



## American Telemedicine Association

13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting and Exposition  
Washington State Convention Center  
Seattle Washington

### Telenursing SIG Forum Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:35-8:50 am  
Room 608

**Present:** Nina Antoniotti, Marjorie Bass, Gayle Beagan, Sue Beasal, Robin Boland, Diane Castelli, Sue Clancy, Nadine Coudret, Marilyn Dahler, Dianna Damico, Mark Drummey, Rosemary Glavin, Gayle Gower, Janet Grady, Jackie Hickey, Mary Kenney, Frank Lamous, Cindy Leenknecht, Arthurine Lilavois, Sharon McGonigle, Deepika Nimmagadia, Jimmy Parks, Mike Pasuline, Victoria Pickett, Andrea Sedena, Terry Tussing, Karen Waite, Bonnie Wakefield, Rebecca Winsett

#### I. **Welcome**

Introductions-Janet Grady opened meeting by welcoming current and new members. Announced with regret that Jill Winters not able to attend. Those in attendance introduced themselves and were asked to sign SIG roster. Attendee list compiled from sign up sheet and group introduction.

#### II. **Officers (2007-2008) Introduced**

- A. Janet Grady (Co-Chair)
- B. Jill Winters (Co-Chair)
- C. Diane Castelli (Vice-Chair)
- D. Cindy Leenknecht (Secretary)

#### III. **Goals and Progress for 2008-08**

- A. **Telenursing White Paper** - The most recent draft sent to membership was presented for approval. Gayle Gower moved to approve final draft with second from Rebecca Winsett. Passed unanimously. Final version will be forwarded to ATA Board of Directors and disseminated to SIG membership.
- B. **Telenursing Standards** - A discussion was held with clarification of the definition of standards and guidelines. Standards provide framework for professional requirements and come with broad implications to practice including legal and regulatory. Guidelines are less stringent and provide suggested minimum level of behaviors. Guidelines have statements such as "can", "should", and "may". It had been previously decided by the SIG membership that development of clinical guidelines will precede the discussion of telehealth nursing standards.
- C. **Clinical Guidelines** - Cindy Leenknecht presented work to date to include formation of multidisciplinary work group that includes broad SIG membership representation (rehabilitation, technology, home-health, etc), other organizations (AACN, AAACN, university-based, etc.), and other disciplines (PA, NP, PT, technology). Discussion

clarified focus of current work as that of "telepresenting" from a multidisciplinary perspective. This work can be the foundation for future work.

- D. **Telenursing Short Course** - Cindy Leenknecht and Janet Grady reported that there had been approximately 25 attendees for both the AM and PM courses. While there was a wide range of important covered during the short courses, time constraints limited the amount of discussion of individual topics. Some suggested a limited number of topics with more in-depth coverage of each or multiple break outs in a round table format. Ideas for next year will be a topic of future SIG conference call meetings. Members also suggested that ATA might consider a "telehealth nursing" track for the conference sessions.
- E. **Telenursing Webpage** - Diane Castelli has worked with a subcommittee to develop the robustness of our SIG's webpage. Diane solicited input concerning website postings, and members suggested items such as case studies of successful telehealth nursing initiatives and lists of resources for members including experts in various areas. Work is continuing with continued input sought from the membership.

#### **IV. Results of the vote for the name of SIG**

- A. Vote winner was "Telehealth Nursing SIG"

#### **V. Suggested Goals for 2008-2009**

- A. Nursing Telehealth Standards\*
    - 1. Review of External Standards
    - 2. Develop telehealth nursing standards based on ATA's Standards Framework
  - B. Clinical Guidelines-Telepresenting\*
    - 1. Continue work
  - C. Awards/recognition of telehealth nursing efforts
    - 1. Utilize web page to address
  - D. Long/short courses\*
  - E. Expertise
    - 1. Provide a resource guide SIG members and others
    - 2. Include on SIG website
  - F. Partnership opportunities\*
    - 3. Other SIGs
- \*Denotes top preferences of SIG

#### **VI. Meetings (teleconferences) for 2008-09**

- A. Effort will be made to establish regular meeting times for SIG conference call meetings. Notice will be sent to all SIG members. Again reminded those present to join SIG.

#### **VII. Announcements**

- A. None

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

- Due to scheduled conference sessions beginning at 9am, meeting was adjourned at 8:50.