**VACPN Meeting Minutes: November 7,2020**

Meeting called to order by Lisa Babilon, Co-President at 10:45 AM

**Old Business:**

**Treasure’s report:**  The Treasurer’s report provided by Sonya Mohr, VACPN Treasurer, was reviewed. As of 10/31/2020, the current balance was at 4,295.16. Sonya also mentioned an extra $400 that will be deposited into the account. According to Lisa, the conference fee of 2246.86 and VNA fee of $1,750 still needed to be deducted from the final total. This would leave the remaining balance at $698.30. Lisa mentioned that this decrease in funding is partly due to vendors being unable to attend the Fall 2020 conference in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. With more upcoming payments being due, Lisa asked for suggestions on how we can make extra money.

Nina asked if vendors could provide an educational event without providing a meal. The money saved from the meal could be paid to VACPN. Grindil Haney, a drug rep who attended the conference, said this suggestion would not be possible because the company is not allowed to sponsor VACPN. Michele Wood then stated that a recent virtual conference she attended had virtual vendors where you can go to the zoom meeting and visit the different vendors. Grindil said that this option may be a possibility. The VACPN executive committee plans to further investigate the idea of virtual vendors in the next committee meeting. The report was approved by Michele Wood and seconded by Charlie McDonough.

**Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2020 (Secretary’s Report):** Minutes were reviewed and motioned by Sonya Mohr; Kim Puryear seconded the minutes.

**Regional Rep Report:** Kim Puryear, Reginal Rep Coordinator, states that there was outreach to Johnston Willis ER and VCU NICU for the Fall Conference. A meeting was Colonial Behavioral Health in Williamsburg. Kim also reached out to a friend who works on an ACT team in North Carolina to attend. Kim has no further regional rep information to report.

**CPD:** Nina spoke on the multiple continued professional development opportunities offered by VACPN. The opportunities and attendance outcomes were as follows:

5/7/2020- 23 CPD certificates were issued in Resiliency Building Tools for HealthCare Professionals through VACPN’s collaboration with APNA

5/28/2020- 46 individuals were in attendance and 14 CPD certificates were issued to nurses with the presentation “Caring Considerations for Transgender Clients” through VACPN’s collaboration with IAFN

7/9/2020- 8 CPD certificates were distributed via “The PERK Tracking System: What You Need to Know” through VACPN’s collaboration with IAFN

7/31/2020- 22 CPD certificates were distributed with the “Prevention Across the Lifespan in Virginia”, through VACPN’s collaboration with APNA

10/23/2020- There were 60 participants and 1 CPD certificate issued for “Resilience in Action: Part 1 Robin’s Hope” in collaboration with Robin’s Hope

11/7/2020- 21 participants participated in the VACPN Fall Conference, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Nina then mentioned some upcoming CPD opportunities to include:

11/20/2020-VACPN will collaborate with Robin’s Hope to offer nursing CPD with the presentation: “Resilience in Action: Part 2”

12/18/2020-VACPN will collaborate again with Robin’s Hope to offer nursing CPD with presentation: “Resilience in Action: Part 3”. Please let Nina know if you are interested in participating in these upcoming events.

Nina also mentioned that the self-study is coming due this year. Nina has met with Lindsay to review this self-study. Nina plans to provide a presentation on the self-study.

**VACSB:** Nina attended the VACSB Public Policy Conference on Sharon’s behalf. This conference was virtual due to COVID-19. VACSB had a session on historical trauma that was similar to what will be mentioned at this conference. They did say that it looks like the Marcus Alert will be infused into STEP VA, which will increase the need for community psychiatric nurses. There is much support for funding psych mental health treatment, but the state finances took a huge hit this year--so there are many unknowns.

Nina also attended the Board meeting on how to promote the CSBs and they suggested that the general public is not aware of what CSBs do and how much peer-involvement there is on the boards. She asked members to brainstorm how to promote the CSBs. DMAS reported that Medicaid enrollment numbers have greatly expanded but eventually some will transition off. There will be some new initiatives to have maternal home visits and extend postpartum 12 months. DMAS is pushing to better serve people of color and those who do not speak English. They reminded us the warm line number is 877-349-6428. Senator Hangar mentioned the development of the COVID-19 vaccination. There was talk of who should receive the vaccine first and how to accommodate this vaccination due to special storage considerations (needs to be stored at -110 degrees Celsius).

