



**VA SIG Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 21, 2016 1200-1300 (EST)  
**Modality:** Lync and VANTS 1-800-767-1750 Moderator Code 74038#

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion/Recommendation	Action/Evaluative Follow-Up
<p><b>Welcome and Introduction of New Members</b></p>	<p>New members were welcomed. VA SIG membership growth in 2015-2016 was over 70%.</p> <p>Attendees were informed of new AAACN board liaison, Anne Jessie, DNP, RN.</p> <p><u>New Members:</u> <u>April:</u> Lindsy Bilyeu, Keshia Brown, Erika Burks, Elain Diesner, Debra Foldoe, Margaret Gogue, Cecelia Haston, Jane Jenkins, Christina Lynch, Foster Marrufo, Cheryl Martin, Julie Mateo, Scarlet Melendez, Bonnie Odermann, Amy Stephens, Rhonda Sutton, Marianne Tully, Marlin Whitener- Patterson</p> <p><u>May:</u> Jennifer Childs, Melanie Crysler, Nicola hill, Ann Rodriguez-McConnell, Hattie Winfield</p>	<p>New Members will be welcomed at the start of each meeting ongoing.</p>
<p><b>New Member Campaign</b></p>	<p>Attendees encouraged to promote AAACN's Member-Get-a-Member (MGM) campaign as a venue to recruit new members. Link: <a href="https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign">https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign</a></p>	<p>Members encouraged to promote AAACN and VA SIG membership and to utilize MGM campaign.</p>
<p><b>VA SIG Website Updates</b></p>	<p>Kathy Andersen provided updates on the VA SIG webpage. Changes are based on VA SIG members' feedback to maintain a user friendly and informative website.</p> <p>Discussed post conference information- encouraged members to submit posters and pictures from the 2016 conference and also to submit new certifications/SIG member highlights.</p> <p>Highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Best Practice Tab – posters from last year's conference posted under this tab. 2016 conference posters presented by VA SIG members will be added.</li> <li> Brag Board – members/attendees reminded that this is a platform to</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 submit conference photos and posters to add to the webpage.</p>

	share accomplishments and great work VA nurses are doing across the country.	
<b>ViewPoint Articles</b>	<p>Julie Alban and Sarah Espin provided updates on the status of articles which were submitted to <i>ViewPoint</i>.</p> <p>Thank you to work groups for participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Article workgroups in progress of reviewing recommendations from reviewers and editing documents to return to Kitty Shulman (Extension given until end of June)</li> <li>✚ Articles were well received by reviewers</li> </ul>	Each team has conducted individual breakout sessions; will continue to receive updates from each article's team leader.
<b>Conference Debriefing</b>	<p>Several VA SIG nurses shared their experience from the 2016 Conference:</p> <p><b>Auburn VA – Kim Grubbs</b> - Highlighted key note speaker's point on the importance of greeting new RNs and networking. Found posters on LPN BP clinic and nursing schools clinicals for ambulatory care particularly insightful. Enjoyed the ambulatory care camaraderie.</p> <p><b>North Florida/South Georgia VA - Sheila Stacks</b>- noticed increased VA participation over last year's annual conference; enjoyed networking with fellow VA nurses and had the opportunity to network at an international level with the president of a Canadian ambulatory care organization to share common practices; noted that Emory University is interested on information regarding certification and how they can mirror the VA in their rollout of the certification review; and she plans on increasing certification discussion at her facility and promote signing up for review classes.</p> <p><b>North Florida/South Georgia VA - Julie Alban</b>- proposed a conference planning committee for the VA SIG for next year's conference; thanked Sheila for all of her help with the posters and tables at the conference; reported that this conference had the largest attendance with over 1,000 attendees; valued the camaraderie of VA nurses at conference.</p> <p><b>North Florida/South Georgia VA - Sarah Espin</b>- enjoyed the poster presentations this year; proposed an open mic session where poster presenters could give a brief 2-3 summary of their posters for next year's conference;</p>	Debriefing notes will be shared with members through meeting minutes.



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	found the Emory University HTN management clinic poster very interesting.	
<b>Orientation presentation</b>	<p><b>Guest Presenter</b>  Sarah Espin, MSN, RN-BC, VHA-CM  Clinical Nurse Educator  The Villages, FL  <b>Topic:</b> Orientation Program to Primary Care</p>	Julie Alban will send out PPT presentation to attendees and members.
<b>Closing Comments</b>	Two conference poster presenters will be invited to speak at upcoming meetings.	Presenters TBD.
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	<p>August 16, 2016 1200 EST  New teleconference service, The Conference Group, will be used which will provide the option to record meetings.  <i>Use of Lync will continue</i> in conjunction with the new teleconference service.</p> <p><b>Toll Free #: 1-800-582-3014</b>  <b>Participant Passcode: 875843813#</b></p>	Invites to follow.

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

**“GO TEAM VA SIG!”**

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