

Greetings!

The role of the **Michigan Center for Nursing** is to facilitate activities designed to ensure that an adequate and ongoing nursing workforce is available to meet the health care needs of the citizens of the State of Michigan. We hope that through this newsletter we can share promising practices and events in Michigan that will build Michigan's nursing workforce. The Michigan Center for Nursing is working in partnership with the **Michigan Department of Community Health** to keep you informed with information on nursing issues in Michigan. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Michigan Center for Nursing Director: Carole Stacy



Thoughts from the Director

Can it really be almost July?! Where did May and June go? Much has been happening to help move the Agenda for Nursing along. Three organizations, Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives (MONE), Michigan Council of Nursing Education Administrators (MCNEA) and Michigan Association of Colleges of Nursing (MACN) have formed a taskforce to look at issues that impact education and service. The subcommittees will focus on 4 areas: (1) educational preparation of nurses, (2) increasing the number of nursing faculty, (3) partnerships with service and (4) developing new clinical models. The subcommittees will continue to meet over the summer to develop strategies that can be incorporated into Michigan's Nursing Agenda.

It hasn't been all hard work and meetings; we've had the opportunity to work with the Central and Eastern Michigan Area Health Education Center on the "It's a Guy Thing" poster

Update from Michigan's Chief Nurse Executive



I want to take this opportunity on behalf of Michigan's nursing community to welcome all new nursing graduates. I'm sure you've often been told that you are

the "future of nursing." That has never been more true.

You may be wondering what you have gotten yourself into. These are as the book says: "the best of times and the worst of times." We are in a time of critical nursing shortage. The good news is that we have a solid nurse-driven plan to make sure we have enough nurses for now and into the future. Your nursing colleagues invested hundreds of hours of time and thought about how to make your future in MICHIGAN nursing a great one— one that allows you to put into practice high quality care for your patients and their families.

Check out Nursing's Agenda for Michigan on the MCN website:

www.michigancenterfornursing.org. Let us know if you see areas to add, change, etc. This is a living document and is being updated on a quarterly basis.

Again, WELCOME TO MICHIGAN'S NURSING COMMUNITY! Michigan is a great place to live and work and Nurses are the difference. If you know a new nurse, please share this newsletter and message with them.

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MI Nursing Education Summit - August 8-9, 2006

The Michigan League for Nursing and the Michigan Center for Nursing are sponsoring

campaign. We are excited to have 60 applicants. Selections will be made by July 15, we want to have the posters read for the fall career fair season. This has not only been a fun project it has been educational. I've learned that we need to not differentiate men as "male nurses" because we don't use the term "female nurses" for women. We are all nurses by profession not gender. Let's be an encouragement to all nurses.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

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the **Michigan Nursing Education Summit August 8-9, 2006** at the Holiday Inn in Livonia, Michigan. The event has been designed for Nursing Educators, CNA Instructors and Staff Developers with separate strands for each group and some combined sessions of interest to all. Overnight lodging is available for \$82 (plus tax) per night.

Linda Christensen, JD, MSN, RN - one of the keynote speakers, will speak on "Today's Legal Issues In Nursing Education." Wanda Jones from the Mississippi Office of Nursing Workforce will talk about two great initiatives from her Center; The workforce readiness project which is a strategy designed to close the competency gaps between academia and the workforce and the nurse navigator which assists students through some of the barriers and challenges they face to stay in a nursing program.

[Michigan Nursing Education Summit Brochure](#)
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Fall 2006 Institute of Nursing Excellence Applications Available

The Michigan Center for Nursing (MCN) and the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives (MONE) will selected 30 nurses to attend Michigan's Fall 2006 Institute of Nursing Excellence (INE) to be held November 5-8, 2006 at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Michigan. The Institute of Nursing Excellence is a 3 1/2 day retreat style professional development program designed to reward excellent direct-care nurses; encourage them to remain in the profession; increase their capacity for leadership; and enhance their ability to be role models; and enhance their ability to attract others into the profession.



iCON Individual Career Opportunities in Nursing
a program of the Michigan Health Council
[Nurse iCON: Michigan Nursing Jobs Online!](#)

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Children's Art Exhibit on Nursing

The Michigan Department of Community Health and the Office of the Chief Nurse Executive recently held an exhibition of children's artwork at the Michigan State Capitol in recognition of nurses and the nursing profession.

Students were invited to draw pictures that reflected, "What they think nurses do" for National Nurses Week. The pictures are colorful and creative and reflect the young artists' thoughts on the nursing profession.

[Click here to see the students...](#)

"My Most Memorable Nursing Experience" by Kevin Behney

During my first semester clinical, on an oncology unit is where my most memorable nursing experience happened. The patient I had for the night was an elderly man recently diagnosed with leukemia and had been admitted for chest pain and shortness of breath. [Click here to read Kevin's full story.](#)

Kevin Behney of Henry Ford Community College was one of the MCNEA and the Michigan League for Nursing 2005 Scholarship Winners.

Conferences and Workshops

The **Linking Literacy and Health: A Formula for Quality Care and Patient Safety** conference will be held Thursday, July 13 from 12:00 noon - 5:45 p.m. and Friday, July 14 from 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI. Contact hours: July 13 - 5.3; July 14 - 7.8. [Click here for information on the Linking Literacy and Health conference.](#)

A Clinical Faculty Orientation Workshop

will be held Saturday, August 26, 2006 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm at Ferris State University - College of Allied Health - Victor F. Spathelf Center Room 328, Big Rapids, MI. [Click here for information on the Clinical Faculty Workshop.](#)

The **RN-AIM First Annual Conference** is scheduled for September 14 and 15, 2006 at the Holland Holiday Inn. For information contact MaryPat Randall, RN, MSN, Executive Director at: RN-AIM, P.O. Box 2210, Traverse City, Michigan 49685 Phone: 231-590-8624 or via e-mail at mpr13@century.tel.net

The **2006 Conference on Pain** will be held September 28, 2006 at The Inn at St. John, Plymouth MI. This annual conference is co-sponsored by MSU College of Nursing, University of Michigan Educational Services for Nursing, St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Henry Ford Health System. [Click here to Register for the Pain Conference.](#)

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Journal Club

Here are some articles we spotted ...



The **Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations** announced the **2007 National Patient Safety Goals and related Requirements** for each of its accreditation programs and its Disease-Specific Care certification program. The Goals and Requirements, recently approved by the Joint Commission's Board of Commissioners, apply to the nearly 15,000 Joint Commission-accredited and certified health care organizations and programs. [Click here for the 2007 National Patient Safety Goals and related Requirements.](#)

Leading a Multigenerational Nursing Workforce: Issues, Challenges and

Strategies by Rose O. Sherman, EdD, RN, CNAA from OJIN: The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing. Vol. #11 No. #2. [Click here for the article.](#)

News

Look for the next edition of the Michigan Center for Nursing Updates in the Summer of 2006.

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