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Meeting Reminder: SEFANN will meet on March 22, 2011 at North Shore Medical Center, at 6:00PM. Thanks to the North Shore, NICU for hosting our March meeting.

2011 SEFANN Meeting Schedule: **January 25** at Miami Children's Hospital; **March 22** at North Shore; **May 24** at South Miami; **July 26** at Chris Evert Children's Hospital; **September 27** at Baptist Children's Hospital; **November 22** at Joe DiMaggio

SEFANN Meeting Minutes 1/25/11

Thank you to MCH for hosting the meeting.

Thanks to Gerber Nestle for sponsoring this meeting.

Thanks to the Dr. Diaz for her presentation on Radiologic views: diseases of newborn.

Meeting minutes from the Nov. meeting approved.

Treasury report: \$8131.88 in checking. Taxes paid.

Community : Deb would like to thank Pat Wilson and Sherry Lanthier for volunteering on Jan 20 at the Kick-off event at the convention center. On Feb 24 there is the Captain's Rally at headquarters. We are looking for volunteers. Julie can send an email out to members. Do we want to have the rest stop again? We need to find out how much it is. Deb will find out. Deb delivered the toys to Salvation Army and they were very appreciative.

Programming: March North Shore; May SMH; July CECH; Sept. Baptist; Nov. JDCH;

Sept. 14-17 for NANN conference. We might be able to put a group together for the hotel. Carribe Royale is the name of the resort.

Membership: 54. Recruitment discussion: When people are going to the conference they sometimes will join SEFANN and NANN just for the event. CEU offerings are a reason to join too. What are some good ways to boost membership? We can reprint the SEFANN brochure in color to advertise and have it at the conference.

Research: no report

Fundraising: no report

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Hot Topics planning: Monica is doing the brochures. Speaker contacts are confirmed by group. Rene is will try to contact the Dr. James who does cord blood banking. We need to get our speakers during the summer months next time so we won't be scrambling at the last minute for speakers. There is an ARNP who does the topic hyperbilirubinemia at Miami Children's. Julie will call Monica about the brochure mailing process. At meeting, Nancy spoke to Monica on speaker phone about tax id for vendors and about brochures. If we don't have t-shirts we can make buttons for volunteers to wear. We should have another planning meeting to wrap up details before conference.

New Business:

- Annual Report is due to NANN by March 1 . Get the IRS number for Nancy. NANN wants to know our achievements for the chapter awards and our statistics on \$, membership etc. for report.
- For the MOD Walk we could design t-shirts to wear for the event. We could also get shirts for Hot Topics and wear them to the walk. We will host a design a t-shirt for the Walk get a free NANN membership. Contest ends Feb 10. Check with Jody (Donna) on prices for silk screening. Nancy will check on another vendor. We can possibly sell them too at Hot Topics and beyond.

Meeting adiourned.

SEFANN Volunteers: March of Dimes Captain's Rally is February 24 at March of Dimes Headquarters. Contact Deb Langer if you would like to volunteer for this and other events email :Langerds@aol.com.

March of Dimes : March for Babies April 30 on Key Biscayne.

March of Dimes News: " When you walk in March for Babies, you give hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The money you raise supports programs in your community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten our babies. We've been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$2 billion to benefit all babies." From March of Dimes Website www.marchforbabies.org



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Meeting Reminder: SEFANN will meet on May 24, 2011 at South Miami Hospital, at 6:00PM. Thanks to the SMH, NICU for hosting our May meeting.

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SEFANN Meeting Minutes 3/22/11

Thank you to North Shore NICU for hosting the meeting.

Thanks to Bimeco for sponsoring this meeting.

Thanks to Dr. Nehemiah Spencer, MD for the presentation on Avastin and ROP.

Meeting minutes from the Jan meeting approved.

1. Treasury report: TBA. \$2000 sent for our March for Babies registration to MOD. \$200 collected so far for March donations.

