FLORIDA SECTION

Greetings from Your Florida Section Chair
Shannon Morse, MS, ARNP, RNC-MNN, IBCLC

Seasons Greetings!

The holiday season is here and I am bubbling over with thankfulness for the great things that are happening in the Florida Section of AWHONN! Why? Because we have an outstanding team of leaders and members across the state that made 2014 a year of success!

As I reflected on 2014, here are just a few of your successes that came to mind...

1. The Florida Section held a total of 29 local chapter meetings in 2014. That is phenomenal! This success is the direct result of our many chapter leaders working diligently to organize meetings that meet the needs of local members. The local chapter meetings are vital for the success of Florida AWHONN.

2. Florida AWHONN has a member representing us on 5 Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC) Committees. As nurses, it is vital that our input is at the table for collaborative projects such as this. We are thrilled that Florida AWHONN has been a part of the FPQC since its inception in 2010.

Shannon Morse
FPQC Steering Committee Member
Margie Boyer
Obstetrical Hemorrhage Initiative / Quantitative Blood Loss
Pat DuRant
Reducing the Primary Cesarean Rate
Jan Sanchez
Maternal Health Advisory Subcommittee
Shakira Henderson
Infant Health Advisory Subcommittee

3. The Miami-Dade & Broward chapters’ first regional conference was a HUGE SUCCESS this Fall! Since the AWHONN convention was held in Orlando this year, we did not hold a full Florida Section conference. Instead, the leaders in Miami-Dade and Broward counties decided to hold their first one-day regional conference. It was a fabulous event! Check out the details in the chapter reports section!

4. The Florida Section budget was able to:
   • Send 13 leaders to the 2014 AWHONN Leadership Conference, November 8-10 in Washington, DC.
   • Provide some financial support for leaders to attend the Miami Regional conference this Fall.
• Provide some financial support to assist leaders to attend the AWHONN National Convention in Orlando this year.

5. Special recognition goes to Shakira Henderson, the current chapter leader for the Miami-Dade County. She won the 2014 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Hero Award! Congratulations Shakira!

6. Finally, I am so thankful for all of our Florida leaders! Each of the leaders are truly why our section is thriving! I would especially like extend my heartfelt gratitude to the leaders that will be transitioning out of a chapter leader role and handing the reigns over to a new leader for 2015. I am so grateful for your sacrificial service for AWHONN. I am also so thankful for how you have and will continue to mentor those leaders that are coming on board for 2015.

As I look ahead to 2015, I would like to encourage each AWHONN member to get connected with your local AWHONN chapter. Engagement in AWHONN is transformational for your practice at every stage of your career. Whether you are a student nurse or you have 30 years of experience, there is a place in AWHONN for you! Let’s make 2015 the best year ever as we work together to care for women and newborns!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

All my best,
Shannon

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The Florida Perinatal Quality Collaboration
Jan Sanchez

I have recently been asked to be a member of the Maternal Health Subcommittee of the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaboration to represent AWHONN.

It is a group of individuals comprised of nurses, doctors, midwives and quality control experts to name a few. The committee is about identifying priority quality improvement projects to positively impact perinatal health.

Our meetings happen through the technology of conference calls, much the same as our leadership meetings. Discussion was held on the Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review from the Department of Health and what the key factors were. The facts included: pregnancy related deaths are not significantly decreasing, hemorrhage and hypertension as causes of death were equal in 2012, the incidences of cardiac myopathy and thrombotic embolism are increasing.

We talked about the current initiatives, the OHI, Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative, and early elective deliveries. It is the committees desire to recruit more facilities to take part in these initiatives, and we brainstormed to how we might make that happen. We finished the meeting with discussion of upcoming initiatives including; antenatal steroids, reducing primary Cesarean Sections, and hypertension.

I'm looking forward to our next meeting and will continue to keep you informed through our AWHONN newsletters. In the meantime check out the FPQC website for more information and to see how your institution can participate.
FPQC OHI Update

The Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative (OHI) was launched Oct 20, 2013 with 33 hospitals participating. We held our 2nd FPQC OHI meeting October 24th, 2014 with the majority of hospitals in attendance. All hospitals are showing improvement on initiatives to prevent PPH. One area we are all focusing on is Quantification of Blood Loss (QBL) at every birth. AWHONN published a Practice Brief in May, 2014 which supports QBL.

Attached are some excellent PPH resources from AWHONN and FPQC OHI.

