



PRESIDENT:

July 2013

This spring has been busier than ever what a constant demand of our time at work and in our personal lives. I am striving to find a balance as I know you are. What I see is that there are certain people in this world that can see this as a signal to back off or steer clear and then there are others who see this as a challenge. I think us all when faced with a daunting amount of work or a mass rally and find a way to get through it. We thrive on a challenge and look for new innovative ways of doing things, we are not afraid of change that's what keeps us energized.

I hope we can create a few more algorithms for our members use this July. I was glad to hear that the National Association of School Nurses is planning to create these too; we are ahead of the curve on this. I think we are creating tools that will help school nurses' throughout the state in focusing on what is important to remember and do in any given scenario. I keep thinking of more to create and look to you for ideas on what else is needed in your practice.

I served on the New York State Education Department Pupil Personnel Services Advisory Committee this year. We have had one meeting in May and I will have another meeting in Sept/Oct. This has been an interesting group of professional to sit with, psychologist, social workers, counselors, and school nurses. We are in a good place at this committee, but again the rest of the members have been on this committee for years and have a relationship that is obvious. It was mentioned by several in attendance why our association doesn't have a longer term for sitting on this team, it was suggested if we wanted to send two members then one could be appointed for a longer term to help with continuity. The focus was:

- Transition to common core regents examinations
- Career zone (a new look at www.labor.ny.gov)
- Graduation requirements
- Memo US Dept of Education Accommodations for Pregnancy
- "Opiod prevention program" discussion with school personnel by Karen Hollowood (Office of Student Support Services-School Health Services Update) she said; don't give Narcan, to leave this to a professional with clear orders and assessment skills, one day training is being offered and is not recommended at this time.

I also served on the New York State Department of Health's steering committee NYS Sustainable School Environmental Health Program (SSEHP). This was a large group of advocates for school health. I was very glad to be seated on this panel; I was able to voice the school nurse perspective of the impact of school environmental health on our student's health. The overall vision: All NYS children, teachers, and staff attend/work at schools that are healthy and safe for optimal health, productivity, and performance.

- Access, synthesize, and analyze community level data and disseminate results.
- Better educate all school staff and students about school environmental health.
- Assess outcomes other than asthma, such as neurodevelopmental diseases.

- Obtain NYC Building Condition Assessment Survey data and perform analysis.
- Educate decision makers on the potential for return on investment when improving school environment.
- Identify strategies to overcome communication/coordination problems.

I continue to represent you and New York State School Nurses at all the educational offering we have. At the National level I attended the Affiliate Presidents Breakfast and networked with national leaders and was honored to be present. I have a genuine respect for the work we do and the dedication we have to the children and their families. See you all soon hope you have had some time to relax and reenergize.

Jeanne

O. Jeanne Dolly MS, FNP, SNT, NCSN
President NYSASN

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

July 2013

NYSCEA met on May 17, 2013. Common Core and assessments were the continued topics discussed. Many association delegates are concerned with the cost of ongoing state assessment tests. Funding for training, technology, and books are the districts responsibility. The State Education Department states that their resources do not need to be used as long as they meet the requirements. Many associations feel that there is only one company benefiting from state assessment tests.

A presentation was given about the percentage of college ready students upon graduation. Information from EngageNY.org states that the 2011 graduation rate is 74% yet only 34.7% are college and career ready. Common Core is said to be the answer. To manage costs, ideas such as shared services and a bill to “create regional secondary schools.”

I continue to be astounded by the overwhelming concern, and I believe fear, that most associations are feeling with the State Education Department. Budget constraints continue to impact districts. Implementation of programs and/or training to support assessments, professional reviews, and technology require monies that districts do not have. The NYSCEA meeting detailed what is being asked of districts but could not provide answers on how districts will afford to implement the changes. My district budget failed the first time and as a result many teaching positions and programs were cut including elementary art, music, and library services, which are non-mandated services. I feel very lucky that they did not go after school nursing services.

I receive emails on a continuing basis from Dave Arnone, President of NYSCEA, so I will keep everyone informed of changes as the year progresses.

I was very fortunate, thanks to NYSASN, to attend the 2013 NASN Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. On the leadership day, ideas on finding funds to assist in program implementation and conferences were given by Jon Lemich of NASN. Jon shared that many companies will sponsor events or give monies to help in costs. Monies may be used for name badges, food, conference bags, etc. As long as money is not used on the presentation itself, there is no conflict of interest. I will definitely be contacting him for some names of companies willing to assist and grant opportunities.

