

**VA SIG Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 22, 2016 1200-1300 (EST)  
**Modality:** Lync and VANTS 1-800-767-1750 Moderator Code 74038#

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion/Recommendation	Action/Evaluative Follow-Up
<b>Welcome and Introduction of New Members</b>	The following new members were welcomed. <u>February:</u> Anita McAllister, Joy Snyder, Regina Balboa, Gary Ellithorp, Theresa O'Brien, Lyton Fernandez, Katherine Stevens, Ruth Moore, Florence Selle, Mae Fennewald	New Members will be welcomed at the start of each meeting ongoing.
<b>New Member Campaign</b>	Member-Get-A- Member (MGM) campaign was discussed and attendees were encouraged to recruit new members. AAACN MGM site was shared with attendees. Runs annually from April-December. Link: <a href="https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign">https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign</a> New member per month starting in April 2015: April = 9                      Oct-6 May = 1                        Nov- 2 June = 5                      Dec-6 July = 8                        Jan- 14 Aug= 7                         Feb-10 Sept= 3	Members encouraged to promote AAACN and VA SIG membership and to utilize MGM campaign (now closed until spring).
<b>VA SIG Website Updates</b>	Kathy Anderson provided updates on the VA SIG webpage. Changes are based on VA SIG members' feedback to maintain user friendly and informative website. Highlighted:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Connected Community updates presented</li> <li>✚ Brag Board – members/attendees reminded that this is a platform to share accomplishments and great work VA nurses are doing across the country.</li> <li>✚ New Gmail account <a href="mailto:VASIGVERSION2@gmail.com">VASIGVERSION2@gmail.com</a> to VA SIG leadership to directly place on Brag board</li> <li>✚ Pittsburgh VA- Tina Griffel's poster, "'Healthy Discussions: The Licensed Practical Nurse Blood Pressure Clinic", selected for this year's</li> </ul>	Members/attendees encouraged to submit suggestions for additional tools for resource tab through emailing SIG co-chairs.  Members/attendees encouraged to use new communication platform of Connected Community.  Members/attendees encouraged to submit items for posting on the Brag Board.

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	conference. Tina Griffel discussed LPN run BP clinic- enacted 2 years ago with some resistance, now successful and supports staff working to the top of their licensure; healthy discussions facilitating patient self-efficacy in developing a SMART goal are encouraged.	
<b>ViewPoint Articles</b>	<p>Julie Alban and Sarah Espin provided updates on the status of submitting articles for <i>ViewPoint</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Articles were submitted to Kitty Shulman, AAACN Editor-in-chief for review</li> <li>✚ Two articles in process of peer review, hope to have ready for May conference</li> </ul>	Updates prn.
<b>Huddle Boards</b>	<p><b>Guest Presenter –</b> Kim Fisher, Systems Redesign Coordinator North Florida South Georgia VHS VISN 8 Presentation – Huddle Boards</p>	PPT presentation too large to send out/ presentation included for download via LYNC. Kim Fisher’s contact information provided in minutes with permission: <a href="mailto:Kim.Fisher@va.gov">Kim.Fisher@va.gov</a>
<b>Lean Six Sigma Resources</b>	<p><b>Presenter-</b>Sarah Espin, MSN, RN-BC, VHA-CM Presentation- Virtual Meetings</p>	PPT presentation to be posted on AAACN VA SIG webpage.
<b>2016 Conference Palm Springs, CA</b>	<p>Discussed and encouraged obtaining new member pictures for the leadership presentation. Discussed needing assistance with the VA SIG booth during the conference. 2017 conference- New Orleans</p>	Mary Kate posted in connected community. Members/attendees interested in assisting with the VA SIG booth to contact SIG co-chairs via email (listed below).
<b>Closing Comments</b>	<p>Email requesting response for VA SIG for upcoming year</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Topics of interest</li> <li>2. What we can do better?</li> </ol> <p>PACT orientation – Sarah can email directly RN/LPN competencies as needed for non-compressed file, PACT toolkit on website as well.</p>	Updates prn.
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	<p>April 19, 2016 1200-1300 EST Guest Presenter: Kari Hite, RN, MN,CDE</p>	Invite to follow.



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	Tucson, AZ VAMC Topic: Managing Chronic Conditions via Home Telehealth	
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**Thank you for your participation and please contact us with any questions.**

**“GO TEAM VA SIG!”**

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