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National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges Newsletter



President's Message

By Dr. Stacey Ocander,
NN2 President

In a past Newsletter I wrote about one of my first patients, Marcia, who was 9 when I began working with her. We had just celebrated her 30th birthday this past spring and reflected on her amazing journey and ability to overcome so many obstacles. I truly learned more from her than I ever did from a book. She taught me to persevere, work with others openly, and accept that we all have a wide variety of talents and, if given a platform, can watch them grow. She also has unbelievable and unfaltering faith.

After arriving back from Richmond, I received a phone call at 4:30am from her mom. Marcia was being life-flighted to Mayo in Rochester, MN as her aortic Gordex tubing had ruptured and she was filling up with blood. At that point in time, there was no clear picture whether or not she would survive this unexpected disruption in her life. Yet, here is where it gets interesting: the physician in Sioux Falls, SD made a call to a 'friend' in Atlanta to see if they could fly Marcia there. He was not able to reach his friend. His next phone call was to her previous surgeon in Chicago, but no answer.

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Unwilling to accept that he could not find someone to help her, he made the call to Mayo. Within an hour, a team of the best cardio surgeons assembled together to create an option for her. These four surgeons had never worked a case together before, nor had they ever worked on her. Moreover, the doctors at Mayo had never seen any of the 'workarounds' that had been done before to save her life. The surgeon who invented the 'rail' system for rerouting arteries in the body happened to be on a sabbatical visit to Mayo and agreed to try the procedure on her. The other three surgeons had an expertise in a multitude of areas and would eventually assist in redesigning her 'arterial super highway' and lead to her full recovery and subsequent trip home 5 days later. (Continued on page 2)

NN2 Announces the Implementation of Communities of Practice for Membership

Communities of Practice are special interests groups that communicate on a regular basis to share successes, challenges and provide opportunities for collective impact through building upon best practices in their respective areas of concentration. The Health Profession Pathway TAACCCT Consortium experienced great success in the implementation of COP's that focused specifically on the work and interests of the sub group that then informed the entire Consortium to strengthen the pathway model.

NN2 has agreed to adopt the COP model in place of its traditional committee model in order to best serve the interests of the members and ultimately strengthen the reach and impact of the organization as a whole.

The Communities of Practice that have been established are based upon member input and current organizational best practices. They are as follows:

Student Success COP: This group will work to identify best practices and opportunities to better serve the student and impact successful credential attainment and employment. Any individual who works with student support and/or employers would be an excellent candidate for this COP.

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Each day, the same person would stop by the door of her room; pause, smile, nod his head and go on his way. On day four, he finally stopped in to speak with her. We found out at that time, he was one of the surgeons on her case and partially responsible for her still being with us.

He said to Marcia, "I really have no purpose for stopping in, as that is not normal routine for us, but I had to take a look at the person who finally convinced me that all of my hard work has really been worth it...thank you".

So, as you go about your days and weeks, may you find that person who reminds you that all of your hard work is truly worth it.

Stacey

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Stacey and Marcia, August 2015

Website Work Group

NN2 will be utilizing a working group to enhance our website based upon discussion at the Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA this past October.

Members of the working group will use a Charter designed and approved by the Board to guide their work. If you are interested in serving on this group please contact Dr. Stacey Ocander, President – NN2 at slocander@mccneb.edu. The following NN2 members have graciously volunteered to serve on this working group:

Susan Hunter
 Kenny Wilson
 Christa Ruber
 Sondra Flemming
 Don Martin
 Anne Loochtan
 Marianne Krismer

Communities of Practice for Membership

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Curriculum Pathways COP: This group is made up of members interested in competency based core curriculum, stackable credentials, and curriculum pathways reflective of employer needs. Any individual interested in teaching/learning or community engagement would be a candidate for this COP.

Leadership COP: As many members are in leadership positions as deans and directors or are aspiring for these positions, this COP will provide opportunities for dialogue, promising practices and opportunities to develop effective leadership skills for the membership.

Data Driven Decision Making COP: This COP will focus on the challenge of how to effectively collect, analyze and disseminate data to inform the effectiveness of the education process. Without adequate data, health education and training will not be able to effectively meet the needs of an ever-changing health care landscape. This is one of the areas that most health education and training programs struggle with and this COP will meet to identify challenges, support and promising practices in data and evaluation.

Members can join more than one COP if interested. The goal is to make the annual NN2 meeting an extension of the work that is occurring throughout the year with and opportunity to share and provide collective impact as we continue to transform health education and training.

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Joining Forces expands webinars to include Nursing, Pharmacy and Allied Health

Joining Forces is the initiative begun by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden to bring attention and solutions to the problems facing our military families and veterans. One of the four pillars of initiatives centers around wellness. As part of that wellness pillar, there is a week of webinars to educate healthcare professionals about military cultural competence. This year the week will be November 9-13, around Veterans Day. The webinars will teach providers how to ask patients if they or their family members are or were members of the military. They will delve deeper into how to recognize health conditions that could go hand in hand with military service and how to start seeking treatment for those conditions.

The webinars are a partnership with Joining Forces and AAMC. There will be continuing education credits available for providers currently in practice. Please click on the link below to learn more information. Registration for the webinars begins October 1.

<http://deploymentpsych.org/content/joining-forces-wellness-week>

Membership Dues Update

The NN2 Board of Directors has voted to increase membership dues slightly for calendar year 2016 to help cover the cost of accepting credit card payments for dues and annual conference registrations. Please note the following changes which will be applicable January 1, 2016:

Individual Membership- \$75

Institutional Membership- \$235

To renew your membership for 2016, please fill out the dues form on page 5 and mail to the following address with payment **PAYABLE TO NN2**:

Anne Loochtan
4425 Dixie Hill Rd #203
Fairfax, VA 22030
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Project Future Care

Your Survey Participation is Urgently Needed

Please click here: <https://www.research.net/r/PF2015NN2>

Thank you!

Board of Directors Elections

The 2015 NN2 Board of Directors election has concluded and the ballots have been counted. The following members will serve on the Board for 2016-17:

- Gregory Ferenchak, President-Elect
- Anne Loochtan, Treasurer
- Marianne Krismer, Board Member At-Large
- Christa Ruber, Board Member At-Large

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- Institutional: \$225 if paid before December 31st. \$235 after January 1st, 2016

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