Another highlight of the leadership day was “sharing your story.” It is felt that as school nurses we need to be more vocal and share what we do, show how we made or are making an impact on student success, and how we are keeping students in school. This is a common idea and one that is mentioned frequently, even by NYSASN, but we need to do it. We all make an impact at our schools and need to share these stories! Partnerships with parents was yet another presentation on leadership day. This is one that NYSASN is pursuing in our partnership with the PTA.

Suzie Smith was outstanding in representing NYSASN. President O. Jeanne Dolly, Suzie, and I talked of many ways to increase membership. The three of us have started to send messages to all the NY members registered with www.schoolnursenet.nasn.org. I have received a few messages back already. Using the personal touch will hopefully increase our membership.

I implore each of you to share your story about what you do as well as your NYSASN membership and what it means to you. I am sure that “Your story” will impact school nursing and NYSASN through recognition and membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance Griffin, BS, RN, AE-C

PAST PRESIDENT:

July 2013

By this time, I’m hoping that most of us have had a little bit of relaxation. Our offices are closed, the students are off to camp, and we are planning to gather together at our State Board meeting!

Since our last assembly in April, I had the pleasurable task of surprising eleven school nurses with a phone call on School Nurse Day. It was my honor, as Past-President to pass on the message that their Zone had chosen them to be the winner of the prestigious EISN award. That certainly made my own School Nurse Day a special one! I also want to extend a very big thank you to Gail Hall, our Zone Coordinator, who worked extremely hard to gather all the necessary information and pass it along to me.

As you can see, there are many changes planned for the year ahead for NYSASN. One of which will be decreasing the number of meetings from four to three. In order to remain a productive force, each one of us needs to continue to honor our position on the Board – whether it is together in upstate New York, or from your own home on your computer. Our Board of Directors itself is continually bringing in nurses who are excited about the future of our practice and the students we care for. As we begin a new school year, some of us have changed schools or positions. For these reasons, please make sure to stay connected between meetings as well. Always make sure to keep all your contact information up-to-date so that everyone can be in touch.

I look forward to seeing everyone and working with all of you in a few weeks in Grande Island!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cofino BSN RN NCSN

Past-President

SECRETARY:

July 2013

If your report is not included, you missed the deadline! Please bring 30 copies of your report to the BOD meeting to hand-out to the members. I need time to compile the reports, read and review them before sending them out so kindly be on-time!

A special Thank you goes out to Carol Bumbolow, I could not open up her efile, I asked her to resend it, did she ever - from Ireland!

Next due date for reports and kindly use **Arial font, size 12:**

- **For October 2013 meeting: Tuesday October 1st by midnight**

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Diane J. Lightfoot RN, NCSN

TREASURER:

*****Current Mileage Rate is 0.565 per mile*****

The 2nd quarter of 2013 realized an operating loss of \$1,724.85.

The Oppenheimer Investment funds balance decreased by a total of \$944.43, for a total decrease in assets of \$2,669.28.

There was one unusual transaction to report this quarter. There was a returned check for the summer conference, and the bank charged us an \$18 fee. The \$18 was later reimbursed to us by the attendee in a separate transaction, which was credited as miscellaneous income.

The Spring Regional realized a profit of \$2,418.37 with \$200 outstanding in PO's. This does not count vendor income, which was \$2375.

The deadline for reimbursement forms for this board meeting is September 8th, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki O'Donnell

EDUCATION:

July, 2013

NYSASN Summer Enrichment Academy

July 25, 2013

Location-Grande Island, Holiday Inn

Co-Chairs- J. Pollock and D. Kampf

PSNA CE approval was awarded for the Summer Enrichment Academy, 2013!

Current to date Registration is at 53 for the conference. Hopeful more will register.

Congrats to Deb and Joetta for launching their first conference! Nice Job!!

NYSASN Fall Conference 2013

October 17-19, 2013

Location: Holiday Inn Plainview, NY

Chair-Mary Fitzpatrick/Lois Haque

Mary and Lois continue to work diligently on the 2013 Fall Conference their agenda is in place. Brochure is very inviting and posted on the NYSASN website. We are in the final stages of completing CE forms and certificates for the conference and will be submitting CE application to PSNA this month. Both Mary and Lois are assisting in obtaining forms and information to complete the CE application. The cost of the conference includes NYSASN membership so cost is a bit higher, but we are hopeful this will increase membership. The Fall conference is being held in October and is a full one day conference with a speaker and banquet taking place on the Friday evening before the conference, we are confident this will be a good change in venue and increase attendance.

