

**VA SIG Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 1200-1300 (EST)  
**Modality:** Lync and VANTS 1-800-767-1750 Moderator Code 74038#

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/Conclusion/Recommendation</b>	<b>Action/Evaluative Follow-Up</b>
<b>Welcome and Introduction of New Members</b>	Julie Alban and Sarah Espin, VA SIG co-chairs welcomed new members: Krystal Chunaco, Stacey Davis, Ijeoma Durojaiye, Jennifer Eurich, Amy Lynn Killpatrick, Tyndall Light, Adrienne Oldfield, Erin Treiman	New Members will be welcomed at the start of each meeting ongoing.
<b>New Member Campaign</b>	Julie Alban introduced the AAACN Member-Get-A-Member (MGM) campaign to the attendees and encouraged attendees to recruit new members. AAACN MGM site was shared with attendees. Link: <a href="https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign">https://www.aaacn.org/member-get-member-campaign</a> Current VA SIG enrollment = 214 New member per month starting in April 2015: April = 9 May = 1 June = 5 July = 8	Members encouraged to promote AAACN and VA SIG membership and to utilize MGM campaign.  Link to MGM site to be forwarded to members in the meeting minutes.
<b>VA SIG Website Updates</b>	Kathy Andersen, VA SIG Webmaster, provided updates on the VA SIG webpage. Tab by tab review was presented and the new VA SIG Membership Map was highlighted. VA SIG Slogan was shared: " <b>GO TEAM VA SIG</b> "	Projects and Resources Tab will be added. Kathy to follow-up with Stephanie McDonald (AAACN).
<b>PACT Toolkit</b>	Sarah Espin indicated that the Ambulatory Care Orientation Program documents were sent to the PACT Toolkit contact and pending review. The PACT Toolkit site was shared with the attendees. Link: <a href="https://vaww.visn11.portal.va.gov/sites/VERC/va-case/info/PACTToolkit/SitePages/Home.aspx">https://vaww.visn11.portal.va.gov/sites/VERC/va-case/info/PACTToolkit/SitePages/Home.aspx</a>	Sarah Espin to update when more information becomes available.
<b>ViewPoint Articles</b>	Sarah Espin provided updates on the status of submitting articles for ViewPoint. The following article guidelines were reviewed:	Members were asked to send emails by 9/1/15 to the co-chairs if interested in joining the article

- ✚ Two articles of 1500-2000 words each
- ✚ CEU articles most preferred
- ✚ Publication most likely would not be before mid-2016

**VA SIG Proposed Topics and Sign-Up**

1. Development and implementation of a structured nursing orientation program for PACT nurses by a network of Clinical Nurse Educators

- ✚ This combines elements of the “Orientation of the PACT Nurse” with the “Development of a Clinical Nurse Educator Team Within a Complex Network of Community Based Outpatient Clinics”

✚ **Authors**

1- Sarah Espin
2- Johnnetta Wider
3- Amanda Clark
4- Tamara Templeton
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2. The Art of Care Coordination as Demonstrated by the Utilization of Risk Management Tools by the VA RN in the Care Manager Role

- ✚ This combines identification of high risk patients with competency in using risk management tools such as CAN Scores and the PCASS along with monitoring of Performance Measures for continuous quality improvement

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3- Kathleen Beatty
4- Mary Kate Sweeney
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workgroups.  
Writing resources will be posted on the VA SIG webpage – Sarah Espin to follow-up with Kathy Andersen.

	<p>Deadlines for article submissions were reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> March April-mid January</li> <li> May June-mid March</li> <li> July August-mid May</li> <li> Sept Oct- mid July</li> <li> Nov Dec- mid Sept.</li> </ul> <p>Liz Greenburg offered to edit the articles prior to submission. Additional resources from the AAACN website were shared and will be posted on the VA SIG webpage.</p>	
<p><b>Logo Contest</b></p>	<p>Kathy Andersen shared the VA SIG Logo contest. Deadline for submission = 9/30/15 The logo winner will be announced at the 10/20/15 meeting AAACN Leadership SIG and Patient and Staff Education SIG logos were shared,</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p>Members encouraged to send in logo designs.</p>
<p><b>Who We Are</b></p>	<p>Julie Alban encouraged VA SIG members to send in pictures of VA nurses in action for this section for the webpage. Pictures of patients should not be submitted do to need for consents.</p>	<p>Members encouraged to send in pictures of VA Nurses in Action.</p>
<p><b>Care Management Tool</b></p>	<p>Guest Presenter – Kathy Holthouser, PACT RN from VISN 20 (Oregon) shared the PPT presentation on the Care Management Tool. According to Kathy Holthouser, the contact person for this program is: Kerry K Strickland, Program Analyst Training Specialist, NW Innovation Center VA Portland HCS 360-696-4061 Ext. 38209</p>	<p>PPT presentation to be sent to members along with Kerry Strickland’s contact information.</p>



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<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 20, 2015 1200-1300 EST Guest Presenter: Frances Gruber, RN, MSN South Texas VHCS Topic: CHOICE Program	Invite to follow

**Thank you for your participation and please contact us with any questions.**

**“GO TEAM VA SIG!”**

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