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Children's Hospital; **September 24** at Baptist Children's Hospital; **November**

Thank you to MCH for hosting the meeting.

Thanks to Covidien for sponsoring this meeting.

Thanks to Dr. Morales for her presentation on Apnea.

Meeting minutes from the Nov. 2012 meeting approved.

**Treasury report:** 12/31 \$8195.70. Paid out \$500 for Autism Speaks walk and \$341.00 for calendars/ mailing and \$ for Christmas Party. Hot Topics fee will be at time of Elks event.

**Community :** Nice Christmas party at Bahama Breeze.

Children's Rehab thanked us for the toys and sent a picture we can put on our website. Check\$ sent to Autism Speaks for walk in Doral. Thursday night is their Kick-off and it is at Blue Lagoon Airport Hilton. Be there at 3:00PM. We will have a rest stop at the walk Sunday 4/7. Maybe we can get shirts made for the group to wear.

**Programming:** Jan.22 at MCH; North Shore March 26; May 28 SMH; July 23 at Chris Evert ; Sept.24 Baptist; Nov.19 JDCH. Next Meeting: March 26 at North Shore. Donna will get in touch with them about topic.

**Fundraising:** No report.

**Membership:** is 54 If you bring a member you can get 3 month free on membership renewal. Students can have 5.00 discount. Community service would also be something as a benefit to students.

**Research:** Texas Health has Peek-a-Boo NICU isolette Camera was featured on CBS. Parents can log in in speak to their baby too and view live video of their baby via computer.

### **SEFANN News: Registration for the Hot Topics**

**Neonatal Nursing Conference has begun. Email**

**[julful2255@yahoo.com](mailto:julful2255@yahoo.com) for a brochure. The conference will be on March 14 and 15 at the Elks Club in Miami. This year we are featuring a poster presentation as well. Send your inquiries to [Colleenc@baptisthealth.net](mailto:Colleenc@baptisthealth.net) if you would like to submit your poster. The conference will feature national speakers, current topics in neonatal nursing. Lunch and refreshments are included. 14 CEU's for 2 days.**

*Meeting Minutes Cont.' New business:* Hot Topics: Mead Johnson may possibly help with Hot Topics meals. Menu to be decided. Ross, Mead and Tacy would like to participate. Posters this year as an add-on to the CEU's . We can check with ELK's about what we have available in the space and then decide where to put posters. Send email with poster application to members. Hot Topics planning meeting at noon on 2/23 at Big Cheese. Monica will do same job at Hot Topics. We need to remind people not to leave early and they will only get their credit at end of day.

NANN chapter charter and tax filing due in May. Monica will send the tax card in to government. Julie and Colleen will send the charter info. in together.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

### **March of Dimes News: March for Babies - Miami-Dade County 2013**

**Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Time:** 9:00AM

**Registration Time:** 7:30AM

**Tropical Park**

7900 SW 40 Street

Miami, FL 33155

It's America's favorite walking event! When you walk, you give hope to the babies born too soon or sick. 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 serious problems that threaten our babies. We've been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$2.6 billion! Join the more than 7 million people who participate, donate and/or sponsor. There are plenty of opportunities for day-of-event exposure, activation and education - not to mention opportunities to meet hundreds of others who are just like you!

### **NANN News: [FreeCNE forNANNmembers withCNENow!](#)**

NANN continues to provide you with the best and most relevant education with CNENow! The ongoing series of peer-reviewed educational modules will help neonatal nurses acquire and reinforce knowledge of neonatal care. Learn from one or all five modules, including: Patent Ductus Arteriosus: Left-to-Right Shunting and Interpretation of Blood Gases. [Learn more about the](#)

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### SEFANN Meeting Minutes 3/26/2013

Thank you to North Shore Hospital for hosting the meeting.  
Thanks to Bimeco for sponsoring this meeting.  
Thanks to Dr. Thakur for his presentation on Preterm PDA.  
Meeting minutes from the January meeting minutes approved.