Agenda Items July Education meeting

- **Conference Planning/Review: Confirm Zones that will be hosting future conferences**
- **CE process**
- **Discussion: BOD sponsored conference**

NYSASN Pediatric Emergency Workshop Spring 2014

Regional Educational Offering

Date: March 21, 2014

Watkins Glenn

Conference Chair: Gail Hall

CE approval was received for 2 years for this workshop. Jan Rogers will again present a "hands on" workshop.

SNO report submitted by J. McPhee

Respectfully submitted,

~Flora McEntee, MS, BSN, RN, SNT

SCHOOL NURSE ORIENTATION (SNO):

July 2013

We are busy with preparation for NYSASN's 25th Annual School Nurse Orientation. The program will return to Welch Allyn Headquarters, Skaneateles, N Y, Monday through Friday, **August 19 – 23, 2012.**

We have 36 registrations as of 7/8/13. This number is reflective of previous years when we had a good turn-out but not full. Joanne Reynolds and I have met multiple times to complete the updated Pennsylvania CE application. It is ready for submission when I receive the final faculty form. It will be completed before you read this!

Suzie Smith reports 9 vendors for SNO.

As we update SNO to meet the needs of today's learners, we definitely remember the great beginning 25 years ago. We will be upholding the high standards that have been expected of SNO as we continue the tradition of providing an informative and enjoyable professional development opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice McPhee, BS, RN, NCSN

LEGISLATION: pending appointment of Mary Beirne

MEMBERSHIP:

July 2013

Our current membership is 593 (as of July 2013). The number of members lost from April 2013 through June 2013 was 37. Since the April 2013 meeting I have sent the final renewal notice by postal mail at the beginning of their final membership month. The result of this process has been positive for May and June 2013 because the renewal rate was 35%. The number of new members from April 2013 through June 2013 was 54.

Respectfully submitted,
Joetta Pollock, BSN, RN
Membership Chairperson

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSING (NASN) DIRECTOR: July 2013

Thank you to the Executive NYSASN Board for the timeline extension of this Board report due to fulfilling duties at the annual NASN Conference, June 23-June 30, 2013. I attended many meetings, Board meetings and many educational offerings. NASN is in the process of developing another strategic plan as the organization has met the goals listed in the present strategic plan. A Professor from Georgetown University presented a work session to the NASN Board on narrowing in on the focus of the next strategic plan. Some of my duties were as follows: being a session monitor; attending the Leadership Academy day along with NYSASN President O. Jeanne Dolly and NYSASN President-Elect Connie Griffin; selling 50/50 tickets for 3 days along with all of the other state directors; (Each day drawing was a pot of over \$1000.00 to the winner) I also transported the purse for the "Purses for Nurses" fund raiser- what a fun event! I lost my

bid on 2 purses but our President won a purse or two!! **Thank you, Thank you** to NYSASN and the individual zones that contributed to this event!! Your gifts were great and New York had a sought after bag! It sold for nearly \$200. I also lead an affiliate rally and those in attendance helped me hone in my report to the NASN Board on behalf of New York State during roll call. Our group sang a few verses of "Yankee Doodle" as it was written in Albany, New York and fit the theme of the upcoming 4th of July. We had a "ringer" for school nurse voice from NYC - New York really caught everyone's attention with our group song. Thank you to the BOD members able to attend this event for making it so memorable- President Jeanne Dolly, President –Elect Connie Griffin, Linda Khalil, Gail Wold, Joanne Bardin, Maryalice Smith, and former BOD members Diane Kay and Kathy Mackay. We had a total of 15 delegates from New York State. (Picture attached)

The really good news is that the Endowment Fund has reached the million dollar goal. The next step will be securing this pot of money for investment growth and then providing programs, grants and as I understand it possibly more scholarships to NASN members. I am very interested in this piece of NASN to give school nurses more ways to better student health outcomes. I am on the finance committee.

The annual NASN Conference was outstanding. Attendees totaled just fewer than 1000 school nurses.