**VNA Legislative Agenda:** VNA’s legislative agenda is now known as the Virginia Legislative Nursing Alliance. Nina and Lisa were both invited to attend the 2020 session. In this session, The Public Policy Platform was reviewed by members in attendance at this meeting. Lindsay will post the document provided by Nina on the website for all members to review. This special session primarily focused on COVID-19 and police reform. The preceptorship incentive for providers who precept advanced practice nurses has been put on hold due to lack of funding. One mentioned issue in this session was that nurses are not receiving compensation when they have been exposed to COVID-19. This initiative failed due to lack of unity. In order to ensure access to care for Virginia patients, Governor Northam issued an executive order reducing the current requirement that a nurse practitioner practice under a physician’s practice agreement from 5 years to 2 years before transitioning to autonomous practice. This could lead to an increase in utilization of Virginia nurse practitioners. The session agreed that there is a high importance of having a registered nurse in schools as students return to in-class instruction to ensure safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to this importance, there will likely be an increase of nurses in schools. Nina also spoke to the increase of telehealth including mental health telehealth which is an initiative the Virginia Legislative Nursing Alliance developed to improve easier access to care and cost-effective care for patients.

**VBON:** Jen was unavailable to give report about VBON at this meeting. Per her email, she wants to encourage all members to attend the scheduled VBON town hall meetings. Members can find upcoming meetings by going to the VBON website and looking under Town Hall. She stated that these meetings are now being held online via Webex.

**Regional Reports:**

Region 1-no news to report

Region 2-no news to report

Region 3-no news to report

Region 4: no news to report

Region 5: no news to report

**New Business**

**Changes to Bylaws:** Lisa mentioned that changes were recently made to the bylaws to reflect the change from continued education units to continued professional development and elimination of the co-coordinator of continued professional development. The president of the organization will serve as the co-coordinator as needed. A copy of the changes was provided to members in attendance of this meeting. Michelle Wood mentioned some errors in the report. Lindsay agreed to correct these errors. Cheryl Zellmer motioned the report and Sonia Mohr seconded the report.

**Spring Conference 2021:** Lisa expressed concern for having the conference in person due to the current pandemic, lack of funding, and lack of vendors in attendance. She asked if members would feel more comfortable doing a virtual conference and moving Shrinemont to Fall 2021. Michelle Wood questioned if Shrinemont would hold VACPN’s deposit to Spring 2022 related to COVID-19 and Shrinemont being a better Spring location. Lisa said that she would check to see if Shrinemont would hold the deposit until then.

To make money in the upcoming Spring 2021 conference, suggestions were made to hold a virtual vendor room so that attendees could speak with vendor representatives and vendors could still participate. It was also agreed upon to have attendees pay for the virtual conference to increase the VACPN treasury. Lisa says the executive committee will address these considerations at the upcoming executive committee meeting in February.

**VACPN Fall Conference 2021:** There was not much discussion on the Fall 2021 conference as there are raised concerns for funding and uncertainty of the pandemic. The prospective location continues to be Arlington, Virginia. The Executive Committee will further discuss plans for the Fall 2021 Conference in the next meeting.

**Elections:** The Vice President, Treasurer, and CPD coordinator positions were up for election in May 2020. The results from these elections are as follows:

**Vice President:** Lindsay Moffett

**Treasurer:** Sonya Mohr

**CPD Coordinator:** Nina Beaman

Due to Lindsay being elected for the Vice President position, a new VACPN Secretary was also elected.

**Secretary:** Daryl Vasquez

**VACPN Executive Committee Meeting:** The VACPN Executive Committee Meeting will be held on February 5, 2021 from 10am-2pm. The location is TBD and dependent upon the current pandemic. Lisa states that there is a possibility that the meeting will be virtual.

In honor of Veteran’s Day, Lisa provided enlightening information on JFK and Clarissa Harlowe Barton. She then asked if there were any questions at this time.

Dana Moore questioned how to obtain access to VACPN’s twitter, Instagram, and Facebook account. She wants to be able to post updated information about VACPN but currently does not have access. Lisa states she will speak with Jen Phelps to assist Dana in getting access to these platforms.

The meeting was then moved to adjournment by Nina and seconded by Michelle Wood at 12:05 PM.