**Treasury report:** TBA.

**Community :** Pat is sitting in as Community leader since Deb resigned. Nancy's T-shirts could be our uniform for Autism Speaks Event. We have a fun stop. We may hand out water. We will meet on south side. Meet 6:30-7:00 AM.

**Programming:** Jan.22 at MCH; North Shore March 26; May 22 SMH; July 24 at Chris Evert ; Sept.25 Baptist; Nov.13 JDCH.

**Fundraising:** We sold 36 shirts at the HT conference. We will be getting more especially size small, \$15 each. We can distribute them at meetings. Nancy M. could mail them or they could wait for a meeting. They would pay extra for the postage. Pay pal is an option on our website if we want to go that route.

**Membership:** is 62.

**Research:** no report.

**New business:** *NANN needs our chapter information* for membership management. NANN also wants us to use their logo. There are stages to the implementation with dates as to when we need to comply. In the chapter news section of the NANN newsletter, Southern Cal. still had their name along with their new NANN logo.

*For next year Hot Topics* we may look into Fordis but they may not have space. Get ideas some other place for Hot Topics next year.

Jeanette Diana is willing to come back. A. Koetzle may speak. Zoo may be a venue. We need to look around. **Meeting adjourned.**

### **Many newborn readmissions are preventable, research suggests**

Most hospital readmissions for newborns discharged from a well baby nursery are for issues such as jaundice, feeding problems and respiratory distress and may be preventable, researchers reported in Pediatrics. Researchers said these readmissions may be the result of poor discharge assessments, the inability of parents to provide newborn care or a lack of access to outpatient care.

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This news summary appeared in [NANN SmartBrief](#) on 04/11/2013

Click [here](#) to view the full issue.

**SEFANN News:** Thanks to our SEFANN volunteers who helped at the Autism Speaks Walk on 4/7. We appreciate your efforts!

Deb Langer has relocated to Connecticut and will no longer be leading our Community committee. We will miss Deb and hope her new adventures will be great. We also thank her for her many years of service and friendship.

Pat Wilson has offered to fill the community leadership position for now. Thanks Pat!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Hot Topics Conference this year. Our event was well attended and included a poster presentation CEU this year as well. We are looking for a location for next year. If anyone has a possible venue with adequate parking, please let us know.

This year NANN is initiating a new process for chapter membership that they will manage. We will let everyone know when this will go into effect.

This year NANN has also made a change for Chapter logos which will effect all chapters. SEFANN will be: NANN Southeast Florida Chapter with the NANN footprint logo.

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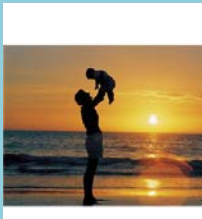
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**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., APRIL 8, 2013** – A study published today in Obstetrics & Gynecology shows that multistate, hospital-based quality improvement programs can be remarkably effective at reducing early elective deliveries of babies. The rate of elective early term deliveries (i.e., inductions of labor and Cesarean sections without a medical reason) in a group of 25 participating hospitals fell significantly from 27.8 percent to 4.8 percent during the one-year project period, an 83 percent decline. The March of Dimes, which partly funded the study, calls the findings good news, because babies delivered before full-term are at increased risk of serious health problems and death in their first year of life. "This quality improvement program demonstrates that we can create a change in medical culture to prevent unneeded early deliveries and give many more babies a healthy start in life," says Bryan T. Oshiro, MD, of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and lead author of the study.

(Mentioned here on WPLG news item with local Hospital South Miami Participating)



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### **SEFANN Meeting Minutes 5/28/2013**

Thank you to SMH NICU for hosting the meeting.

Thanks to Abbott Nutritionals for sponsoring this meeting.

Thanks to Chris France for her presentation on NAS.

Meeting minutes from the March meeting minutes approved.

**Treasury report:** no report\*\*

**Community :** Pat is sitting in for Deb. Report walk awards on 6/20 6-8PM at Coral Gables Country Club. Pat will let us know if volunteers are needed. Nominations are being accepted by MOD. Walk was just like the MOD one but stations not outside park. Not enough potties.

