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### **ENA'S VISION STATEMENT**

ENA is indispensable to the global emergency nursing community.

# **ENA'S MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Emergency Nurses Association is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice.

# **AGENDA**

# February 3, 2016

A.	Call to Order and President's Report (Derringer)5 minutes	
	1. Approval of Minutes	
	i. April 6 Meeting Minutes	
	2. Approval of Meeting Agenda	
В.	Discussion of Treasurer and Committee Reports5 minutes	
C.	Discussion of Old Business	
	Meeting times and locations	
	2. Conference Planning	
	3. ENAF Chapter Donation/Fundraiser	
D.	Call for new business	
	Call for committees: KYENA Awards	
	2. Project Hope with Meg Candage	
E.	Adjournment (Derringer)	}



# May 1, 2016 KYENA TREASURER'S REPORT for Period April 1-30, 2016 (Betty Nolan)

Starting Balance: \$48,450.63

**Revenues:** 

TNCCI/ENPCI: \$355 Educational Conference: \$1000

Interest: \$1.46 Bluegrass: \$300 State Assessment: \$1320 Kentuckiana: \$205 TNCC/ENPC Assessment: \$5075 Three Rivers: \$155

**Expenses:** 

Conference Group: \$87.85 Educational Conference: \$413.61

ENAF State Challenge: \$5000 Bluegrass: \$2213.4 Gifts: \$50 Kentuckiana: none State Meeting: \$22.37 Three Rivers: none Web site: \$865 KHREF: \$3504.37

SCLO travel expenses: \$1500 Pres. Officer Stipend: \$398.52

**Ending Balance: \$42,681.97** 

**State:** \$24,609.00 **Educational Conference:** \$6054.05 **KHREF:** (\$4786.87)

Notes:

Pending expenses:

\$10.05 Postage for KHREF Grant ENPC course \$50.00 Refund registration for BG CEN Review course

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (Kristin Nation and Allie Betulius)** 

#### ENA Day on the Hill 2016 Congressional Asks

- 1.) Cosponsor and support mental health reform legislation
  - a. House: Cosponsor and support the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015 (H.R. 2646)
  - b. Senate: Cosponsor and support the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016 (S. 2680)
- 2.) Cosponsor and support the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016 (H.R. 4365)

### Provisions of the Airplane Kids in Transit Safety in FAA Reauthorization

Provisions of the <u>Airplane Kids in Transit Safety Act of 2016</u> were included in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that was passed by the U.S. Senate on April 19. The KITS Act is one of the ENA's priority bills this session. It was introduced in the Senate by Sens. Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Jerry Moran (R-KS).



The KITS provision would require the FAA to update the emergency medical kits on airplanes to ensure they contain appropriate medication and equipment to meet the emergency medical needs of children, including an epinephrine auto-injector. The Senate bill has been sent to the House for its consideration.

#### **Utah Increases Penalties for Assault against Healthcare Providers**

Emergency healthcare workers in Utah will have more protection against workplace violence after Gov. Gary Herbert signed a bill on March 28 that increases the penalty for assault against healthcare providers or emergency medical workers when the assault causes substantial bodily injury.

Utah ENA Government Affairs Chair Teresa Brunt, RN and Utah ENA State Council President Emmaline Newman, BSN, RN, CEN worked tenaciously in pushing the bill, <u>S.B. 106</u>, through the legislature. S.B. 106 was sponsored by State Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, MD. Utah is the thirty-third state to enact laws making it a felony to assault or batter an emergency nurse. Georgia may become the thirty-fourth, if Gov. Nathan Deal signs a bill sent to him earlier this month. The legislation would increase the punishment for assaulting hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel. It passed the Georgia House 147-6 and Senate 51-2.

#### **ENA President Writes to Support the Use of Standing Orders**

On March 18, ENA President Kathleen E. Carlson, MSN, RN, CEN, FAEN wrote Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) expressing support for <u>H.R. 4365</u>, the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016. H.R. 4365, which Hudson introduced, would update the Controlled Substances Act by clarifying that emergency medical services personnel, in the course of their duties, may use standing orders to administer a controlled substance.

