

International Family Nursing Association
Research Committee Meeting
August 19, 2015
12 to 1pm
Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions (7)
 - a. Sonja Meiers (Leader of Subcommittee)
 - b. Co-Chairs of Research Committee (Helene Moriarty and June Horowitz)
 - c. IFNA Board Liaison (Ann Garwick)

- II. Summary of Subcommittee Goals and Activities
 - a. Purpose of subcommittee is “to foster international family nursing research in areas such as testing of family measures across studies, incubator projects, and international studies.”
 - b. Priorities for subcommittee foci were derived from modified Delphi technique with subcommittee members
 - i. Priorities include measurement, family management, family functioning, translation, and defining family nursing
 - ii. J. Deatrick noted that a new IFNA strategic plan is coming out soon and that priorities in IFNA plan are consistent with WHO priorities for families
 - c. Leader gave summary of subcommittee achievements to date
 - i. Subcommittee members are presenting a paper during the conference, entitled “Strengthening Support for Families Worldwide: Potential Directions for an International Collaboration in Family Nursing Research”
 - ii. Received IRB approval for a research study, consisting of a survey of all Research Committee members raising questions about family nursing in members’ countries. Preliminary data from a content analysis of one survey question will be reported during presentation.
 - iii. Subcommittee members, representing different countries and continents, also video-recorded families to capture the thoughts of families around the question, “What is family?” Shortened version will be shown during presentation.
 - d. Discussion on need to address family measurement, need for webinar on this topic, and need to develop resources on measurement in Research Resources section of IFNA website
 - i. Survey distributed to IFNA members in fall 2013 asked for respondents to provide links for online resources and URL links regarding measurement information, instruments used in nurses’ studies
 - ii. Attendees suggested sending survey again to IFNA members since we have new members

- iii. Future goal would be presentation of a preconference on family instruments for the next IFNA conference
 - e. Subcommittee goal to develop research clusters around specific populations, methods, frameworks, foci
 - i. Attendee from Norway requested methodological assistance with family interviews
 - 1. Plan to include this on agenda for conference call
 - ii. Attendee with interest in family care in adult intensive care units expressed desire to connect with others with this interest
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 - iii. Conference calls will identify and develop clusters for workgroups
 - f. Monthly conference calls will be held
 - i. 11 or 12 EST has worked well but other times can be considered based on convenience for attendees from different times zones
 - ii. S. Feetham noted that she has been very impressed with level of conversation during previous calls and the opportunities for international collaboration that can develop
 - iii. Sign-up sheet was distributed for attendees to provide name and e-mail addresses for future contact from subcommittee
- III. Video produced by subcommittee members was shown at end of meeting
 - a. Families from 7 continents described what family meant to them
 - b. Shorter version of video was also played for paper presentation by subcommittee
 - c. Shorter and longer versions of video are available, will be placed on IFNA website