AORN of GREATER HOUSTON #4407 MEETING MINUTES|NOVEMBER 14, 2017

## TCH PAVILION FOR WOMEN 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOMS D&E @ 1600-1830

# welcome – GEORGEANNE GREEN – 1630

* WELCOME!
* Mind, Body & Spirit
* HAPPY PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK!
* Introducing Jim Stobinski! Grater Houston Huddle (1630-1700)
	+ CNOR, CSSM, CRNFA, CNS-CP are exams offered from CCI
	+ HERE’S A DEAL: If you want to take CSSM exam, you must take it between March 8 – April 18th of 2018 to take exam for $99 ($200 or more value)… can sign up as early as next month. – Also throws in PREP COURSE! Current recertification for CSSM is a “personalized professional development plan.”
	+ UPDATES:

CNOR – in five years the recertification process will look like CSSM process

* + - If you hold CNOR right now and due to recert in 2019, you may see no change at all. Beginning 2019 are those nurses that take the exam in that year, they will begin to fall under new program that looks something like CSSM. Will go to personalized professional plan. The days of only doing CE’s for recert will be done with. There will be a learning mgmt. website through CCI to get POINTS.
		- If you hold CNOR now and due to recert in ‘18 or ‘19 it will not affect you
	+ Volunteering with CCI – if you hold CCI credentials they need people to do test development – if you volunteer you get points toward recert. They will bring you to Denver and pay for all expenses etc - @ magnet facility they LOVE this stuff! Visit website, usually done in January
* Gowning & gloving session for nursing students at end of meeting (1800-1830)

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| Business Meeting |  |  |
| Nominating Committee Chair Daphny Peneza 1710 |
| * Positions available for nominations:

President Elect x1VP x1 (2 years)Board of Directors x1 (2 years)Nominating Committee x2 (2 years)* Nominations opening today up to December 31st 🡪 send email to aornofgreaterhouston@gmail.com

Treasurer’s Report Patricia Rodriguez 1712* Finances are looking good!
* Debit: Board meeting + food, rented a PO box
* Credit: Received money
* $13,755.71 balance
* $32,694 savings

Membership Committee Update Tammy Campbell 1715* 618 members for the month of November!
* 41 members, 7 visitors, 7 students, total 55!
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## Legislative Update Darlene Filling in for Joanne Oliver 1722

**Legislative Update – November 2017**

With the 2017 Texas Legislature out of session we are now in the **POLICY SEASON.**

TNA has recently empaneled it’s Policy Council to discuss issues important to nurses and set out committees to do the deep dive work on policy development.  The TNA policy committees will be:

* Workplace Advocacy
* Nursing Education
* APRN
* Regulatory
* Maternal Mortality & Morbidity

Work will begin immediately to develop these policies.  TNA will incorporate these policies into the TNA Policy Book which will be released prior to the next legislative session.  Any of you can offer to be part of this discussion by going to <http://bit.lu/2yehnpc> to fill out a form and become an expert advisor to one of these committees.

There are also several legislative campaigns going on.  If there is anyone in your individual districts running for election, you are encouraged to contact them to assist in their campaign.  In any case be sure you know your legislator.  Offer to be a nursing expert for them.  Remember they have a tremendous amount of medical legislation they need to know about and you can assist them.  They love to follow the advice of their constituents, especially EXPERTS like us!

**Rulemaking Update**

**Texas Medical Board –** Applicants for licensure are no longer required to pass the jurisprudence exam within three attempts. There will be an expedited licensure process for out-of-state psychiatrists.  Proposed telemedicine rules have been presented by TMA.  TNA and other nursing groups have submitted comments regarding certain aspects of the rule language.

**Department of State Health Services –** DSHS has proposed rules which require schools to screen students for abnormal spinal curvature at ages 10 and 12 for females and 13 or 14 for males.

**Department of Aging and Disability Services-** DADS has proposed rules as a result of an HHSC Medicaid Bed Allocation Audit.  The rules would give additional time to nursing facilities with pending applications to comply with licensure requi4ements.  They would also allow facilities to request informal review regarding Medicaid bed allocations, and allow a facility to contest de-allocated beds.  They have also proposed rules that allow residents with ICF/IID to use a wheelchair self-release belt in certain circumstances.

**ADOPTED RULES:  Health and Human Services Commission –** HHSC has adopted new reimbursement rates for the Medicaid Home Health Program, early periodic screening diagnosis, and treatment, and family planning services.

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Joanne D. Oliver, BSN, RN, CNOR

## Community Service & Outreach Darlene Murdock 1725

* We are collecting operation games, medical toys, or taking donations for gifts! We will be distributing these to children for the holidays!
* MD Anderson Cancer Center - to hand out gifts to the children on December 12th!

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| Announcements & Events |  |  |
| * **Hurricane Harvey** – if anyone has been affected please contact us for a chance to be offered a grant from chapter #4407
* **Holiday Party & Gifts** – either bring gifts or donate via paypal or cash **before** December 12
* LIKE US ON FB!
* VISIT OUR WEBSITE!
* LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – MEYER BUILDING (BRAESWOOD & GREENBRIAR) MAY 5TH – CE CREDITS, FOUR SPEAKERS, LIGHT BREAKFAST & SNACKS
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| Education Session – Steris IMS – Effective Care and Handling of Rigid Endoscopes | John Casada | 1730pm |
| * There is a law to proactively maintain equipment
* Rigid scopes are fragile!
* OPPORTUNITIES FOR DAMAGE

- Out of our control: physician misuse, normal wear and tear | In our control: OR room setup, OR room turnover, transportation, reprocessing, storage - Bending scope shaft, dropping endoscope, repeated use of IUSS, contact with other devices on back table or mayo, stacking items on top of the scope during storage and transportation, contact with another device in surgical field, not disengaging camera coupler from scope during room turn* ROOM TURN AND PRE CLEANING

 - Limit amount of time between the point of use pre-cleaning immediately following the procedure and decontam as soil hardens with time and biofilm develops- Pre cleaning and decontam: enzymatic cleaner used, correct concentration/post op moistener, alcohol used on glass surfaces for decontam, distal tip/proximal window/light post cleaned, isolated and immobilized |
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##### Next Meeting

HOLIDAY MEET UP! DECEMBER 12TH & Distributing gifts to children!

See you all in 2018!!

TCH Pavilion for Women 4th floor conference rooms D&E | 1600-1830 | January 9, 2018