Check out the NASN website as a new software program has been rolled out- "School Nurse Net" This new website will allow more communication with school nurses from all of the 50 states. I encourage you to explore and take any NASN tutorials to allow you to use this site fully. For ex. Past President Kathy Mackay is trying to start a special interest group of School Nurses with student populations of greater 20,000 students. I think this is a good venue to do this on- If Federal ratio legislation passes for grants for school nurses, the larger schools would most likely receive grants before smaller schools, but I am not certain on this. It would be prudent to look at staffing needs to be prepared should any additional funding for schools become available!

The opening session speaker was Deborah Phelps- a school principal and mother of Olympic Gold Medalist-swimmer Michael Phelps. As a motivational speaker, Mrs. Phelps stressed to school nurses to not overlook the value of partnerships especially parents and PTAs across the nation. She stressed "Professional Vigilance" and "PDA"- (Public Display of Appreciation) just two of my many take home messages from this conference. After having a brutal finish of my own school year I have to say that I pondered on the importance of these terms- I do understand that most, if not all school nurses, are understaffed and over worked in his/her health office settings. Mrs. Phelps stressed that school nurses will always benefit by strengthening relationships with parents and parent organizations.

Other sessions on poverty, cultural competencies, health literacy, and bullying also provided more in-depth understanding of ways to reach our students and families. Many practice- focused sessions were outstanding. Such examples are: A Care plan on the student with a migraine, concussion management and emergency epinephrine in schools. Yes, some states do not have the laws that we have in NYS permitting emergency training and administration of the emergency Epinephrine drug. I walked away impressed what many states are doing with statistics to help grow their health office programs. One state reviewed all 911 calls over few years to use that data to

justify and improve upon their policy and procedures(For example, AED programs and staff training and practice sessions/ statistics on concussions)to promote safety in schools. One state tracked concussions over the previous year and was surprised to learn the high number of concussions in the non-athlete!

NASN is partnering with the National Certification Board for School Nurses to review data from the national school nurse survey done earlier this school year. This survey was opened up to non-NASN school nurses and had an extra 8000 respondents. I learned the data is still being analyzed. The National Certification Program is up for a rigorous review and is awaiting reauthorization of this specialty in Nursing.

Some sessions focused on the use of the IPAD in the school setting and another focused on free downloadable sites from trusted medical sources for the IPAD. I am excited for school nurses in NYS to further explore this area.

President Dolly and I attended a reception for award winners. (picture attached) And School Nurse of the Year Award was given to Connie Griffin. (Congratulations again Connie) Connie and I do have a draft for the SN Administrator Award at the National level as well.

Thank you for supporting me in my role as New York- Director to NASN. This venture is awesome. New York State has great school nurses. New York State can also be so much better with continued collaboration with the National Association of School Nurses. The NASN conference June 2014 is in San Antonio, Texas!

Future of Nursing Update:

I have included a Future of Nursing update (in the BOD pack appendix) I hope you had a chance to read my report in the last communicator which also included a paragraph on the NYS Future of Nursing activity!

I have also forwarded to NYSASN President Dolly a request from this group to participate in the NYS FAIR Booth - previously ran by NYSNA in previous years. This is a great PR moment. Let's think about somehow promoting ourselves at this event- we are asked to send volunteers for one day- multiple people if possible and also march in a daily 6PM parade just as again promoting nursing in NYS. Consider wearing T-Shirts to promote ourselves as School Nurses? Or our schools? The dates are: August 22- Sept 2 2013 in the Time Warner Cable and Science and Technology building.

NYSASN can pick a date during this time. More info to follow on this...

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie

By Suzanne Smith BSN, RN, NBCSN

NEWSLETTER:

July 2013

The summer issue of *The Communicator* was recently sent out to all members. A sincere "Thank You" to all who sent in information for this issue! There are a few things that would help when writing zone reports:

- Please include at the end of your report a contact name as well as a phone number and email address. I usually try to use the @nysasn email addresses as it is my understanding that this is the preferred email for us to use. If you cannot access this address then please provide another email address. Also talk to the board about why you cannot access your account. Thanks!

- When sending photos it really helps to send me the jpeg for a clearer picture in the issue. Also send a caption or list who is in the photo. Providing all this information up front helps in the process of putting the newsletter together.

The Executive Board will decide when they want the next issue to be out. Since we have our annual conference in October this year, I am looking to them to provide guidance about the timing of the next issue. Usually it is done in November but if they want me to get an issue out in September then I will need to have all your information submitted to me in **August 24th**. If they choose to have the issue sent in November then I will need all your info by **October 31st**!

