These are two lovely words. Spring reminds us that warmth, renewal and unfolding beauty is on its way. Break reminds us that a “time out” from our day to day world is not only needed but rejuvenating.

So this month I am going to take a break from my usual column focus and share with you some snapshots of times that I have taken a break. As you can see most of them were spent talking to the animals and getting back to nature....Gail
Does your workplace stand up to disruptive behavior?

Disruptive behavior—whether egregious or subtle—has serious consequences for patient care and the workplace. With over 85 percent of nurses and physicians experiencing disruptive behavior in the past year, it’s clear that bad behavior is undermining quality, safety, and retention.

The Advisory Board Company, a global research, technology, and consulting firm, is offering a complimentary webconference on Tuesday, April 9 from 1-2 p.m. EST. In this webconference you will learn how to equip your workforce to manage disruptive behavior. Some topics that will be covered include:

- How disruptive behavior impacts care quality, retention, and safety
- Why staff may suffer from the "bystander effect"
- How to navigate difficult conversations and execute "strategic confrontations"

Click here to register for this webconference

Advancing APRN’s agenda in the White House

The White House website has a petition asking the Obama administration to remove barriers that prevent APRNs from practicing to their full scope. One hundred thousand (100,000) signatures are needed by April 22, 2013 to ensure a response from the White House. To date, there are only about 7,500 signatures.

The restrictions of nurse practitioners is currently a hot topic as many news outlets are covering this storyline (see box right). So, it is crucial that you please take a moment out of your busy schedule to consider adding your signature to the petition. Click here to go directly to the petition on the White House website. It only takes a minute!

Clarion competition

The final round of the MUSC CLARION competition and showcases presentations from three interprofessional student teams was held on March 6. Congratulations to accelerated BSN student Kelly Creech, and her team members from the Colleges of Graduate Studies and Medicine for their excellent performance in this rigorous activity.

MUSC has a strong record of nationally ranked teams and these teams are a fantastic example of students willing to challenge themselves to analyze a complex multidimensional case and working together to offer solutions that embody “best practice” interprofessional efforts.

Reading That Clicks

The nurse practitioner will see you now
by Dan Gorenstein | Marketplace

Increasingly, our medical care is entrusted to nurse practitioners
by Froma Harrop | News & Observer

Nurses can practice without physician supervision in many states
by N.C. Aizenman | Washington Post

When doctors yell at nurses:
Why the hospital ‘hierarchy’ needs reform
The Advisory Board Company
APRIL

3 MONDAY
Earl B. Higgins Achievement in Diversity Award Reception
4:30 - 6 p.m.
Wicliffe House, 178 Ashley Ave.
Contact: Willette Burnham
792-2146, burnham@musc.edu

11-12 THURSDAY-FRIDAY
MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting

15 MONDAY
CON Innovators & Entrepreneurs Meeting
Noon - 1 p.m.
HOT 910
Bring your lunch

22 MONDAY
Administrative Professionals Breakfast
9 a.m.
CON - HOT, 10th Floor

25 WEDNESDAY
Dean’s Education Committee
1 - 3 p.m.
Dean’s conference room (1001-C)

29 MONDAY
Cultural Competence Workshop with Dr. Marianne Jeffries
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
CSB HE-628
(see p. 7 for details)

MAY

1 WEDNESDAY
Cross Cultural Sharing “Cooks from Around the World”
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
CON - HOT, 10th Floor
Faculty and staff are invited to prepare dishes from their ethnic or cultural background

CATTs
Faculty and staff: Please begin working on your annual training and disclosure requirements for 2013. Also, you must complete an annual conflict of interest disclosure statement. All compliance training and discloser statements must be completed by June 15, 2013.

LINKS
Conflict of interest disclosure
CATTs modules
Convocation and graduation information

Congratulations to the Class of May 2013! College of Nursing’s convocation is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Charleston Music Hall, John Street. The program begins at 3 p.m., however graduates are asked to arrive by 2 p.m. so you may be assisted with robing and line-up for the processional.