2. Community : Deb received a thank you letter from Angel Tree Project, Salvation Army. The map for the walk isn't out yet so we don't know where we will be located for our rest stop. Deb will let us know when she hears from them.

3. Programming: March North Shore; May SMH; July CECH; Sept. Baptist; Nov. JDCH; Sept. 14-17 NANN conference. **4. Membership: 60**

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5. Research: no report.

6. Fundraising: Nancy Martinez would like for everyone who is storing our inventory of scrubs and clothing to please email her with their individual inventories. She needs item description, color, size and number of pieces. This way we will have the complete list of what we have for sale. Pat Wilson has completed hers and given it to Nancy. Prices will be sent to everyone so that they can sell pieces too.

7. Hot Topics: We don't have the figures yet for income/expenses. Monica unable to attend meeting. Suggestions for next year include having smaller items for sale like badge clips. The dates will be March 15 and 16, 2012. Speakers: Shakira Henderson on Breastfeeding topic, Dr. Diaz from MCH; Dr. Jeffries and our choice; Dr. Neville on G-tube and fundaplication; Dr. James on Cord Blood banking; We liked the folders. We can pre-load them with handouts ahead of time for next year.

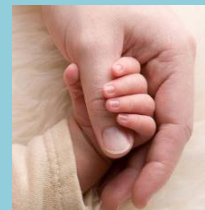
8. New business: T-shirt for March for Babies everyone likes it. Girl seen as baby and then 10 year old on grey background.

Meeting adiourned.

SEFANN Volunteers: March of Dimes March for Babies on April 30 at 7:30 AM at Tropical Park on SW 40 Street in Miami. Contact Deb Langer if you would like to volunteer for this and other events

March of Dimes News: March of Dimes is pleased to make the **Less than 39 weeks toolkit** available to all hospitals across the country. Interested clinicians, hospitals, insurers and regional collaboratives are invited to download this document to assist in the development of a comprehensive quality improvement program to address elective deliveries <39 weeks. If your hospital is interested in implementing the toolkit, please consider working with your March of Dimes chapter. To find your local chapter, visit our [directory](#).

Elimination of Non-medically Indicated (Elective) Deliveries Before 39 Weeks Gestational Age; Quality Improvement Toolkit was reviewed by the California Department of Public Health Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division and is a resource, but it does not define the standard of care in California. Readers are advised to adapt the guidelines and toolkit based on their local facility's level of care and patient populations and is not to rely solely on guidelines presented here. **Download toolkit :** A copy of the toolkit is now available. Please go to our [online catalog](#) to order. Download a [free copy of the entire toolkit](#). **Clinician slide deck presentation:** [Elimination of Non-medically indicated \(Elective\) Deliveries Prior to 39 Weeks Gestational Age Terms of use:](#) Elimination of Non-medically Indicated (Elective) Deliveries Before 39 Weeks Gestational Age Quality Improvement toolkit is provided for educational, non-commercial use. You may use the documents and slides for educational, non-commercial purposes. The information may not be altered in any way. The March of Dimes assumes no responsibility for the content of altered information. You may be contacted by March of Dimes staff to assist you in your use of the Toolkit.



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Meeting Reminder: SEFANN will meet on July 26, 2011 at Chris Evert Children's Hospital, at 6:00PM. Thanks to the CECH, NICU for hosting our July meeting.

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SEFANN Meeting Minutes 5/24/11

1. Thank you to SMH for hosting the meeting.
2. Thanks to Bimeco for sponsoring this meeting.
3. Thanks to Barbara Greenberg-Cordero for her presentation on newborn hearing screening.
4. Meeting minutes from the March meeting approved.
5. **Treasury report:** No report at this time. Abbott gave us a check for \$450 for Hot Topics, 2011.
6. **Community :** March of Dimes Awards Dinner needs volunteers. It is June 16 at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Be there at around 3PM. Call Deb if you want to help. Julie will post online. Do we want to bring water to next year's rest stop? We would like to be able to serve refreshments to the group. Deb will take our suggestions to MOD. We can email Deb with these 6/10 and Deb will send. Everyone enjoyed brunch at Denny's. Angeltree sent us an award for participation.
7. **Programming:** July 26 at Chris Evert Children's. Donna needs to get in touch with Jennifer Bilecki.
8. **Membership:** 56.
9. **Research:** no report at this time.

