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**Date:** April 19, 2016 1200-1300 (EST)  
**Modality:** Lync and VANTS 1-800-767-1750 Moderator Code 74038#

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion/Recommendation	Action/Evaluative Follow-Up																		
<b>Welcome and Introduction of New Members</b>	<p>The following new members were welcomed.</p> <p><u>March:</u> Madalyn Antoine, Jacqueline Arahill, Kathleen Cabanawan-Sacdal, Timothea Cooper, Jermecka Covington, Sherri Foote, Karen Hutchins, Magdaline Jenkins, Ben Julian, Karen Lines, Egdar Martinez, Andrena Mouton</p>	<p>New Members will be welcomed at the start of each meeting ongoing.</p>																		
<b>New Member Campaign</b>	<p>Discussed the comparison of previous member map to current- over 70% growth Link: <a href="https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign">https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign</a> New member per month starting in April 2015:</p> <table data-bbox="506 803 1476 997"> <tr> <td>April = 9</td> <td>Oct-6</td> <td>April = 69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May = 1</td> <td>Nov- 2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>June = 5</td> <td>Dec-6</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>July = 8</td> <td>Jan- 14</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug= 7</td> <td>Feb-10</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sept= 3</td> <td>March-12</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	April = 9	Oct-6	April = 69	May = 1	Nov- 2		June = 5	Dec-6		July = 8	Jan- 14		Aug= 7	Feb-10		Sept= 3	March-12		<p>Members encouraged to promote AAACN and VA SIG membership and to utilize MGM campaign (now closed until spring).</p> <p>Information on this year's MGM campaign- pending.</p>
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<b>VA SIG Website Updates</b>	<p>Julie Alban/Sarah Espin provided updates on the VA SIG webpage. Changes are based on VA SIG members' feedback to maintain user friendly and informative website. Highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Welcome map</li> <li> Resources- members/attendees reminded of tools available</li> <li> Connected Community updates presented</li> <li> Brag Board – members/attendees reminded that this is a platform to share accomplishments and great work VA nurses are doing across the country.</li> <li> Podium presenters/poster presenters for upcoming conference and local facility activities to be included on webpage – Brag Board</li> <li> Photos from local facility activities requested</li> </ul>	<p>Map will be updated ongoing by Stephanie McDonald (AAACN).</p> <p>Members/attendees encouraged to submit suggestions for additional tools for resource tab through emailing SIG co-chairs.</p> <p>Members/attendees encouraged to use new communication platform of Connected Community.</p> <p>Members/attendees encouraged to submit items for posting on the</p>																		

		Brad Board.
<b>ViewPoint Articles</b>	<p>Julie Alban and Sarah Espin provided updates on the status of submitting articles for <i>ViewPoint</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Article workgroups in progress of reviewing recommendation from reviewers to return to Kitty Shulman</li> <li> Articles were well received by reviewers</li> <li> Editing phase</li> </ul>	Each team has conducted individual breakout sessions; will continue to get updates from each article's team leader.
<b>Home Telehealth</b>	<p><b>Guest Presenter</b> Kari Hite, RN, MN,CDE Tucson, AZ VAMC Topic: Managing Chronic Conditions via Home Telehealth</p>  <p>Home Telehealth Managing Chronic Co</p>	<p>PPT to be posted on the VA SIG webpage under presenter's corner – pending.</p> <p>PPT will be emailed to members with meeting minutes.</p>
<b>2016 Conference Palm Springs, CA</b>	<p>Discussed needing assistance with the VA SIG booth during the conference. 2017 conference- New Orleans June meeting will include key updates from conference for those who cannot attend.</p>	Members/attendees interested in assisting with the VA SIG booth to contact SIG co-chairs via email (listed below).
<b>Closing Comments</b>	<p>Email requesting response for VA SIG for upcoming year</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Topics of interest</li> <li>2. What we can do better?</li> </ol>	Updates prn.
<b>Other Item</b>	<p>During today's call, VA SIG member, Jennifer Eurich, offered to provide a sample letter used to inform patients regarding the HT program.</p>  <p>CCHT letter - Eurich. Jennifer 4.2016.docx</p>	Sample letter attached.
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	June 21, 2016 1200-1300	Invite to follow.



*Many settings. Multiple roles. One unifying specialty.*

**Thank you for your participation and please contact us with any questions.**

**“GO TEAM VA SIG!”**

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