Graduates will wear their graduation robe and hoods. Caps are not worn at convocation. There will be a photographer at the event.

Convocation generally lasts 1 ½ hours and includes the pinning of the undergraduate students and the hooding of the master’s and doctoral students. Several awards and recognitions are part of the ceremony as well. Family and friends are invited to attend; no tickets are required. Graduates should use their best judgment regarding number of people to invite, generally four to five guests.

Parking is available in the area, specifically at the garage adjacent to the Francis Marion Hotel and the Charleston Visitor’s Center.

MUSC Graduation is the following morning, Friday, May 17 at 9 a.m. However, graduates should arrive at the McAlister Fieldhouse (The Citadel) by 7:30 a.m. so you may be assisted with robing and line-up for the processional. Graduates will wear their graduation robe, hoods, and caps. You may wear what you like under your gown.

The commencement website is a good source of information including disability accommodations, maps, news releases, photos and videos, and adverse weather plans.

Scholarship opportunities

Win a nursing scholarship for the 2013-14 academic year

MinuteClinic and Johnson & Johnson have teamed up to create a scholarship program which will provide 35 nurse practitioner scholarships. Thirty nurse practitioner scholarships for $2,500 each and up to five DNP scholarships for $5,000 each will be distributed. The application deadline is May 1, 2013. To read more about the program, eligibility information, and find out how you can apply click here.

2013 Nurse Corps Scholarship Program

The 2013 NURSE Corps Scholarship Program (formerly known as the Nursing Scholarship Program) application cycle is now open. The scholarship program for the 2013-14 school year is expected to be highly competitive. It is expected that approximately 220 awards will be made for the 2013-2014 school year. The deadline to apply is May 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., EST. To learn more, click here.

Students volunteer at MS Walk

On a brisk Saturday morning in March, several accelerated BSN students along with Associate Professor Nancy Duffy and former Professor Emeritus Sally Stroud provided foot care to 75 participants in the 50 mile MS Community Walk. Student volunteers staffed the Foot Care Clinic where blisters and “hot spots” with duct tape repair were the order of the day. Student Kelly Corbett worked with MSNA and SGA to recruit volunteers for the event. The organizers were thrilled with the students’ knowledge, enthusiasm and initiative.

Many thanks to the following student volunteers: Crystal Bell, Ellen Cary, Kelley Corbett, Chanita Coulter, April Dove, Kelly Hampton, Tiffany Jamerson, Valerie Knece, Katie McDevitt, Brittany Phillips, and Shanice Strobhart.

DNP students coming to campus

Some DNP students will be presenting their project proposals and final posters on campus in April. Dates and locations are listed below.

> PROJECT PROPOSALS: NRDNP862
  April 2-3 - 8 a.m. (Gazes)
  April 8 - 8 a.m. (HOT 910)
  April 9 - 8:40 a.m. (HOT 910)

> FINAL POSTERS: NRDNP890
  April 4 - 8:30 (HOT 910)
  April 10 - 8:30 (HOT 910)

In addition, MSN/DNP students on the main campus for immersions.

> IMMERSIONS
  April 3-5- NRDNP 856 Immersions
  April 11-12- NRDNP 806/818 Immersions
Funded grants

Congratulations to Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN for receiving funding from NIH/NINR for the R21 submitted in June 2012. The proposal, “Novel wound powder RGN107 to reduce wound odor, pain and exudate at end-of-life,” represents an innovative end-of-life comfort measure for patients with wounds receiving hospice care. The overall aim is to conduct a feasibility study of a wound powder, RGN107, specifically designed to augment current wound care approaches. The primary focus is to determine adherence, acceptability, satisfaction and usability for patients at the end-of-life. This study will also observe for signals of efficacy on pain, odor and drainage control.