Any hospital who has not been on the initial launch is welcome to participate. If your hospital is interested you can contact me at: Margaret.boyer@ahss.org or through the FPQC OHI link below.

Resources

FPQC OHI Toolkit and Materials for QBL

http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/chiles/fpqc/OHI.htm

FPQC Steering Committee Update

Shannon Morse, MS, ARNP, RNC-MNN, IBCLC

As the AWHONN Florida Section Chair, it is my honor and privilege to serve on the FPQC Steering Committee. Our next meeting will be held on February 9th in Tampa. I look forward to getting more involved in the work of the FPQC. As nurses and a professional nursing organization, it is important to cultivate interprofessional collaborations to improve the care of women and newborns. Our partnership with the FPQC is helping us to achieve this goal! I look forward to sharing updates from the FPQC Steering Committee in upcoming newsletters!

FPQC Fall Bulletin

Polk Chapter

Juliette Segree

Our last meeting was held in September at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. The focus of the meeting was Postpartum Hemorrhage and we had the opportunity to work with Noelle during this interactive event.

In 2015, we hope to schedule events that will encourage more of our members to join in our educational offerings. Plans for the first meeting in early 2015 are underway. It will be held at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, the topic will be Obesity in Pregnancy.

We are looking for places meeting places. If any member would like to host an event at their facility, please email me or call 863-698-8911.
Florida AWHONN Leaders
Palm Beach County & Treasure Coast Chapter
Pam Heithoff & Kylie Rowlands

Submitted by: Kylie Rowlands
The meeting was held on September 3rd at 5:30pm at Carmen’s Original Ocean Grill and Sushi Bar in Palm Beach Gardens. The event was a success we had 24 attendees and a captivating speaker, Lebanon David. Lebanon’s topic focused on hypothermia therapy for neonates. It was a very informative presentation and we absorbed an abundance of new knowledge. The meal was sponsored by Abbott Nutrition and was delicious! Our last meeting was on December 3rd.

Submitted by Pam Heithoff
The meeting was held on December 3rd at the Verdea restaurant and Wine Bar in Palm Beach Gardens. We had a great speaker lined up but unfortunately we had to make a last minute change and Kylie Rowlands (Chapter Co-Chair) stepped in and presented on the same topic we had been looking forward to “Avoiding Liability: How To Protect Yourself From Lawsuits”. Kylie did an excellent job, it was a great topic and very interesting, to both L&D and NICU nurses. The meal was sponsored by Mead Johnson. We had 21 attendees!! Just one picture below..... I forgot to take one until almost everyone had left!!

Both Kylie and I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and we hope to see everyone in 2015, save the following dates for next year’s Chapter Meetings!!

March 4th  June 3rd  September 2nd  December 2nd
Greetings and best wishes for the holiday season from the Jax Chapter. It is a time of transition for our chapter as we reach the end of 2014. Kym and Jan are excited to have found a superb candidate, LaTosha Oliver, to be our replacement as chair of the Jax chapter. We have had the privilege of co-chairing for the past three years and want to take a moment to reflect on our time as leaders. We had a challenge starting out, as although there were many members in the chapter very few were attending meetings. We have worked hard to grow the participation and excitement in AWHONN at our chapter level. We have held nine meetings, covering a vast variety of topics. We have covered a territory of over 100 miles, numerous counties, that included a number of hospitals. We held meetings in different hospitals so that we could encourage participation, and allow some of our members to show off their particular units. We have increased the numbers regularly attending meetings to over 25 nurses, educators, students, nurse practitioners and more. It allowed us to do what AWHONN has set out to do which is network within our community. A number of us had the chance to attend National Conference in Orlando this year and that was very energizing and exciting, and allowed us to expand our network to a national level.

We are forever grateful for the friendships we have forged during our tenure, and the knowledge gained. We are eager to remain active in the chapter as LaTosha takes leadership. We are planning a kick off event/meeting in January to get the ball rolling for 2015. We look forward to new members, new topics and the opportunity to get even more people from North Florida involved in AWHONN.
October 17th, 2014 was an inaugural day for the Miami-Dade and Broward Chapters. We had our first Miami-Dade and Broward conference themed, “The Heat is on! Trending Practices on Maternal, Newborn, and Beyond.” Seven sponsors (Grand Canyon University, University of Phoenix, USF Center for HIV Education and Research, Chamberlain College of Nursing, Johnson & Johnson, Life South Community Center, and Chiesi USA INC) supported the event. CEUs were provided through Baptist Health South Florida.