March of Dimes News: See the Research Slide Show at Marchofdimes.com "...Immediately

after it was founded in 1938, the March of Dimes established a system of committees to award research grants. The earliest grants in basic science, virology, and medicine stimulated research in the sciences and led to the development of the polio vaccines developed by Jonas Salk, MD and Albert Sabin, MD. With our mission change to birth defects prevention in 1958,

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The 2011 NANN and NANNP elections are now open. NANN will elect a President-Elect, two Directors-at-Large, and one Staff Nurse Director-at-Large, while NANNP will elect Council Members in Districts 3, 5, 6, and 7. If you are a NANNP member, you will see both ballots once you log in. If you are a NANN member, you will only see the NANN ballot.

The election ballot will close Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 11:59PM Pacific Time.

You may link to the election ballot on the website. Your login is your ID and last name. If you have any problems or questions the online ballot, please contact the national office at (800)451-3795 or by e-mail at info@nann.org.

Meeting Minutes Continued:

10. **Fundraising:** Nancy: "Hoodies \$30, v-necks \$14, long sleeves \$20". We are not ordering more clothing at this time. We could sell badge holders. Come up with ideas. Julie will check with Amsterdam for prices on badge holders.
11. **New business:** CE broker prefers providers to use the digital submission but we are still just turning in scantrons. We need to renew our mailbox rental.

12. Meeting adjourned.

SEFANN Volunteers: March of Dimes Awards Dinner at the Miami Beach Convention Center on June 16. Be there around 3 PM to help out. Contact Deb Langer if you would like to volunteer for this and other events email

(MOD Continued) the Foundation maintained its firm commitment to basic science but with a shift of focus to the clinical delineation of birth defects. diagnosis of sickle cell anemia, discovery of the genes for Marfan and Fragile X syndromes, and the development of pulmonary surfactant therapy to treat respiratory distress syndrome.

Since then, the March of Dimes has supported research into the cellular and molecular basis of genetic diseases, developmental processes and abnormalities, and the epidemiology of premature birth to improve medical diagnosis and develop treatments for a wide range of birth defects and developmental disorders. March of Dimes research has led to improved prenatal Since 1973, the Basil O'Connor Starter Scholarship Research Awards have assisted promising young scientists at the beginnings of their careers in birth defects research. Our Prematurity Research Initiative has focused especially on genetics and gene-environment interactions relating to the causes of prematurity. The Foundation's investment in research has led to 13 scientists winning the Nobel Prize since 1954 whose original work was supported by March of Dimes research grants. "

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Meeting Reminder: SEFANN will meet on September 27, 2011 at Baptist Hospital, at 6:00PM. Thanks to the Baptist Children's Hospital NICU for hosting our September meeting.

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1. Thank you to Chris Evert Children's Hospital for hosting the meeting.
2. Thanks to Inomax who sponsored this meeting.
3. Thanks to Dr. Marga M. Figueroa, MD for her presentation on drug exposed infants.
4. Meeting minutes from the May meeting approved with addition of treas. report below.
5. Treasury report: \$8739.80 as of 7/11. Hot Topics income \$5970.00. Hot Topics expenses = \$5220.70. Net = \$749.30. Monica created a flowsheet for our budget.
6. Community : Thanks to Pat Wilson for helping with the MOD awards dinner. October 6 is Signature Chefs in downtown Miami. March for Babies feedback: Deb sent a letter to Julie from MOD with our suggestions for water and parking passes. They will consider our suggestions during the planning for 2012. MOD planning starts with the steering committee. Julie F. will put the info. for volunteer opportunities into the newsletter and send an email for volunteers.
7. Programming: Sept. at Baptist on Breastfeeding.

