

Minutes of the
 Quarterly Meeting of the Arizona Rural Quality Network Group
 Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Hospitals/Organizations Represented:

Copper Queen Community Hospital
 Wickenburg Community Hospital
 Sierra Vista Regional Health Center
 Page Hospital
 Southeast Arizona Medical Center
 Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital
 Health Services Advisory Group
 Rural Health Office
 UA College of Nursing [Guest Speaker]

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Dr. Donna McArthur, Clinical Professor and Director of the Doctoral Nurse Program (DNP) 	<p>Dr. McArthur provided an overview of the DNP program. It is the only one in AZ; the CON is interested in enrolling additional students from rural areas; currently there are 9 students but will be admitting up to 20 next year. Most of the students are post-masters level. The program is a “practice degree” not a “research degree,” thus no requirement for a dissertation.</p> <p>Most of the course work will be on line. During the summer, students are required to come to Tucson for 2 weeks. Final projects can take place in the students’ local hospital.</p>	<p>Anyone interested can follow up with Dr. McArthur directly at donnam@nursing.arizona.edu or phone at 520-626-4881</p>

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	There are 3 entry points: Post masters, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and BSN.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in UA College of Nursing Grand Rounds 	CON still working on final schedule for the Nursing Grand Rounds.	Joyce will get the Nursing Grand Round schedule and distribute it to the listserv.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the list of ARQNG participants 	Joyce asked for all to review the list of individuals currently being invited to these meetings. Other names to be added were requested.	We are to add the Chief Nursing Officer at Holy Cross Hospital.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication Reconciliation Project Update 	<p>Howard reported on the progress of the four CAHs involved in this project – Page Hospital, Southeast Arizona Medical Center, Little Colorado Medical Center, and Copper Queen Community Hospital. All are focusing on the intake form, the discharge form, the medication history of the patient, and the intake order form completed by the physician.</p> <p>Page Hospital comments: Have gone through the electronic records on the nursing floor [1st Net interfaces with Cerner]. In the process of getting the bed records fully working electronically. Page started in the ED and has followed the patient through discharge. One important issue identified involves outpatient medication reconciliation questions: How will it work here? Particularly relates to the involvement of other providers. Also, their software [OBIPR, goal to be paperless] is not interfacing well with 1st Net or Cerner.</p>	Howard will provide a final update of the results of this pilot project at the May 2007 meeting.

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	<p>One key lesson learned: piecemeal transitions are difficult.</p> <p>Copper Queen Community Hospital comments: Have been working with EMR in the clinic; working okay on the hospital side with emphasis on the discharge side. Developed a separate ordering process for admissions and discharges! Also, have some new doctors so have been adapting forms as well as physician review of discharge orders. Also, working with the OR to connect with the outlying doctors' EMRs.</p> <p>Southeast Arizona Medical Center comments: Medication reconciliation project doing well. Having some difficulty, though, in the ER; some of the practitioners are catching on while others forget to sign in. Doctors seem happy with the process. Also, doing concurrent chart reviews.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSAG update 	<p>Most recent HoW meeting was January 11, 2007</p>	<p>All Fast Fact materials on HSAG's Web site.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting 		<p>Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 11:00 – Noon</p>