The conference was an overwhelming success with over 140 attendees. The day opened with a warm welcome from the conference planning committee members: Rosalina Butao, Shakira Henderson, Laurie Collins, Katherine Adamson, and Nirvanni Chatoori. Shannon Morse followed with an inspirational leadership message to the attendees. Then it was time to get engaged! Rosalina Butao delivered a life-changing presentation on culture of engagement. Throughout the rest of the day, the conference was filled with cutting edge poster and podium presentations from maternal-child experts. Topics included: (a) Breastfeeding in the NICU, (b) The Babyfriendly Initiative, (c) Postpartum Hemorrhage, (c) Hypertensive disorders, (d) The Golden Hour, (e) WIC and Breastfeeding support, (f) An Extraordinary Nurse, (g) Postpartum Urinary Retention, and (h) Medications. We ended the day “Dancing for Birth” with Nirvanni Chatoori and Nikkisha Smith-Romain. We decided not to include pictures as to not incriminate anyone. Then, one lucky AWHONN member went home with the grand prize from our conference passport journey, an IPAD!

Thank you to all the AWHONN members who came out to support and those who were supporting us in spirit. We hope to have another successful collaboration soon!

FPQC Infant Health Subcommittee
The subcommittee last met on 10/20/14 via conference. The aim of the meeting was to brainstorm on possible ideas for neonatal initiatives. Several project ideas were discussed. However, the need to focus on breastfeeding promotion took center stage in the discussions. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/5/14. At this meeting, further discussion on the interest among hospitals in doing a breastfeeding project will be debated. If a need is determined, the members will then craft an outline for a breastfeeding initiative. Stay tuned if you think your hospital might be interested!

Greatest AWHONN Achievements in 2014

- Miami-Dade & Broward 1st conference collaboration on October 17th with over 140 attendees!
- Shakira Henderson as AWHONN representative to FPQC Infant Health Subcommittee
- Shakira Henderson won the 2014 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Hero Award

The AWHONN Florida Section would like to welcome the following new members. Feel free to contact any of your chapter or section leaders for information on activities in your area. If you are unsure of where the closest chapter to you is please email me.

**New Members: July 29 - December 16, 2014**

- Amy Roberson, AD,BSN,LPN,RN
- Angela I. Jackson, BSN,MSN,RN
- Ann Silbernagel Heusinger, MSN,FNP
- April Lynn Verga, RN,RNC
- Arlene Del Rey, AD,CCRN
- Bonnie Woodley Hatcher, AD
- Brenda Christopher, AD
- Bronislava La Villa
- Carolin Wallace
- Christie A. Welch, RN
- Christine Potosky, AD,RN
- Cindy McGarry, RN
- Clanda Shulman, AD
- Connie Swearingen, BSN
- Danielle Brown, BSN,RN,RNC
- Dawn Walsh, CNP,RN
- Debbie Ann Wahlman, AD
- Emily J. Barrett
- Erika Jean Cunningham, BSN Student
- Irene Grace Knutson, MN
- Jacquelyn Marie Bard, BSN
- Jeaneen Ivey, BSN
- Jennifer Allen, RN,BSN
- Jennifer Lynn Carter, BSN,RN
- Jody Patterson, Nursing Student
- Julienne Calixte, BSN
- June Young, RN
- Karen Joyce Copley, RN, BSN, CLC
- Kathryn Tracy McGlynn, AD,RN
- Kellea E. Rounds, MN,BSN,MSN,RN
- Kelly Anne Weaver, AD,BSN,RN
- Kimberly Brady Fitzpatrick, AD,RNC
- Kimberly Murphy, Rnc
- Kristina Kasnic
- Laura Lewis, BSN
- Lauren Shockley, RN
- Lindsey Marie Spaniol, RN
- Lisa Briggs-Tate, MPH,BSN,RN
- Lori Matich, RN
- Marilyn Hadley
- Mary Gover, RN
- Mary Lou Hand, AD, BSN
- Megan Voss, BSN,RNC
- Melissa Monzon, BSN,RNC
- Morgan Emily Naylor, RN
- Nancy Marie Mattimore, RN
- Sandy Cadet, AD,RN
- Shanekwah Melville, RN
- Sherri Spaw
- Susanne L. Bless, ASN student
- Tammy Hotz
- Vanessa Tamariz
- Victoria Rhodes, RN,RNC
- Wendi Johnson, RNC
- Woodlyne Jean-Baptiste, RN

Welcome!