I am sorry to miss the July meeting but I am of state. I look forward to seeing everyone at the board meeting and conference in October!

My best to all of you! Maryalice

NEW YORK STATEWIDE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES CENTER (NYSSHSC):



NEW YORK STATEWIDE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES CENTER
Making the Difference. Every Student. Every Day.

**New York Statewide School Health Services Center
Report to NYSASN BOD – July 2013**

NYSSHSC staff completed 7 School Health Services Update Seminars during April and May 2013. Sites included: Rochester, Lake Placid, Latham, Riverhead and Melville. 605 school health professionals attended these events which included content on:

- NYSED and NYSDOH immunization updates
- DASA, Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act, wellness legislation, NYS Education reform initiatives
- Clinical updates of asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis, diabetes and epilepsy including new medications or emerging treatments
- School avoidance/refusal, bloodborne pathogens in the school setting and information on federal and NYS laws and regulations that impact school health services.

Evaluations were completed on-line this year in order to provide the Center with data which could be aggregated and used to improve services. 86% of the 521 participants completed the on-line evaluation.

The first of the webinars based on the seminars content was placed on the NYSSHSC Professional Learning page in June. It addresses the topic of

Absenteeism and the impact on school success. This webinar provides an overview of this issue and strategies school staff can take to intervene to provide support to students and families. While targeted at school health professionals, it is a valuable resource for administrators and other school staff. The remaining seminar topics will also be produced as webinars and released in late summer. There are currently 13 webinars available and 250 participants viewed webinars from April-June.

The website continues to be one of our most valuable resources with 49,380 visits in the second quarter of 2013. The HIP (Health Information Portal) listserv is the primary source of information updates from NYSED with a current membership of 5,502 members. Whenever there is new guidance provided to us from the NYS Education Department, we share that information via listserv notes. 23 notes were sent out from April-June. If you missed a note- it is always viewable via the website link: ["In Case You Missed It"](#) on our home page.

NYSSHSC provides suggestions and recommendations to Karen Hollowood, Associate in School Nursing- Office of Student Support Services, New York State Education Department regarding guidelines and policy development. She has completed the updated Health Appraisal Guidelines which includes a new sample Health Appraisal Form; this guideline is currently awaiting counsel approval. It is anticipated they will be released prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

NYSSHSC Director, Linda Khalil and Coordinator, Gail Wold attended the National NASN Conference in June. Many of the presentations centered on mental health issues and professional communication. We will be sharing what we learned by creating and adding new resources to the website and incorporating content into the Update Seminars for next year.

The Center has completed administering the 2013 School Health Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) on behalf of the SED and CDC to 46 high schools across NYS. The information collected is used to evaluate programs and funding which can reduce youth risk behaviors which impact health and learning. We are grateful for the support of the many school nurses who assisted us in the endeavor. To learn more about results for NYS and view the fact sheets, you can visit our data reporting page and click on [YRBS](#).

Dr. Cindy Devore, NYSSHSC Medical Director Consultant, provides guidance to School Medical Directors' and creates content for the school medical director web page located on the NYSSHSC website. School Medical Directors are able to access the page using a password obtained by registering on the listserv. We have 79 School Medical Directors currently registered. Please

encourage your district's school medical director to subscribe to the listserv if they have not already done so.

In June, the Center moved from Spencerport NY, to our new office at Rochester Tech Park in Gates, NY. Our new setting has increased our access to technology resources for planning and resource creation. Our new contact information was shared at the Spring Seminar Updates and copies of the contact sheet were also placed on the Contact Us tab of the NYSSHSC website. It can be accessed [here](#).

We value our opportunities to collaborate with NYSASN and are looking forward to participating in the 25th School Nurse Orientation in August. We will be sharing information on the topics of:

- Administration of Medications in Schools
- Mental Health Issues in School Aged Children
- Legal Issues in School Nursing Practice

Respectfully submitted,

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND BY-LAWS: open position

POSITIONS:

July 2013

Position statements are in process; projected final drafts November 2013.

Vicky Ruggiero

PROMOTIONS: no report received

PUBLIC RELATIONS: no report received

WEBMASTER:

July 2013

Since we last met, I continue to update the web and member's area with documents and information as I receive it from the board. Please check your pages on the web and be sure to send me information that is current for our members.

