Nursing Section Report
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ND Center for Nursing:

- Patricia Moulton Burwell has resigned and the board accepted her resignation on April 26th. Last date of employment will be June 30, 2022.
- Need to determine direction of the NDCFN. Currently NDNA and UND College of Nursing have expressed some interest in taking on the activities Center.
  - Once the board determines the direction of the ND Center for Nursing all bylaws and policies would need to be amended to support these changes. Adam Johnston is willing to work through the bylaws and policies process with a few other board members.
- **Leadership and Policy Program** – discontinued with refunds to be made to subscribers
- **Legislative Monitoring** – Kylie Nissen at ND Center for Rural Health has indicated she could continue legislative updates. It is unknown who would take on the role of the “unified voice for nursing”.
- **Health Profession Interdisciplinary Research Conference** October 20-21, 2022. Very active committee with multiple colleges/disciplines on the committee, have 31 abstracts submitted, keynote panel planned. Planning to finalize the agenda by June 30th – the conference committee and NDNA interested in seeing this through. NDNA will take over registration/sponsorships, etc.
- **Workplace Culture Designation Program**: Has been on hold during Covid. Looking for other entity to take this on. This program includes several webinars – committee is wondering if these should be offered wherever the Center lands, as a revenue source. Also unclear about the “ownership” of the webinars.
- **NurseTim** – CUNEA (College and University Nursing Education Administrators) has agreed to coordinate the NurseTim subscriptions. Julie Traynor has been provided the information and will assist with the transition.
- **Nurse License Plates** – a small amount of income from those is deposited each month. This will continue as long as there is a 501c3.
- **Nursing Workforce Education, Supply and Demand Research** - UND Nursing has a contract with the UND Medical School to produce the chapter on nursing for their Biennial report which is funded by the state legislature. Patricia provided a copy of the last report and other materials to the researchers.
- **Website/Facebook/email** - will shut down at end of June depending on hosting arrangements. Will send out a final newsletter at beginning of June on Mailchimp. Can forward mail to new address for hosting location.
- **Equipment** - several very old laptops and computers, many easels and other conference materials etc. Patricia will inventory everything. Will look at selling off old printers, computers or destroying. Board can determine location for rest of stuff.
- **Electronic Files** - Patricia will load all electronic files on 2 flash drives/external drives. We don’t have a policy regarding records retention- have boxes of paperwork for all 11 years and Leadership Council from before the Center. What would the board like to do with this?
- **Legendary Nurse Awards**: Unsure whether or not this will continue - would depend on who takes on the Center.
Nursing Section Meeting:
5/23/22

The main content of this meeting was to begin to develop the workplan for the Nursing Section. There was strong interest in organizing a Public Health Nursing Conference in odd numbered years (opposite the Immunization Conference. Jodi Fetch will poll the DONs at their meeting on June 14th to gauge support for this conference.

- Kim Mertz confirmed her support for IT time/services for the PHN Conference
- Funds from the past conferences is currently in a savings account with a balance of approximately $30,000.

Other suggestions for workplan topics included vaccination advocacy, upcoming policy issues and the evolving role of public health nursing.