Congratulations to Nancy Duffy, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE, for receiving funds for her proposal titled, “The Promise of Nursing for South Carolina Nursing School Grant Program.” The goal of the program is to enhance the teaching capacity of nursing programs so that they can enroll more qualified nursing students, thereby helping to alleviate the nursing shortage in South Carolina.

Congratulations to Gail W. Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN, for receiving funds from the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence to participate in the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program 2013-2015 with a $20,000 grant to support two DNP scholars. The goal of the program is to increase the number of doctorally-prepared faculty available to teach in nursing schools nationwide, as advocated by the Institute of Medicine’s recent report, “The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.” Supported by the Jonas Family Fund at the Jewish Communal Fund, the program will provide financial assistance, leadership development, and mentoring support to expand the pipeline of future nurse faculty into research-focused and practice-focused doctoral nursing programs.

Congratulations to Hollie K. Campanella Caldwell, MSN, RN (doctoral student), for receiving funding from Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. Honor Society of Nursing, Alpha Kappa Chapter-at-Large for her proposal, “Elder Abuse Screening in Primary Care: An Exploration of the Perceptions of Individuals Age 60 Years and Older.” This proposal’s aim is to address the critical gap in knowledge about the perspectives of adults 60 years and older by qualitatively characterizing the meaning and interpretations about routine Elder Abuse (EA) screening during primary care visits.

NIH news

Compliance changes begin July 1, 2013
Public Access Policy changes for non-competing continuation grant awards with a start date of July 1, 2013 or beyond:

1) NIH will delay processing of an award if publications arising from it are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy.
2) Investigators will need to use My NCBI to enter papers onto progress reports. Papers can be associated electronically using the RPPR, or included in the PHS 2590 using the My NCBI generated PDF.

For more information, see NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-13-042.

Reissuance of K99/R00 FOA
The NIH has posted a Notice of Information on the reissuance of the K99/R00 Pathway to Independence FOA which reiterates the major changes in the program, and provides additional guidance to prospective applicants concerning the deadlines for resubmission applications. For details, see NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-13-050.

Publications & presentations

Publications


Poster Presentation

The price of health care

It seems that we cannot turn on a radio program, television, open a newspaper or magazine without hearing about the rising cost of health care and how it affects our economy as a whole. As nurses, we think of this reality daily when caring for patients as we are challenged to provide efficient care without sacrificing quality. However, barriers exist when trying to examine the true price of health care.

> Here are some quick facts:

- The United States spends more per capita on healthcare than any other country in the world (RWJF, 2012)
- In 2009, spending on health care reached a record high of $2.5 trillion, or 17.6 percent of the U.S. GDP (RWJF, 2012)

It remains difficult for health care providers, payers and consumers to understand decisions based upon price because this information is difficult to obtain. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation suggests that making this information transparent would be helpful to consumers, policymakers, purchasers and providers alike.

> What can be done?

Several states have created an all-payer claims database that includes data from multiple types of services: inpatient and outpatient stays, lab results and pharmacy data. Policymakers and others can then analyze health care utilization trends. Furthermore, this method of information protects patient privacy because it is based upon claims data rather than clinical data. Finally, these databases promote transparency among health plans, providers, and purchasers. Providing this information creates a culture in which all parties are more comfortable reporting health care cost information to the public. When considering this system, it is important to discuss limitations.

One limitation of these databases is that they report retail prices or market prices of health care instead of the allowed amounts in a given health care plan. The allowed amounts represent negotiated amounts that are paid to the provider by a health plan. There are also limitations in that states have to choose to create these databases and are not mandated to do so.

As we face challenges to provide quality care in an era of efficiency and cost-containment, we must continue to advocate for increased transparency in cost of health care services. We have continued work to do if state databases are created to uncover the true price of health care but advocating for increased price transparency is a start.