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SEFANN member & educator Shakira L. Henderson, MPH MS ,RNC-NIC,BSN of South Miami Hospital NICU, will be presenting at the NANN convention on the topic of improving breastfeeding outcomes in the NICU. Congratulations Shakira on being selected to speak at the national convention!

Meeting Minutes Continued:

8. Membership: 57. We need to make sure that the SEFANN members are NANN members. We can review the membership roll prior to the chapter report and omit the ones that are not NANN members. The membership roster will then be correct and we can notify anyone who might have been removed.
9. Research: NANN "PIOMI" start at 29 weeks. Infants who received this stimulation were on full feeds 5 days earlier and home 1-2 days earlier. Discussion: Some places have an oral stimulator that is a machine. Cue based feeding is coming to the forefront from various studies and sources. Feeding could be a good topic for Hot Topics (cue based feeding). Some discussion on the use of Avastin and special preparation considerations by pharmacy. Also, unknown long-term effects.
9. Fundraising: As per Treas: Tot. fundraising income as of 7/11= \$1874
10. New business: CE broker facilitator will do the ceu's. All info. for our educational files will be given to Julie for our records. Do not give them to the person who is responsible for doing the ce-broker that month. We might want to start categorizing our ce-offerings so that they go along with the renewal requirements for NICU nurses. Nancy gave everyone a handout about this and how to categorize courses into subject areas. We still need the cv and bib. from Dr. Diaz-Barbosa who presented at MCH in January. Also in March Dr. Spencer from North Shore on Avastin we only have the handout in the educational file. Nancy and Donna will work on completing that file. Meeting adjourned.

March of Dimes News: WHITE PLAINS, JULY 14, 2011 -

More than 28,000 infants in the United States die before their first birthday each year, according to the most recent national statistics. Now, nurses can get the latest information and expert guidance on coping and grief issues for families from a new March of Dimes training module. The new educational module, is a self-directed course for nursing professionals who care for women and infants. It offers historical, theoretical and clinical knowledge on how to provide effective nursing care for families coping with the loss of a newborn or a pregnancy. It also addresses the potential effects that caring for bereaved families can have on nurses themselves. "There is no "right" way to deal with loss," said Liza Gene Cooper, LMSW, director, March of Dimes Family-Centered Care. "The loss of a child before or soon after birth is traumatic. Families go through periods of terrible grief, and a whole range of emotions, involving not only the loss of a baby but also the loss of everything that could have been."

The educational module recognizes that everyone grieves differently, and the expression of mourning varies by individual, family, culture and religion. Particularly when it comes to perinatal loss, there are unique features that must be acknowledged by all professionals who deal with bereaved families. Being on the front lines of patient care, nurses play a critical role in helping bereaved families deal with their loss, the March of Dimes says. The new module can help nurses be knowledgeable and caring as they address informational, emotional and medical needs of families confronting perinatal loss. The learning module also acknowledges that nurses who encounter challenging life and death situations at work have to pay attention to their own grieving as well, and find effective avenues of personal coping and group support. "It is my hope that this educational module provides a sound foundation of knowledge and understanding for nurses who work with bereaved families. The goal is that that all families who experience the tragedy of losing a baby is cared for sensitively and expertly by a professional nurse who understands," said Denise Côté-Arsenault, PhD, RNC, FNAP, associate and Brody Professor of Nursing at the University of Rochester School of Nursing, author of the course material.



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NANN news...visit the NANN website: www.nann.org

SEFANN News: Thank you to Deb Langer, Donna Freshwater and Pat Wilson for helping out at the Signature Chefs event on 10/6. **Volunteers are needed for the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Awards** on 11/4 and for the Building our Communities event on 12/9. **Contact Deb Langer** at Langerds@aol.com if you would like to help out.

