South Central Pennsylvania Evidence-Based Practice Consortium  
York Memorial Hospital  
York, PA.

Friday, December 11, 2009  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Paula Coe, Presiding called the meeting to order and welcomed the participants. Introductions were made.

II. Minutes from September 25, 2009 were approved (after a correction). On page 3, please change Carol Tringali’s name with Tamara Burket.

III. Executive Committee Report
   a. Recommendations for Organizational Structure: Paula informed the members that the Executive Committee met and developed a proposed committee structure. Paula encouraged the members to align with a committee. Members also decided that there will be no officers elected at this point in time.

   b. Proposed Committees
      1. Mentorship Committee – Purpose of this committee is to nurture future EBP experts.
         • Identify and partner experts with novices in EBP
         • Create a mechanism for these persons to connect
         • Monitor and evaluate the success of the process
• Link students with clinical partners to pursue EBP projects
• Paula asked for further discussion or additions; all were in agreement.
• Cynthia Swartz, Nancy Wood, Joan Lahr and Karen March volunteered for this committee.

2. EBP Toolkit Committee – Purpose of this committee is to collect and assemble EBP tools, templates, and resources for dissemination.
• Models for EBP
• Poster Presentation guidelines
• Podium Presentations
• Critiquing tools
• PPTs on basic information
• Paula asked for further discussion; all members in agreement.
• Cheryl Key, Deb Schafer, Joan Lahr, Linda Pugh, Tamara Burket, Carol Tringali volunteered.

3. Program Committee – Purpose of this committee is to solicit volunteers to present at meetings and to organize programs for the meetings
• Contact members for presentations
• Publicize to the members regarding the programs.
• Write PSNA application and apply for contact hours
• Mary Lou Mortimer, Michalena Levenduski and, Paula Coe volunteered

4. Speakers Bureau Committee – Purpose of this committee is to collect and compile a list of speakers to present at member institution events.
• Solicit information from members
• Paula explained that the committee will need to further expand and foster the purpose of this committee.

• Joan asked if Biographical Information and a picture of each EBP Consortium member be placed on our website. Members voiced agreement.

• *Michelle DeStefano and Jackie Harrington volunteered.*

5. Web Site Committee – Purpose of this committee is to develop and maintain a web site for the organization.

• Investigate web connections

• Rhonda reported that after lengthy discussion with Temple University officials, the utilization of Temple Blackboard is very prohibited and not flexible. It would only be temporary and not very practical. We need to investigate other options. Paula reported that we may be able to utilize SCONL’s web site.

• Maintain organization visibility to members

• Create links to EBP information and organizational activities and resources.

• *Rhonda Maneval and Jane Oyler volunteered.*

IV. Executive Committee
Paula described the function and role of the Executive Committee. Paula also discussed the possibility of collaborating with other organizations and joining other EBP consortiums to form a PA EBP Consortiums.

Executive Committee to meet and create Charter and Bylaws by the next meeting.

Rhonda reported that Vicki Schrim (Penn State) suggested that we submit our EBP Consortium work to the Magnet Conference. Rhonda, Carolyn, Louann, Deb, and Cheryl to meet and draft the history of the formation of the group. Michalena, Mary Lou, and Deb to finalize and submit the abstract.
V. Nominate/select Recorder of Meetings: Mary Lou Mortimer and Michalena Levenduski volunteered.

VI. Presentations of EBP Projects: thank you to Michele Reiner and Laura Harris; Carolyn Stebelton and Jaime Jones, and to Jane Oyler for their presentations. Jane expressed the desire to have the EBP projects be presented to staff members to increase their awareness of EBP and research.

VII. Announcements and Open Forum
Paula (SCONL Chair-elect), Michelle (SCONL Research Committee), and Cheryl (PONL Representative) discussed the need for our two organizations to more formally network. Currently, SCONL funds one research project and they would like to fund two projects; one from individual organizations and one from EBP Consortium. $500.00 is paid initially and then the remainder after the findings are presented at a SCONL meeting. They are interested in leadership and management issues. More information to come.

PinnacleHealth’s Annual Nursing Research Conference to be held April 6, 2010 at the Harrisburg/Hershey Sheraton. Call for abstracts were sent out and are due February 1, 2010.

York Hospital and York College Research Conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2010. Call for abstracts was sent out; due February 1, 2010.

Jane reported that the RN-BSN students will hold a community health poster presentation on May 10, 2010 At Gettysburg Hospital.

WAVE III Celebratory Event: Relationship Based Care is scheduled for Monday April 26, 2010 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Holiday Inn
Holidome. Please contact Darlene Spies at 717-851-5595 or dspiest@wellspan.org to register.

Members met with committee members and exchanged e-mails and telephone numbers.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2010 at York College.

Respectively submitted,

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Mary Lou Mortimer, BSN, RNC