**Programming:** Jennifer will talk to Donna about topics. Next meeting at Chris Evert, BGMC.

**Fundraising:** Sales are going well. Nancy will need to order more mediums, and smalls in black and in gray. Nancy originally ordered 36 of each size and we need to make an order and possibly get more in brown and pink shirt colors.

**Membership:** is 63. We turned in our all of our membership information to NANN. We haven't heard yet what is going to happen with their management of membership. We want to get a check quarterly for their dues collection once it is in place.

**Research:** Angelica Lagunas presented on SMH project that will start soon. Involves obtaining initial labs from the placenta rather than from the neonate. This project will initially determine if the lab values correlate positively to blood drawn from the neonate. If this is established as equal then the labs will be drawn from umbilical vein right after delivery on infant born <32 weeks gestation.

**New business:** NANN received our chapter information. We filed with the IRS with our non-profit status. NANN also wants us to use their logo. There are stages to the implementation with corresponding dates for them to take effect.

**NANN contest:** Promoting the chapter that gets the most members to go to the conference. Highest percent of membership going to conference wins \$ 250.00.

**HT Locations:** Fordis is busy, Jungle Island may work out if we have at least 25 guests. \$43 for each person was their most reasonable price for continental breakfast and lunch. Menus vary. Metrozoo has facilities, Colleen will check on them.

### **SEFANN News:**

**Our next meeting will be at Chris Evert Children's Hospital in Broward on July 23 at 6 PM.**

**NANN is initiating a new process for chapter membership renewals. Starting with November 2013 renewals, NANN will begin collecting dues for our chapter. A leadership phone conference later in July will spell out more of the details. Stay tuned...**

**NANN has also made a change for all Chapter logos. We have the new logo featured at the top of this newsletter. As a NANN chapter we are : The Southeast Florida Chapter of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses.**

**We are beginning plans for next year's Hot Topics Conference. If you have a suggested location please let one of the officers know. We are considering moving to a new venue.**

**NANN news:** neonatal nursing has many faces—Its dedicated nursing professionals in the NICU, in transport, in home care, in academic settings, within local communities, up on Capitol Hill, and around the globe. There are faces of neonates from days old to years old, growing and prospering, and there are also faces of mothers, fathers, grandparents, and siblings. Join NANN in celebrating neonatal nursing by participating in the 2013 Faces of Neonatal Nursing photo contest.

Submit a photo and an accompanying caption conveying an aspect of neonatal nursing. Your photo could make the cover of *Advances in Neonatal Care*, and you could win a complimentary registration to NANN's 2014 Annual Educational Conference in Phoenix!

Photo submissions and narratives will be displayed on the NANN website, where the winning photo will be determined via online ballot.

All submissions become the property of NANN for use by the association. The same individual may not win the Best Overall prize for 2 consecutive years. All entries are screened for appropriate developmental, infection prevention, patient care and safety standards. Photos not meeting the current standards as determined by the selection committee will not be entered into the contest.

### **How to Enter the 2013 Contest:**

Photos must be in **JPEG or GIF format** and **at least 300 dpi** (high resolution).

They must also convey an aspect of neonatal nursing in one of three categories: **Nurses at Work, Parents and Family, or Infants.**

E-mail photos to Stephanie Schneider and include the submitter's name, address, the photo title, photo caption (not to exceed 30 words), and photo category. If a patient appears in the photo, a signed permission form from the guardian must accompany the photo.

### **May Meeting Minutes-Continued:**

**SEFANN Chapter Report Comments:** We will send an email to J. Liston at NANN with additional comments regarding NANN's changes, to be added to our 2013 chapter report. Meeting adjourned.

**\*\*Treasurer report:** account balance reported after meeting: \$10,945.85.



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### SEFANN Meeting Minutes 7/23/2013

Thank you to CECH NICU for hosting the meeting.