The Summer Enrichment Academy and Fall Conference brochures were placed on the web, along with the most current edition of our Communicator. Several email blasts were sent to the membership alerting them of our conferences, our newsletter and the many job postings we had to offer this spring and summer. I will be developing an

electronic ballot for our nomination process that will begin early September as I work with Karen Cofino on the nominating committee.

Wishing I could be with everyone as you attend the board meeting and summer conference in my home town... but will be there in spirit and thinking of you while on a special vacation with my husband in Italy! When you look out over the Niagara River and see the gazebo down below (that's where I got married 4 years ago!)... think of me!

Cindy Sharpe, RN
Webmaster

ZONE COORDINATOR:

July 24 2013

Welcome back Lois Haque, Zone 1 Representative! She decided that she could find time in her schedule to once again represent the school nurses in her zone! We welcome Noreen Maynes, our new Zone 2 Representative and to Donna Ryan our Zone 12 co-representative to the board. The Zone Reps have done a fabulous job communicating information to their members about NYSASN. I have shared that report with the EBOD per their request. Congratulations to Joetta Pollack and Deb Kampff for their wonderful Summer Enrichment Academy conference. The attendees are looking forward to it!

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Hall, RN
Zone Coordinator

ZONE 1: Welcome Lois Haque!

JULY 2013

Changes in my personal life made it possible for me to resume my previous position representing the school nurses in Nassau County. I am excited to be back and to once again join this board of dedicated nurses.

During my year's absence, I have continued to work with Mary Fitzpatrick, Zone 3 Representative, on preparing for the Annual Fall Conference on Long Island. Plans are being finalized and we think the conference will be successful and exciting.

The county had a membership of 151 members and the educational meetings were well attended. The topics presented this past year were: "Physical Exam of the Injured Child"; "Eating Disorders in the Adolescent" and "Concussion Management in the School Setting".

The School Nurse Dinner was attended by 33 school nurses. It was held May 8th at Piccolo Bussola in Mineola. A wonderful time was had by all.

I have been in contact with the membership in our county by sending out 2 emails since my return. I am hoping to be able to reach out to nonmembers this coming year and be able to increase our falling membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Haque, RN, BS, NCSN

ZONE 2:

July 2013

Welcome Noreen Maynes!

ZONE 3:

July 2013

The Metropolitan Nurses held a successful dinner celebration for School Nurse Day. Diane Kay was thrilled to receive the Excellence in School Nurse award. It was a pleasure to be able to donate \$250 to the family we choose to help with their Sandy recovery. There were 35 nurses in attendance with only 5 being NYSASN members so it was a good opportunity for me to introduce myself and the association. I also had several copies of the brochure for the upcoming conference in Plainview and promoted that. We held a raffle and grossed \$280, which is the only income we presently generate.

We held an eboard meeting at the end of June. The board will remain the same for the 13-14 school year. I discussed with the president that she needs to be more involved and take some initiative in running the association (time will tell). We decided to have the meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month, which would make it easier for members to schedule. Our first meeting for the year will be September 19th.

Lois (welcome back) and I are continuing to work on the Fall Conference-
Mary Fitzpatrick BSN RN
Zone 3 rep

ZONE 4:

July 2013

The professional, educational and social activities of Zone 4 have been varied:

- We created a Survey Monkey about Concussion Management which had 48 responses from School Nurses in Zone 4.
 - 79% of respondents had a board approved Concussion Management Policy with guidelines for procedures.
 - 69.6% had Concussion Management Teams
 - 60.9% had standardized concussion tools:
 - 40% use IMPACT testing,
 - 26% use CDC checklist,
 - 26% use NYSPHSAA checklist,
 - 4% use SCAT and the remainder use a combination.
 - Removal from activity ranged from: “until symptom free” to “7 days without symptoms, cleared by private health care provider and school district physician.”
- On January 29th approximately 50 nurses attended our Zone 4 program “Concussion Management in the School Setting” featuring Dr. Louis Corsaro. Both the program and networking were described as “very valuable.” We have continued to communicate regarding best practices in this area.
- On School Nurse Day, May 8th, we celebrated at Sir John’s Italian Restaurant in White Plains. We were joined by the Westchester County Executive’s Chief of Staff who presented the CE’s proclamation of “School Nurse Day in Westchester.” Our Excellence in School Nursing Award winner, Mary Beth Guyett, BSN, RN, a Lakeland Central School District Nurse and Nursing Supervisor, also received a proclamation from the County Executive... her very

own “Mary Beth Guyett Recognition Day”! She also received accolades from her Representative in the Capitol, Nita Lowey.

