



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Members present: Merry Addison, Heather Miles, Emily Cannon

Began at 1:00 pm

Meeting location: Grand Traverse Pie Company, Terre Haute, IN

1. Planning meeting regarding issues affecting Indiana ENA Chapter 401 members and 2022 meetings, (Emily Cannon interviewing Heather Myles regarding issues and themes)
 - a. **Mental health care accessibility issues as related to heroin use and meth use**, pharmacies have scaled back hours and services due to COVID testing and vaccine administration, fewer health care providers writing prescriptions for narcotics to use at home following injury, surgery, Fentanyl is backordered at Union Hospital, non-narcotics are preferred option
 - Heather proposed idea to help those experiencing overdoses of narcotics- Narcan/ naloxone vending machine, there are 2 currently in Indiana, and both are located near jails, nice to have one in ER.
 - Currently seeing more meth users with mental health issues and less people using K2
 - b. **Violence towards HCWs**, lots of incidences of violence directed towards healthcare workers in ER due to COVID, mental health issues, wait times in ER
 - c. **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners** lost several SANE nurses, Suzie's House has an MOU with Riley Hospital to send children who may have been sexually assaulted to Riley Hospital, even though Union Hospital has several pediatric SANE nurses, no SANE nurses at Sullivan County Hospital or at Regional Hospital
 - d. **ER Capacity and Staffing** 30-40% nurses who are staffing Union Hospital ER are travel nurses, many patients are having to board in the ER while they await a bed in the hospital, traveling RNs working in the hospitals are less invested than when compared to those who live in this area
 - e. **Interstate 70 Issues** I-70 is very dangerous for motorists, perhaps carry forward former chapter President Joe May's idea to bring more awareness with billboard, Merry noted that billboard cost \$1,000 per month, best to find a sponsor for the billboard, located east of Terre Haute on I-70.



- f. **Child Safety Issues** Bring awareness to safe sleeping issues and water safety issues by asking Megan Richardson from Indiana Department of Child Services to speak about themes she is aware of as they relate to health and well-being of children in Vigo and surrounding counties, her presentation could be at our first meeting scheduled for Friday, February 11, at 6:30 pm possibly at the Water Tower Estates Winery in Terre Haute. This chapter hopes to cater this event.
- g. **Food Sponsors for Chapter 401 Meetings**
Ideas: Lucas Chest Compression System (a division of Stryker), Bloomington Meadows Behavioral Health Center, WIN Recovery at 88 Wabash Court, 812-231-8484, Pfizer Paxlovid (new COVID medication) drug representative
- h. **Ideas for Education for Members:**
De-escalation class when dealing with potentially violent patients and families
SANE course
Suicidality of HCWs
- i. Merry shared Treasurer's report, Moving Health Care Upstream, Purdue's Agrability Next Mission to help veterans with PTSD

2. Meeting Adjourned 2:20 pm Eastern