REFERENCES


Abrazo’s Recipe Book Project Update

Anna Patton, Abrazos coordinator, continues to work with a group of mothers on the Recipe Book Project that is part of the health promotion class that the College provides for the Abrazos’ program. The women have submitted traditional recipes that they cook in their homes and have adapted some of the ingredients to make the meals healthier. The recipes are complete and in the process of being put into a book that the women will sell to help raise money for a group project that will focus on healthy eating and active living. Keep an eye out for the finished product. Contact Anna with any questions regarding this project at tecklenb@musc.

The Hispanic Health Initiative recently named its newest cohort. Cohort 14 includes:
- Meghan Behlmer
- Zach Childress
- Dominique Cognetta
- Emily Eling
- Benito Espinoza
- Sarah Hornsby
- Anne Griffin Patterson
- Daniela Ramirez
- Allison Roble
- Shanice Staobhart
- Megan Summers
Faces, places & accolades

In March, Terri Fowler, DNP, APRN, FNP-C attended the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education Nexus Innovations Incubator project at the University of Minnesota (UMN). Terri was selected as one of four MUSC representatives to attend the all expenses paid meeting in Minneapolis.

The National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education is a public-private partnership that contributes to the transformation of health care by identifying ways to improve health, enhance patient care and control costs through integrating interprofessional practice and education. By rigorously aligning and integrating the needs and interests of health professions education with practice, the center aims to create a transformational “nexus” to incubate ideas, define the field, guide program development and research.

Charlene Pope, PhD, RN, MPH, CNM along with her pediatrics vaccine team has an article in the April issue of Pediatrics, “Reasons for Not Vaccinating Adolescents: National Immunization Survey of Teens, 2008–2010.” (See Publications on p.5 for the study’s co-authors.)

The team’s survey and interviews after have been picked up by: CNN, ABC News, USA Today, Healthfinder.gov, Medline Plus, NBC News, as well as JAMA online and many local news TV networks.

The mentoring plan Nancy Duffy, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE established for the RWJ New Careers in Nursing (NCIN) will be highlighted in the NCIN newsletter and in a national webinar scheduled for April 17.

New faces

Everyone at the College of Nursing would like to welcome Jessica Krasny to the College as Peggy Sire’s replacement on the Student Services team. Jessica comes from the University of South Florida in her former role as an academic coordinator, and brings seven years of student services experience. She has a master’s in adult education from The University of South Florida, and a bachelors in communications from East Carolina University.

The College also welcomes Carissa Ferko. Carissa replaces Carol Whelan’s position in the Office of Research. Carissa comes to CON from MUSC’s Department of Radiology and brings with her five years of experience in procurement and research administration. She has a master’s degree in public administration from the Ohio University and a bachelors in business administration.

2013 MUSC Mentoring Retreat

The 2nd SCTR Annual Mentor Training Program will be held on campus Friday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The aim of the program is to enhance the culture of mentoring across the MUSC campus by fostering mentoring and career development activities, and to provide tools for mentors and mentees to improve the quality of their mentoring activities. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mitchell Feldman, associate vice provost and director of the Faculty Mentoring Program at the University of California, San Francisco. If you are interested in attending all or part of the program, please register as soon as possible.

Cultural Competence Workshop

A workshop titled, “Enhancing Cultural Competence Education throughout the Curriculum” will be facilitated by Marianne R. Jeffreys, EdD, RN and held April 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in CSB HE-628.

The aim of the workshop is to develop the skills to identify and implement cultural competence content in course objectives, course content, learning activities, and learning outcomes.

Contact Yolanda Long at morrisym@musc.edu for a schedule of topics. To learn more about Dr. Jeffreys, visit www.mariannejeffreys.com.

In case you missed...

...any of the Black History Month lecture series, “At the Crossroads of Health, Freedom and Equality: Celebrating Our Past and Shaping Our Future,” you can now listen to each presentation on Tegrity. Tamika L. Felder’s presentation, “Cervical Cancer: A Global Movement for Prevention and Awareness,” can be found at https://tegr.it/y/103qw