- On May 14th the Dine-Around Conference at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center was excellent. Specialists presented on topics including: Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Sleep Medicine, Pulmonology, and Pediatric Orthopedics.

We are looking forward to attending the NYSASN Fall 2013 hosted by our colleagues in New York City and Nassau County!

Carol Bumbalow MS, RN
Zone 4 Representative

ZONE 5:

July 2013

On June 12, 2013 we had our NYSASN Zone 5 Educational Meeting, Recognition and Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh, NY. We had 42 school nurses in attendance. Our speakers were Jeannine LoCicero of the Orange County Department of Social Services who discussed mandated reporting and accessing services for youth and families. Office Guy Farina of the Town of Montgomery Police Department and two area students shared information and personal experiences on non-suicidal self-injury. We also honored school nurses who retired and recognized Connie Griffin for her excellence in school nursing.

The executive board of Zone 5 met to discuss events over the coming year and establish a calendar to share with our peers. We will be looking for assistance from our zone members to work on a summer enrichment program for NYSASN that we will be doing with Zone 4 (Westchester/Putnum) next summer (2014).

I also have completed a full contact information record of each school district Zone 5 serves. I have to tell you that some of your web pages were absolutely beautiful and so informative. It was a wonderful experience to see how other school nurses share their information and make contact with their communities they serve. We have a lot of great school nurses who use technology in a very creative way.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Bardin, RN, Zone 5 Rep

ZONE 6: no report received

ZONE 7:

July 2013

Nurses from the Capital Region met in June to plan the programming for the upcoming school year, 2013-2014 and the schedule was determined as follows:

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Saturday, March 29, 2014 (AM “Mini-conference”)

Wednesday May 7, 2014 Annual School Nurse Day Dinner

Topics and speakers are still under consideration/development.

Sherry Roy RN, school nurse from Schoharie Central School, was recognized as Zone 7's winner of NYSASN's Excellence in School Nursing Award at the 2013 Annual School Nurse Day dinner held on May 8, 2013. Sherry was nominated by her superintendent and her principal.

Letters were sent to the superintendents of all Zone 7 school nurses (17 of them) who met the membership criteria for the award. The letter explained the award and its criteria and invited the superintendent (or designee) to nominate the eligible nurse for the award. Four nominations were received from school administrators in response to this letter. We felt that this was very positive not only for the nominated nurses, but it also helped to raise awareness within the school community, highlighting the role of the school nurse. We plan to continue this practice again next year. One candidate was nominated by a parent in her school, but unfortunately did not meet the membership criteria and therefore could not be considered. We will continue to promote the Excellence in School Nursing Award within the Zone via our local website and by personal emails to Zone 7 members.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Reynolds
Zone 7 Representative

ZONE 8: Welcome Beth Besaw!

ZONE 9:

July 2013

The Zone 9 Newsletter was emailed out to school nurses in our zone in early June. There was a delay due to a change of our school district email system and inability to access my established Zone 9 email data.

NYSASN Zone 9 Celebrated School Nurses' Day on May 8th with twenty-four nurses representing the three counties of Zone 9. We met at the Savory Downtown in Watertown, NY for dinner. Each nurse was given a pocket sized Nurse's Edition of the Bible by a representative of the Gideon's Organization when they arrived at the Savory. Our speakers were Patty Esford, Jefferson County Public Health Nursing Supervisor and Kari Chavoustie, the Jefferson County Public Health Educator. Scott Eden and Michelle Steinfest from Sanofi Pasteur were also present to speak on what is new in non-toxic head lice treatments and the new auvi-q epinephrine auto-injector. After the speakers' presentations, we recognized Amy Deavers, our past Zone Representative, who retired this year from the Lowville School District. We also recognized Theresa Leeson as our recipient of the Zone 9 Award for Excellence in School Nursing. Theresa is the school nurse at Theresa Primary in the Indian River School District. O. Jeanne Dolly our NYSASN President was also recognized for her accomplishments.

The newsletter was emailed out to all the school nurses in the Zone 9 area to remind them of the upcoming NYSASN Educational Events:

- **OSHA/ Infection control for School Nurses-** at Indian River Central School – June 20, 2013
- **Summer Enrichment Academy** - July 25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn, Grand Island, N.Y.
- 25th Annual School Nurse Orientation - August 19-23, 2013 at **the Lodge at Welch-Allyn Conference Center in Skaneateles, New York.**
- NYSASN Annual Fall Conference – October 18th – 19th, 2013 Holiday Inn, Plainview, Long Island.