Thanks Ikaria for sponsoring this meeting.

Thanks to Dr. Tanfulla for his presentation on body cooling.

Meeting minutes from the May meeting approved.

**\*\*Treasury report:** no report yet.

**Community :** Autism Speaks is offering grants and have asked if we would like to help with grant review. Would we like to do another walk?

**Programming:** Is there a contact at Joe DiMaggio to help set up for Nov? Maybe Jody could be our contact person. Baptist is next on 9/24.

**Fundraising:** Sales are going well. Nancy ordered more shirts and got brown and pink which will sell well at SMH. Nancy bought 36 each of small and medium. Nancy B. has extras of gray and black of small and large. We sell for \$15 and buy for \$11. Will everyone volunteer to take shirts to sell at each hospital? We could possibly sell by ordering online and mailing out.

**Membership:** is 61. We need to find out if the people who NANN doesn't have on their latest roster are actually members. There were 12 altogether who they didn't have on their list as NANN members.

**Research:** Jennifer B. reported on practice of using cord tissue for drug toxicology studies. Labs are able to check it the same as meconium. Perinatal Quality Forum meets and discussed testing but those were only cord blood. Time and cost are still unknown. At SMH there was an infant that was positive for cannabis but it was from baby wash. J&J head to toe. Make sure rinse well are instructions.

**New business:** 2 scholarship applications have been accepted to NANN convention. Nancy M. may want to go so we will wait and see. Send out an email to SEFANN to see if there is interest in going to conference. We may have tuition scholarships (2) from NANN to offer as well as another SEFANN.

**NANN conference call about membership dues collection.** Colleen asked questions. November renewals with NANN will have a line item for if they want to join the local chapter. They will prorate the months that you have coming for the chapter renewal in the first year during NANN renewals. For the first year they will send monthly lists about memberships. They will be starting soon. Headquarters are moving too. Leadership needed at NANN, open offices.

**Fordis is out as a location for HT-2014.** Metrozoo may be a location. Check next to Baptist at that hotel, Julie will check that one. Meeting adjourned.

SEFANN News: *Our next meeting will be at Baptist Children's Hospital on September 24 at 6 PM.*

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*We are beginning plans for next year's Hot Topics Conference. If you have a suggested location please let one of the officers know. We are considering moving to a new venue.*

**NANN news:** CNE*Now!* modules are available for free for NANN members and \$15 for nonmembers.



NANN Is Pleased to Announce the Newest CNE*Now!* Module: *Anemia of Prematurity Anemia of Prematurity: To Transfuse or Not to Transfuse* is the newest module in the CNE*Now!* learning series. This module discusses the factors that contribute to anemia for prematurity and provides learners with the understanding of the pros and cons of various treatment methods. After completing this module, learners will be better able to define anemia in prematurity and understand its pathophysiology, discuss the prevalence of anemia, and identify therapeutic treatment options.

**Practice alert offers protocols to avert alarm fatigue in ICUs** The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses issued a practice alert that focuses on ways to boost the effective use of clinical alarms as well to prevent false and non-actionable alarms. Customizing alarm parameters and levels for electrocardiography monitors, and regular changing of ECG electrodes, were among the recommendations.

<http://news.nurse.com/article/20130623/NATIONAL02/106240020>

**Register Now for NANN conference in October 2013:**  
NANN's 29th Annual Educational Conference  
Innovations in Neonatal Care  
October 2-5, 2013  
Nashville Convention Center and Renaissance Nashville Hotel  
Nashville, TN

**July Meeting Minutes-Continued:**

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### SEFANN Meeting Minutes 9/24/2013

Thank you to BCH NICU for hosting the meeting.  
Thanks Abbott for sponsoring this meeting.  
Thanks to Dr. Kairalla for his presentation on "Decreasing risk of IVH in preterm infants".



