fun, vacations, great weather, and most of all good health. You just never know when things can change, so live life to its fullest and be happy.

Recently I have been helping my Brother Mike (54y/o) as he went through an open heart triple bypass heart surgery on May 28th, 2015. When you are the family member of the patient, you sure see a whole new side of healthcare. It has made me realize that what you say, how you say it, and your body language makes ALL the difference in whether or not the family will be worried or confident. Be aware of yourself to help not only the patient, but also the families who love that patient very much. Be the LPN that is tuned into the whole picture!

This year WALPN had a one day Annual Convention. It was successful, and interesting. In attendance there were seven students, and one PN Educator which came from Eastern Iowa Community College. They stated they had a great time and learned a lot. The first speaker, Jason Weber, WCPPA was a Detective who was actually working on the shooting which occurred the night before in Menasha. His presentation was very informative, and held everyone's attention. Next, we had Joel Dhein, WCPPA, who was able to further enlighten us on "Personal Safety at the Workplace and Beyond." Eileen Collins (WALPN Education Chair) did a fabulous job in securing these men to share their knowledge with LPNs. Thank you Eileen for all you do.

In closing, I would like to encourage each LPN in Wisconsin to continue their membership in their professional organization NALPN (National Association of Licensed Practical Nurse). As always, I extend my contact information to you for any concerns or questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 7 th -9 th , 2015 | NALPN Annual Convention Annapolis, MD. Details Coming Soon! |
| Oct. 30 th , 2015 | WALPN Executive Committee Mtg. 7pm at the Wintergreen Hotel Wisconsin Dells, WI |
| Oct. 31 st , 2015 | WALPN Board of Directors Mtg. 9am at the Wintergreen Hotel Wisconsin Dells, WI |
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| May 1 st -2 nd , 2016 | WALPN 66 th Annual Convention at the Wintergreen Hotel Wisconsin Dells, WI |

State News

BIG Thank You

I wish to give a personal thank you to the following LPNs who stepped up when asked at this year's convention:

Tellers: Helen Klister (Chair), Annette Hooker, Bonnie Schindler

Minutes Committee: Mary Morris (Chair), Carolyn Kaiser, June Bahr

Credentials Committee: Sharon Buckson (Chair), Florence Falk

Thank you,

JoAnn Shaw WALPN President

Elections

Reelected as WALPN President is JoAnn Shaw, and Treasurer is Sharon Buckson. Delegates/Alternates to the 2015 National Convention are: Sharon Buckson, Annette Hooker, June Bahr, Eileen Collins and Mary Morris. Nominating Committee is: Carolyn Kaiser (Chair), Shirley Kresovic, Connie Kastad. We congratulate each of these LPNs who accepted to serve WALPN.

Convention 2015 Recap

Our WALPN 65th Annual Meeting is behind us, and what a success it was! Our new one day format was well received.

We were thrilled to host seven practical nursing students and their instructor from Eastern Iowa Community College in Muscatine, IA. They came to Wisconsin to experience an LPN professional organization. The instructor, Barbara Adlam RN, MSN, will return with even more students next year. Due to the generosity of our local divisions, the students and instructor each received a gift to take home. Jeanette Boda also presented each one with a “Nurse’s Survival Kit”

We were honored to have two members of the Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association as our speakers. Jason Weber from the Menasha Police Department spoke on “Emerging Drug Trends in Wisconsin”. Officer Weber is a dynamic speaker and travels all over the United States to train other professionals on various subjects. He had many interesting slides showing what street drugs looked like and how they are being disguised. Joel Dhein from the Glendale Police Department spoke on “Personal Safety at the Workplace and Beyond”. The most important thing one must do to keep themselves safe is to be aware of your environment and what is happening around you. You lose that focus when you are listening to music or talking on your cell phone while out and about.

We were able to conduct all our business, elect officers, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow LPNs, PN Students and their Instructor. Also having a bountiful bunch was a great compliment the day.

WALPN plans to return to the Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center next year. Dates will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Submitted By Eileen Collins, WALPN Education Committee Chair

Raffle Winners at Convention

Donor: Mary Brandt (Mary Kay Basket) Winner Amelia Pike

Donor: Chippewa Valley (Garden Basket) Winner Bonnie Schindler

Donor: Milwaukee (Everything Basket) Winner Alica Rubendall

Donor: June Bahr (Plant) Winner Melissa Hampton

Submitted By Sharon Buckson, WALPN Finance Committee Chair

Legislative News

IRIS program is part of the current budget bill. Joint Finance has deleted it; what will the ‘entire’ legislature do? Will they take action on this?

The IRIS Program is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver for self-directed long-term supports. The program is an option for adults with long term care needs. Wisconsin DHS, Division of Long Term Care (DLTC), Office of IRIS Management under the authorization of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is responsible for oversight of the IRIS program. IRIS is

available to Wisconsin residents determined financially eligible for Medicaid, functionally in need of nursing home or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care; and living in a county where managed long-term care and IRIS are available. People who are eligible have the choice of IRIS or managed care through their local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

IRIS stands for:

INCLUDE – Wisconsin frail elders, adults with physical disabilities and adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities with long term care needs who are Medicaid eligible.

RESPECT – Participants choose their living setting, their relationships, their work, and their participation in the community.

SELF-DIRECT – IRIS is a self-directed long term care option. The participant manages an Individual Services and Supports Plan within an individual budget and the guidelines of allowable supports and services to meet his or her long term care needs. The participant has the flexibility to design a cost-effective and personal plan.

Stand-alone bills introduced include:

Senate Bill 160: Under the current rules promulgated by DHS, cannulas, hoses, and humidifier bottles, when in use at a nursing home resident’s bedside, must be changed and sterilized at least every five days. Disposable inhalation equipment must also be replaced every five days when in use and must be pre sterilized and kept in contamination-proof containers until used. Finally, under the current rules, with other inhalation equipment such as intermittent positive pressure breathing equipment, the entire resident breathing circuit, including nebulizers and humidifiers, must be changed daily. This bill modifies the current rules regarding storage, sterilization, and the timing of replacement to require instead that the equipment be maintained and used in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers’ recommendations.

Assembly Bill 203: This bill allows a physician, physician assistant, or advance practice nurse prescriber to prescribe an epinephrine auto-injector in the name of any entity or organization, other than a school, operating a business, activity, or event at which allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present (authorized entity), including a camp, college, university, day care facility, youth sports league, amusement park, restaurant, place of employment, and sports arena. The authorized entity may acquire and maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors and must store the epinephrine auto-injectors in a location readily accessible in an emergency and in accordance with the instructions for using an epinephrine auto-injector and any requirements established by the DHS. The bill requires the authorized entity to designate an employee or agent who has completed the training required under the bill to be responsible for the storage, maintenance, control, and oversight of the epinephrine auto-injectors.

Submitted by Carolyn Kaiser, WALPN Legislative Committee Chair

National News

NFLPN Convention Information

Watch your email and check www.walpn.org frequently for updates and information!

A Day in the Life, LPN Style

Words of Wisdom

May Every Sunrise Hold More PROMISE!

May Every Sunset Hold More PEACE!

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