I invited the Zone nurses to email me with topics that they would be interested in for future dinner meetings.

Lou Ann Gleason, RN BSN

Zone 9 Representative

ZONE 10: no report received

ZONE 11:

July 24, 2013

Deborah Dvorsky, RN, SNT, was honored as Zone 11's EISN winner on May 8th, School Nurses Day. Debbie was recognized by her colleagues for her efforts to restore normality to her school after it was lost in the flood in September 2011. Due to issues surrounding Zone 11's treasurer position, I took it on in addition to my role as President until a new treasurer is named. Due to the busy schedule and lives of our zone members, we voted to change the number of our meetings from three per year to two, with the understanding that additional meetings would be called if needed. Plans are underway for the 2014 Pediatric Emergency Workshop for School Nurses at the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen. It is planned for Friday, March 21, 2014 as there is a conference day that day for the nurses in the area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hall, RN
President Zone 11

ZONE 12: Welcome to new Co-Reps: Carol Bumbolow and Donna Ryan

ZONE 13:

July 2013 BOD Meeting!

May 20th was the annual WNYASN banquet and installation of the officers for the 2013-2014 school year! (Western New York Association of School Nurses).

President: Irene Catanzaro
Vice-President: Janet Luke
Secretaries: Kelly Santoro
Michelle Zagarrio

Treasurer: Angela Brock
Membership: Mary Nayda
Program: Michelle Zagarrío
Zone 13 Rep. Debbie Kampff

We also awarded \$750.00 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue their education in nursing (baccalaureate programs)! The winners and their Moms attended the banquet! We also voted to return to our 7 meetings/year (tried 5 last year...). It was decided that to offer educational programs/speakers to our school nurses was important—and you attend if you can! AND!!! Joetta and I have been busy putting together the summer conference! (With LOTS of HELP! Thank you Flora and Gail!!) Hope to see many of you there!!!!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACADEMY
July 25th, 2013
Holiday Inn Grand Island and Conference Center

“Nursing the Brain” includes the following speakers: 1. Matthew Faulkner, survivor of a TBI (traumatic brain injury) with Joe Kirchmyer, author of book telling this amazing story! 2. Margaret Root-“Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health Screening/Adolescent Suicide Prevention. 3. Dr. Kristine Augustyniak-“Anxiety Disorders in Children and Adolescents”. 4. Susan Conners-“Understanding Tourette Syndrome”. 5. Dr. Adam R. Kampff, key-note speaker-“Children on Drugs: How Do Common Behavior Medications Affect the (Young) Brain? The Neuroscience Perspective”. You will hear the absolute latest in brain research from a real research scientist!

ZONE 14:

Our spring 2013 meeting was hosted by Rosann Morales and Stephanie Buccola from Falconer School District. Sandwiches, drinks and dish to pass were eaten. Kari Newman, Athletic Trainer at Jamestown High School, presented on “The School Nurses Response to School Injuries.” Afterwards, much discussion occurred on Concussion Policy, IMPACT testing, and interpretation of IMPACT. In addition, common injuries were talked about as well as how to immobilize using RICE.

Officers were nominated and elected as follows for 2013-2014: Joetta Pollock – President, Anita Mosher – Vice President/ Zone 14 Representative NYSASN, MaryKay BoccioLatt – Treasurer, Jill Kenney – Secretary. Mary Kay announced that she will be taking dues (\$15.00) until November 2013 for the 2013- 14 year.

Zone 14 meets will continue to meet twice a year. The next meeting will be held October 2013. The school nurses from Randolph will host/organize. Sharon O’Neil, Lotti Abers, and Natalie Harrington will keep us up-to-date on plans. We will also continue to communicate through email blasts to disseminate information regarding free meetings and conferences pertaining to school nurses. I will also continue to send e-blasts out intermittently regarding the importance of belonging to our professional organization to

all the school nurses in our zone. In this e-blast, I include the contact information for the local, state, and national school nurses organizations.

I continue to assist the membership chair with membership renewal. E-blasts are also used to send out the current NYSASN conference brochures. In addition, I forward summer job opportunities I receive as well as encouraging new school nurses in Zone 14 to attend the August School Nurses Orientation.

Please check the NYSASN website for more details at: <http://nysasn.org> for more information.

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