


VA SIG Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20, 2018 1200-1300 (EST)

Modality: Skype and dial in 1-800-582-3014 Participant Passcode: 875843813#

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion/Recommendation	Action/Evaluative Follow-Up
<p>Welcome and Introduction of New Members</p>	<p>New members were welcomed.</p> <p>Goals: Increase tie in with central office regarding initiatives, directives that affect ambulatory care, increase SIG membership- goal 500 members, incorporate VA Pulse.</p> <p>We are seeking volunteers to assist with the conference in May. Please email us if you are interested.</p> <p>Kathy is working to increase the VA SIG communication platform by coordinating with the VA Pulse to add a AAACN VA SIG page, pending permission from AAACN.</p> <p>The Connected Community is another platform of communication for our members to answer questions, open communication, and review best practices. We encourage everyone to utilize this great resource!</p> <p><u>New Members:</u></p>  <p>Veterans Affairs SIG - New Members_Maste</p>	<p>New Members will be welcomed at the start of each meeting ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>AAACN Board Updates</p>	<p>➤ The Viewpoint is being redesigned in 2018 by providing a digital edition and will be able to provide more articles. Members will be able to provide feedback on the functionality.</p>	<p>Board updates ongoing.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New AMSN/AAACN handoff communication tool kit using evidence based research for handoff communication tools will be available soon on AAACN ➤ Stephanie McDonald will be temporarily serving in an expanded role. ➤ Seeking chair for the Open reception/Silent Auction at the conference to increase networking opportunities for this event ➤ Seeking how to get the word out for volunteers and AAACN Leadership opportunities. Working on improving open and active volunteers on AAACN site. 	
<p>VA SIG Website Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Website Updates – we need your ideas for changes ➤ Previous meeting minutes and presentation, resources, conference pictures/posters ➤ Share the website and VA SIG calls with non-members to encourage new members to join ➤ Encourage active participation in connected community platform 	<p>Members/attendees encouraged to refer to the VA SIG webpage for meeting updates and resources.</p>
<p>Presentations Introduction to the War Related Illness & Injury Study Center</p> <p>Agent Orange: The Aftermath and Implications for PACT Nurses</p>	<p>Guest Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Susan Santos, PhD, MS Associate Director, Education & Risk Communication NJ WRIISC Debbie Skeete-Bernard, RN, MSN Nurse Health Educator NJ WRIISC ➤ Beth Venugopal, BSN, RN James A Lovell Federal Healthcare Center- Evanston CBOC 	<p>MK Sweeney will send out PPT presentation to attendees and members. PPT will also be uploaded to the webpage.</p>



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Next Meeting	April 17, 2018 1200 (EST) Toll Free #: 1-800-582-3014 Participant Passcode: 875843813# <hr/> → Join Skype Meeting Trouble Joining? Try Skype Web App	Invites to follow.
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Thank you for your participation and please contact us with any questions. **“GO TEAM VA SIG!”**

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