

NOTE: Our new address is: RN-AIM
PO Box 11180
Lansing, MI 48901-1180

Our new phone number is: 517/455-7471

The Traverse City address is no longer in place; we are still in the process of editing the RN-AIM website

MAINTAINING THE CHIEF NURSE EXECUTIVE POSITION

The Public Policy Council of RN-AIM was charged by the Board to develop a paper in support of the continuation of the role of the Chief Nurse Executive in Michigan that will be sent to the Governor, the Legislature and other interested individuals and organizations. Michigan is the only state with a nursing position of this magnitude and breadth of policy input. Many thanks are due to Margaret Flatt, Council Chair, and her members for their excellent work in developing this paper.

The Board reviewed the paper Board at the May 16 Meeting and Retreat, minor modifications were suggested and the Council will complete their work shortly. The paper will be then receive a final review by the Executive Committee and a dissemination plan developed.

When the final draft and dissemination plan are ready, it will be shared with all RN-AIM members. We want your input to assist the

Board and Council in advocacy for continuation of this important position. In the meantime, if you have been touched by the work of the Chief Nurse Executive, Jeanette Klemczak, please share those experiences with me at:

scoblicm@comcast.net

I will forward your contributions to the Public Policy Council and the Board for potential use in our advocacy initiative.

It is imperative that policy makers understand that the position is funded by nursing license fees, and not part of another appropriation. In past years, the legislature had sought to discontinue the position and use the funding for some other purpose. As an RN-AIM member, it is important that you become an active participant in protecting this valuable resource in Michigan State Government.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Make sure that you have the dates for the Annual Conference on your calendar and plan to attend a wonderful celebration of nursing as we.....*“Examine Nursing’s Contributions to Evidence-Based Healthcare”*

Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9 will provide the opportunity to hear excellent speakers, network with colleagues-former and new-and enjoy the ambience of the Inn at St. John’s located in Plymouth, Michigan.

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THERE WILL BE....**A SILENT AUCTION**

As we did at last year's conference, a silent auction will be held to give attendees an opportunity to bid on wonderful items and benefit the organization at the same time. Last year, the auction netted over \$1,000, which is earmarked for continued website development.

We hope this year will be even more successful, and.....each Region is encouraged to bring a basket or other item to the auction that represents their Region in a special way.

Individuals are also encouraged to select an item that they provide for the auction. Let's make this an exciting event that truly demonstrates the creativity of our members and attendees.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS
AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR STUDENTS**

Conference participants are strongly encouraged to attend the Council meeting of their choice to hear about that Council's activities. Then based on your goals and interests, consider membership the Council of your choice. Not only as a contribution to the work of RN-AIM, but as a networking opportunity; a chance to meet with other people that have so many things in common.

We are a grassroots organization, and each member is an important link in everything we do. The Council meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon, along with a special session for students conducted by a Hurst & Kaplan representative on the NCLEX. There will also be ample opportunity to view the poster presentations, and talk with the individuals who developed the posters.

We Hope to See You All in Plymouth in October.

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Are You an ANA Member??

From the Michigan Nurses Association Website...MNA has been notified by the ANCC that they are no longer an accredited approver unit. The reason for removal of MNA's accreditation is due to the fact that MNA is no longer a constituent member of ANA, and membership as a constituent is a required qualification to be an ANCC accredited approver. MNA remains as a provider of nursing continuing education. MNA is working with the Michigan Board of Nursing and seeking to become both an approver and a provider. We should have more information regarding this issue after the June Board of Nursing meeting.

The RN-AIM Board approved action to consider becoming an ANCC approver of CEUs. One of the first steps in that process is to assure that at least half of our members are ANA members. If you are an ANA member, please forward that information to me at scoblicm@comcast.net by June 15th.

ANA members, please respond by June 15.

HOT OF THE PRESSES

A Wonderful Tool for the Newest Graduate Degree in Nursing

There is a great new book by Michigan's very own Lisa Astalos Chism, DNP, APRN, BC, that's just been released titled: *The Doctor of Nursing Practice: A Guidebook for Role Development and Professional Issues* and is published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers. It is a stunning and wonderful book that is timely, should invite much discussion and is an asset in educating the greater nursing community about our newest graduate degree. Lisa is a nurse practitioner in private practice and an adjunct faculty member at both Madonna University in Livonia and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Check it out at <http://www.jbpub.com/catalog/9780763766535>. -- *Congratulations, Lisa!!*

NURSING SUMMIT

The Nursing Summit, co-sponsored by RN-AIM, the Michigan Center for Nursing, MONE, and the Michigan League for Nursing conference brochure is now available on the Michigan Center for Nursing website. Please plan to attend the Summit on August 4th and 5th at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing.

Nurses call the shots.
Nurses are angels in disguise.
RN means real nice.
Nurses are I V leaguers
Nurses can take the pressure.
Nurses have lots of patients.
Angels are nurses who have earned their wings.
Nurses are patient people.

STAKEHOLDERS' SUMMIT

Tuesday, June 16, 1-3:00pm
Capitol View Building, First Floor B & C
201 Townsend St
Lansing, Michigan

A Stakeholder's Summit will be held focused on the "Blueprint for Preventing Unintended Pregnancies" that was initiated by Governor Granholm in 2006. The focus of this meeting will include: (1) Sharing information about the progress that the *Blueprint* has made in the past two years; (2) informing the participants of future plans for the initiative; and (3) seeking input from participants regarding the *Blueprint's* future direction.

If you wish to attend, please reply by June 5, to Linda Collins by phone at (517) 373-4083 or be e-mail at collinsl@michigan.gov.

And finally, the Musings...

Short but sweet this month, with much more to come in the June issue following the Board Retreat on May 16. The Retreat discussion centered on the organizational structure, including the Councils, and the current communication channels that are effective and those that need to be developed to enhance the functioning of the organization.

In the past, we have asked you to share ideas that you think would make RN-AIM more responsive to its membership, and we are asking you again to think about how the organization can serve you, as well as how you could better serve the organization. Kathy Kacynski will be producing a paper very much focused on the grassroots nature of RN-AIM and how we can work together to make the organization the most effective voice for nursing in Michigan. Look for that discussion in the near future and be ready to make suggestions and comments that will help move us into the future most effectively.

As always, if you have comments, suggestions or submissions for News and Musing articles, please send them to: LansingRegion@RN-AIM.org for consideration. Hope you're enjoying your summer,.

Mary Scoblic, Editor