**Meeting minutes** from the July meeting minutes approved.

**Treasury report:** August 31: \$10251.88.

**Community :** 2 Events coming up. Nancy M. and Pat are going to Puzzle Pieces Event at Trump (Doral) be there at 4 on 10/5 Saturday. E-mail members for help. MOD needs 25 volunteers for the Nurse of the Year event 11/22 1 PM-10PM. Airport Hilton. E-mail members to see if they want to help. Christmas party 12/7. Agape could be a charity that we could get gifts for. Monica has information that she will send to Pat. Nancy M. knows of an orphanage in Doral and will look into that. Maybe we can do 2 smaller agencies rather than one big one like Salvation Army.

**Programming:** Donna resigned from the programming position. Date is 11/19 possibly at Joe D. or at Palmetto.

**Fundraising:** Nancy M. has sold out pink and brown shirts. We need to order more shirts. Cost is \$11 per shirt and \$15 is the selling price.

**Membership:** 59. NANN gave us 2 tuition scholarships which were given to Kelli Montero and Julie Fullerton who applied for this. E-mail members about the new process for membership renewal which beginning is Nov. is handled by NANN. We will get membership \$ by check quarterly. Rosters will be sent monthly? We will ask at NANN chapter leader meeting in Nashville.

**Research:** no report

**New business:** NANN convention leadership meeting coming. We will talk about being part of the decision making process. Next year will be in Sept. in Phoenix AR. Chapter Awards deadline next year is in May. Membership process begins in Nov. See NANN Email *Hot Topics planning meeting needed*. We need a new location too. Palmetto Bay Village Center could be a possible location. Regal Theaters may have areas we could use.

Dates for Hot Topics planning e-mail Colleen and then the group.

**Meeting adjourned.**

SEFANN News: *Our next meeting will be at Joe D'Maggio Children's Hospital on November, 19 at 6 PM.*

*Starting with November 2013 renewals, NANN will begin collecting dues for chapters and managing membership. A leadership luncheon at the NANN Nashville conference featured discussion about these changes. SEFANN chapter president Colleen Rodriguez asked that equal chapter representation be part of the decision making process in the future at NANN. A proposal for this item to be considered will be submitted by SEFANN as requested by the leadership of NANN.*

*We are beginning plans for next year's Hot Topics Conference. If you have a suggested location please let one of the officers know. We are hoping to have a new venue.*



**AUTISM SPEAKS®**  
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### News from [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) posted 10/8/2013

"...Neurologist and autism researcher Thomas Südhof, of Stanford University School of Medicine, has won the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. He shares the honor with James Rothman and Randy Schekman, "for their discoveries of machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells," the Nobel Committee announced.

*"On behalf of Autism Speaks, we are pleased to congratulate Dr. Südhof for this prestigious honor and everything he's done in advancing our understanding of the brain chemistry of autism," says Autism Speaks Chief Science Officer Rob Ring. "We have been honored to have Dr. Südhof as a collaborator in our funded research and a mentor to our young research fellows."*

Dr. Südhof received the award for his work exploring how neurons (brain nerve cells) communicate with one another across gaps called synapses. Although his work has focused on the details of how molecules interact on the cell membranes, the work is fundamental to understanding and treating autism and other disorders of brain development."

Read the rest of the article on the autism speaks website.



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**Thank you** to JDCH for hosting the meeting.

**Thanks to** Gerber for sponsoring this meeting.

**Thanks to** the clinical staff for presentation on *Osteogenesis Imperfecta*.

**Meeting minutes** from the September meeting approved.

**Treasury report:** TBA

**Community :** Autism speaks has grant available and they would like reviewers. Nancy will help review applications if she can do it by email. Walk is coming up in early part of 2014. We will ask Monica what she found out about Agape for toy drive, and Nancy M. about the one in Doral. Pat will get back to Julie. Several SEFANN members are finalists this year in the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year. Nancy Burke, Alreca Daly, Rhonda Stewart, Pat Wilson.

