Southwestern District

Annual Report 2019

The Southwestern District of IONE held the following meetings this past year:

December 7, 2018

This meeting was held at USI and was a mixer meeting for guests to learn about SWIONE. The Annual AONE Advocacy Day held November 20, 2018 was discussed. One of the key questions posed by the group to Legislators was “How do we need to communicate to get Nursing support at the local and state level? Such topics included: Nurse Licensure Compact, the support of a $2 Tobacco Tax to decrease infant mortality, Title 8 dollars, and the Opioid Crisis.

Discussion of the 2019 SWIONE Nursing Leadership Conference, April 3, 2019 at USI. Diane Sieg RN, CYT, CSP and author of the book, “Chaos to Calm: Leading with Resilience”, will be the speaker for the day. Mary Browning attended and presented the 2018 IONE Highlights and the 4 priorities for IONE for 2019.

Also discussed was the availability of scholarships for IONE members for AONE conference to be held in San Diego in March 2019.

February 1st, 2019

Meeting was held at the University of Evansville and there were 24 members is attendance. All committee member reports were given and discussion including legislation on Health Advocacy and Tobacco Tax, and Nurse Licensure Compact for IN. The group also discussed the Nurses on Boards Initiative and how they could better participate in local boards. The Spring Leadership Conference plans were also discussed.

Jerrilee Lamar gave an educational presentation to group, titled: “Educating Nurses for Expanded Responsibilities and Infinite Opportunities: The historical perspective from The Committee on Nursing Education of the American Nurses Association.”

June 7th, 2019

Meeting was hosted by St. Vincent Evansville and there were 28 members in attendance. Congratulations was given to Memorial Hospital for the achievement of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and they will be hosting “sharing days” to provide overview of their journey: August 15th & 16th, October 10th & 11th. Received update on Fall Conference & Spring USI Conference. Karen Hill, COO/CNO, Baptist Health Lexington is a confirmed speaker at both and Peter Buerhaus will be a speaker at the Spring SWIONE Leadership Conference. Fall IONE Conference, call for abstracts due July 15th.

Annual AONE Conference was discussed and all that attended were very pleased with the conference and appreciative to IONE for the scholarship support. This lead to discussion of the name change from AONE to AONL. Changing from ‘executive’ to ‘leader’ to encompass all our leaders. Members were very pleased with this change.

Handouts and live demonstration of the IONE website and how to get to District Website Information/Location was reviewed with members.

Educational Presentation: Speaker: Keith Kahre, MS, CHSP, CHEP, CHFSP- Safety Officer, St. Vincent Evansville, Presentation: “Emergency Management in Health Care”

September 6. 2019

This meeting has held at Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, IN and 31 members attended. Updates and reminders were given regarding the IONE Fall Conference Innovation Through Powerful Leadership: Embracing Change October 16-18, 2019 – French Lick, Indiana & Spring USI Conference, and the Annual Members Meeting October 17, 2019 3:00pm-4:00pm in French Lick. All committee reports were shared and elections for the District Secretary and Treasurer were held. The district will hold one additional meeting this year, December 6th- Mixer Meeting w/breakfast- University of Southern Indiana.

Educational Presentation--Nursing Honor Guard: Presented by Heidi Hinkle, Good Samaritan Nursing Honor Guard

Throughout the year at each meeting the district focused on the following items:

* Collaborative networking, sharing of issues, concerns and solutions, between nursing leaders, aspiring leaders, and students related to improve care delivery to our region.
* Involvement of local schools of nursing to discuss enrollment, and community needs.
* Educational offerings are provided at each meeting to expand overall knowledge of the nursing community and accomplishments.
* Legislative awareness with robust discussion on involvement and advocacy.

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