SEFANN Meeting Minutes 9/27//11

Congratulations to SEFANN member & educator Shakira L. Henderson MPH MS ,RNC-NIC,BSN for being selected to present at the recent NANN convention. Shakira presented the topic of improving breastfeeding outcomes in the NICU, to a room of interested neonatal nursing professionals. The question and answer period was lively and everyone appreciated Shakira's insight and expertise on the special challenges that the NICU environment places on breastfeeding mom's and infants. Congratulations Shakira on your excellent presentation! **Congratulations to Julie Fullerton, RNC-NIC, BSN for receiving the NANN 2011 Robyn Main Award** at the recent NANN convention in Orlando. SEFANN Members Nancy Burke, Donna Freshwater, Colleen Rodriguez, Pat Wilson, Nancy Martinez, Vania Blanc, Shakira Henderson were there for the NANN award celebrations and conference along with many other friends from our South Florida area.

- 1.Thank you to Baptist NICU for hosting the meeting.
 - 2.Thanks to Ikaria who sponsored this meeting.
 - 3.Thanks to Ashley Darcy for her discussion of hypoxic respiratory failure.
 - 4.**Meeting minutes** from the July meeting approved.
 - 5.**Treasury** report: TBA
 - 6.**Fundraising** : Discussion on \$-makers. T-shirts brand that Nancy M. knows about is a low cost. Wholesale cost=8-9 sell for 12. Hoodies are popular at SMH. Do we want to sell our odds and ends for a discount or donate them to a homeless shelter or other agency? We could come up with a different design possibility. Nancy M. can bring sample designs. Come up with inventory #'s. Nancy M. will email request inventory from us. At NANN conference chapters were selling badge clips, t-shirts. One idea is to make a flash sale. Nancy M. will advertise with a flyer. The badge holders are a nice idea, and easier to store. Where did we get the footprint B.clips?
 - 7.**Community** : Sig. Chefs is October 6 at Westin Colonaide on Miracle Mile@6:30PM it's a Fundraiser for March of Dimes. Call Deb is you want to help out. Building our Community is December 9. Possibilities for the Christmas Toy Drive: Hope Outreach,(J. Biliiecki) or the Homestead Sacred Heart 305-245-0022, (Marie Bonneman's friend).
 - 8.Programming: November Joe DiMaggio. Talk to Tamara about whether we want to change date
 - 9.**Membership**: 58.
 - 10.**Research**: no report.
 - 11.**New business: Conference** (NANN) basket raffle for SEFANN made some money for NANN. **Hot Topics:** Jason James cord blood Ian Jeffries history of neonatology, Thakur on golden hour, Ashley Darcy on cue based feeds, Sandra Jungers, TBA, maybe heliox, craniofacial? Ana Diaz on obstructive hydrocephalus, Magali Diaz Barbosa on osteopenia of prematurity.
- Where should we go** Christmas party and date? Email question.

March of Dimes NEWS: March of Dimes has set a goal to reduce the U.S. preterm birth rate to 9.6 percent of all live births by 2020.

We set the goal by estimating the best possible outcomes from applying known strategies to prevent preterm birth — such as smoking cessation programs, progesterone treatments for medically eligible women, lowering the number of pregnancies from infertility treatments that result in multiples, and preventing medically unnecessary c-sections and inductions before 39 weeks of pregnancy. The new goal anticipates that more women will have insurance coverage in the future, and that continued research will yield new medical advances. Prior to setting its own goal, the March of Dimes was aligned with the Healthy People 2010 objective of reducing premature birth to 7.6 percent of all births. The new Healthy People 2020 objective is 11.4 percent. The March of Dimes annual Premature Birth Report Card, which will be issued in November, will use the 9.6 percent goal as its baseline for determining grades. We'll let you know how we're doing in November. Preterm birth is a very complex problem, with many contributing causes. "This goal is ambitious yet achievable," said Dr. Jennifer L. Howse, president of the March of Dimes. "When we succeed — and I know we will — it will mean that in the United States alone 115,000 fewer babies each year would face the serious health risks of an early birth."

