

Minutes: Education Committee of IFNA, August 20, 2015 at the International Family Nursing Association Conference in Odense, Denmark

Present: L. Holtslander, D. Curry, J. Karpa, N. Krumwiede, F. de Montigny, P. Young, S. Denham, W. Schroeder, S. Duangpang, M. Khemaradee. Jan (from the Netherlands)

Topics of Discussion

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from April 21, 2015 meeting were circulated by email. They will be sent to Debbie to be posted to the IFNA website.
2. Discussion:
 - a. Review Terms of Reference for the Education Committee, current sub-committee structure, frequency of meetings. As posted on the IFNA website the purpose of our committee is to “identify and disseminate the best educational practices for family nursing worldwide”. Currently our committee has a broader mandate. Should we also be developing educational content for the conference, developing and revising educational tools, and supporting faculty development in the area of family nursing? We need to continue this discussion as to how the education committee could be more strategic and work with the other committees of IFNA and other nursing organizations.
 - b. Welcome to new members!
 - c. A survey of educational needs of the IFNA membership is needed
 - d. Current sub-committee structure was agreed upon
 - e. Decision made to continue to meet on the third Tuesdays of the month at 1pm EST.
3. Agenda Item 1: Webinars and Online Offerings Subcommittee Report: Cynthia Steinwedel (not present), Donna Miles Curry has agreed to work with Cynthia.
 - a. Webinar ideas: Generalist practice competencies
 - b. Janice Bell offered the following suggestion: Dr. Laurie Gottlieb, McGill University, has recently published a book called Strengths Based Nursing
4. Agenda Item 2: Communications and Organization Subcommittee: Norma Krumwiede and Sharon Denham, thank-you to Wilma Schroeder who will also work with this sub-committee
 - a. Connecting with other nursing organizations, need to develop a master plan to rejuvenate family nursing, build more formal relationships. Considering how more care is taking place in the home, by family caregivers, the focus on family nursing seems to be more important than ever before. We need to reach out with our message, especially to other nursing educators.
 - b. Dissemination of the Position Statements: The Communication Committee (Wilma is co-chair) will explore with the new IFNA President, Carole Robinson, key strategies in this regard. Perhaps the country liaisons would continue to work with these position statements, for dissemination as well as translation?
5. Agenda Item 3: Teaching Resources Subcommittee: J. Karpa and F. Demontigny

- a. Tool Kit items: Francine presented an example of a teaching tool and circulated bookmarks with the website hosting the survey. Janice Bell also developed a news feature regarding this initiative:
<http://internationalfamilynursing.org/2015/07/30/building-a-toolkit-for-family-nursing-educators/>

6. Agenda item 4: New Business

- a. Plans for evaluation of the position statements, perhaps jointly with Practice committee
- b. Our board liaison will be decided by the board and we will be notified
- c. Each subcommittee will identify goals for the next year to be shared at the next meeting and the overall strategic plan for the committee can be moved forward

7. Next meeting and Adjournment: September 15, 2015 at 1:00 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Holtslander