**Programming 2014:** Jan.28 at MCH; North Shore March 25; May 27 SMH; July 22 at Chris Evert ; Sept.23 Baptist; Nov.18 JDCH. **For Hot Topics** Palmetto Bay Community Center, March 13 and 14 is available and it is \$10.00 per person. We can use their catering or not. They can let us in early. We need audio equipment plus a screen. They have space for all of our activities. Probably need to increase the vendor fee to help offset the food prices.

Colleen will contact them about making reservations.

**Fundraising:** Hold off on buying more shirts until closer to conference.

**Membership: is 54.** Several people have renewed or joined NANN and included SEFANN. They have a benefit for 3->20 people joining together and get a discount.

**New business:** Colleen discussed how chapters are represented at the National meeting. She will submit a proposal on representation for chapters in NANN policy making to the rest of chapters leadership for input and then submit to the board.

**Sept 10-13** NANN in Phoenix Hyatt Regency Convention Center.

**Next Meeting:** At Miami Children's January 28.

**Need to pick a date for Hot Topics planning meeting.**

**Advocacy as a topic or area for committee.** NANN highlighted their advocacy initiatives and Colleen shared what we learned at the conference. Legislators need to hear from nurses about what we need. There are people who might be interested in joining SEFANN in order to be advocates. Need to look at bylaws and change research committee to advocacy. FNPTNA does advocacy for transport; Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative is also potentially advocacy.

California is mostly nursing focused advocacy and Florida is mostly medically focused. There may be an opportunity there to join them. Maybe Barbara Lumpkin or Bob Levy, Colleen will talk with them.

NANN will send us a package for recruitment at our Hot Topics.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**SEFANN News:** *Hot Topics Planning* is underway. Our new location for the March conference will be at the Palmetto Bay Village Center in Miami Dade County.

*We are now* relying on NANN for membership. There have been new members joining along with their NANN membership.

*Congratulations to Pat Wilson* for winning the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award for Pediatric and Neonatal ICU nursing.

**NANN News:** <http://www.nann.org/>

### Small Grants Program

The Small Grants Mentee/Mentor Program is now accepting applications from all NANN members with an interest in furthering their research interests and/or initiating their own research study or evidence-based practice (EBP) project. The program provides an avenue for connecting those with little or no research background with experienced researchers to enhance their skills and promote the success of the research study or EBP project. The deadline to submit your grant application is Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 11:59pm CST.

**If you are selected to receive one of the four Small Grants, you are required to attend NANN's Annual Educational Conference, September 10-13, 2014 in Phoenix to be recognized and receive your grant. You are also required to present your findings at the 2016 NANN Annual Educational Conference.**

The Small Grants Program is sponsored in part by the following:



### **March of Dimes News: FLORIDA DISAPPOINTED WITH "D" ON 2013 MARCH OF DIMES PREMATURE BIRTH REPORT CARD**

Esteban Meneses, Public Relations Coordinator, March of Dimes, 321-274-8683, [emeneses@marchofdimes.com](mailto:emeneses@marchofdimes.com) Preterm Birth Rate Rises, Maternal and Infant Health Professional Pledge to Investigate Why **Maitland, Florida, November 01, 2013** — Florida again earned a "D" on the 2013 March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card, a disappointment for all maternal and health professionals involved statewide.

Florida's preterm birth rate peaked 2005 through 2008 at 13.8 percent of all live births. It began declining in 2009, hitting a low of 13 percent in 2011. The 2012 preliminary preterm birth rate jumped to 13.7 percent, despite the ongoing work by the March of Dimes and its partners to give more babies a healthy start in life.

"This year's increase in our preterm birth rate is disappointing," Dr. Karen Harris, March of Dimes Florida Chapter Program Services Chair. "We expect this to be a one-year setback in our long-term progress toward preventing premature birth and giving more babies a healthy start in life. The programs and partnerships we have put in place provide the necessary framework for the future of newborn health and we expect to see better rates in the coming years." For the rest of this article and the report card, go to [http://www.marchofdimes.com/florida/news\\_11486.html](http://www.marchofdimes.com/florida/news_11486.html)