Right now, more than half a million babies — some 12.2 percent of infants — are born too soon each year. As many of you know, babies who survive an early birth often face the risk of lifetime health challenges, such as breathing problems, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities and others. It will be fantastic to reduce that number.Go to www.MarchofDimes.com



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SEFANN News: Thank you to **Deb Langer**, and **Nancy Martinez** for helping out at the Nurse of the Year Awards event on 11/4.

Volunteers are needed for the March of Dimes Building our Communities event on 12/9. **Contact Deb Langer** at Langerds@aol.com if you would like to help out.

Congratulations to SEFANN members Shakira Henderson and Marie Bonneman who received awards at the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award event.

Join us at the Annual SEFANN Christmas Party and Toy Drive December 10 at 12:00 at the Macaroni Grill Kendall. RSVP to Julie by December 3. at iul2255@comcast.net

SEFANN Meeting Minutes 11/15/11

1. Thank you to JDCH NICU for hosting the meeting.
2. Thanks to Michelle from Nestle/Gerber for sponsoring this meeting.
3. Thanks to Heather Greene for the case presentation on Congenital CMV.
4. **Meeting minutes** from the Sept. meeting approved.
5. **Treasury report:** no report
6. **Fundraising :** no report
7. **Community :** Christmas Toy Drive for Hope Outreach, party on December 10 at Macaroni Grill Kendall, Evite on internet, Good response so far. On Dec. 9 Building our Community Luncheon we need volunteers. Deb and Nancy M. volunteered at the Awards Dinner for Nurse of the Year. Congratulations to the SEFANN members Shakira Henderson and Marie Bonneman for being selected as award recipients.
8. **Programming:** Jan 24 at Miami Children's; March 27 at North Shore; May 22 at South Miami; July 24 at Chris Evert; Sept. 25 at Baptist; Nov.13 at Joe Dimaggio. The Nov meeting will be one week before Thanksgiving next year as well. Jan. meeting at MCH: Dr. David Mendez, "1-10 Approach to Neonatal Critical Care".
9. **Membership:** 61
10. **Research:** no report.
11. **New business:** What do we want Sandra to talk about? Board meeting discussion on collecting care items for military. USO makes care packages that cost 25.00 each. Do we want to collect for USO? Jennifer B. had mentioned it, is she still interested in pursuing it. How about St. Jude's for next year benefit? We could do a garage sale for them.
Can we start the cookbook project? The companies that help publish them have a fee. Donna will look into this for us with Nancy.
Purchases: We need a clip on mike for hot topics and a new battery for the laptop. Pat will email board minutes to Julie from last meeting.
12. **Meeting adjourned.**



NANN News: www.nann.org

Guideline on Age-Appropriate Care Now Available

NANN's latest publication, [Age-Appropriate Care of the Premature and Critically Ill Hospitalized](#)

[Infant: Guideline for Practice](#), is now available as a free, downloadable PDF on NANN's website. The guideline, developed by Mary E. Coughlin, MS APN, offers evidence-based practice recommendations aligned with the five core measures for age-appropriate care (also known as developmental care): protected sleep, pain and stress assessment and management, attention to age-appropriate activities of daily living, family-centered care, and the healing environment.

March of Dimes News: <http://www.Marchofdimes.com>

'Preterm Birth Rate Shows Three Year Improvement in Most States...

"The three-year improvement in the U.S. preterm birth rate means that 40,000 more babies were given a healthy start in life and spared the risk of life-long health consequences of an early birth," said Dr. Jennifer L. Howse, president of the March "of Dimes."

... "The improvement in the preterm birth rate is due to a variety of health interventions, the March of Dimes says. For more than two years, the March of Dimes has been working with hospitals and health policy experts to identify and promote quality improvement initiatives that have reduced the number of medically unnecessary c-sections and inductions scheduled before 39 weeks of pregnancy. Also new treatments, such as progesterone, which has been shown to prevent some preterm births in medically eligible women, has helped lower the preterm birth rate."

Check out the rest of the article at the March of Dimes Website. Its informative and a great resource to nurses and families.