"This important and timely legislation will ensure that emergency medical services practitioners will continue to be able to administer lifesaving medications to patients," Carlson wrote.

#### **Despite Recommendations, Doctors Overprescribe Narcotics**

A recent <u>National Safety Council survey</u> indicated that 23% of American doctors prescribe month-long dosages of narcotic painkillers, despite research that has shown that a month's use of prescription narcotic painkillers can cause brain changes.

The finding comes as the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform conducted a hearing on America's Heroin and Opioid Abuse Epidemic, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released final guidelines for prescribing opioid medications. Among other recommendations, the CDC suggests that the lowest effective dosage be prescribed and that health care professionals be vigilant in prescribing opioids and monitoring their use. Prescribers should also begin with a dosage of three days or less before evaluating how well a treatment is working. The House committee determined heroin use is increasing as a result of prescription abuse.

#### **President and Congress Act to Battle Zika Virus**

Saying Congress is not acting fast enough to avert a potential crisis, the Obama administration will take \$589 million in existing federal funds — most of which were intended to combat the Ebola virus — and spend the



money instead on fighting the spread of the Zika virus. Republican congressional leaders responded that they are studying how much is actually need to fight the threat.

In the meantime, lawmakers passed <u>S. 2512</u>, Adding Zika Virus to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act, to the president. S. 2512 amends the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to add the Zika virus to the list of tropical diseases under the priority review voucher program. The program awards a voucher to the sponsor of a new drug or biological product that is approved to prevent or treat a tropical disease. A voucher entitles the holder to have a future new drug or biological product application acted upon by the Food and Drug Administration within six months. The bill was introduced by Sen. Al Franken (D-MN). It is currently awaiting President Obama's signature to become law.

## **California Legislature Considers Online Registry for Psychiatric Beds**

California may act on a problem facing states across the nation: finding a bed for a patient in a psychiatric facility in a timely manner. The Assembly Committee on Health approved a bill on April12 to provide an online psychiatric bed registry and referred it to the Committee on Appropriations.

AB2743, introduced by Assembly Member Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton), would require facilities with psychiatric beds to update an online registry as the beds became available. Emergency medical providers then would be able to log on to search for openings. The bill is backed by the California Psychiatric Association and the Steinberg Institute, a mental health policy organization. The California Hospital Association is opposed, saying that finding the right placement for a patient is much more complex than identifying an empty bed.

### **Action Alert: Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act**

On March 10, the U.S. Senate passed <u>S. 524</u>, the bipartisan Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, on a 94-1 vote. It now has gone to the House for its consideration. Introduced by Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Rob Portman (R-OH), the bill aims to prevent drug abuse, treat addiction, and reduce overdose deaths.

Emergency room visits linked to misuse or abuse of prescription opioids are up by more than 50% since 2004, according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*. While the House of Representatives has an identical bill, <u>H.R. 953</u> by Rep. James F. Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-WI-5), no committee hearings have been conducted to date. H.R. 953 has 66 Democratic and 26 Republican <u>cosponsors</u>. Please contact <u>your member of Congress</u> and urge them to cosponsor H.R. 953, if they have not already. More cosponsors in the House will strengthen prospects for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act to come to the House floor for a vote.

## PEDS/TRAUMA (Linda Murray)

There are 6 students coming from outside hospitals to our May ENPC class. There's also interest in the August and November classes. Meg Candage had a very successful ENPC Course at Pikeville, supported by the Peds Readiness Grant. She reported that there were 2 students with Instructor Potential. All ENPC Instructors were encouraged to complete the survey from ENA about any suggestions that would contribute to the next edition of ENPC. There will also be an ENPC Instructor course on October 4<sup>th</sup> at UK. Please contact Linda Murray at <a href="mailto:limurr2@email.uky.edu">limurr2@email.uky.edu</a> for more info on course dates and availability.

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