

“Your Key to the Future”

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President's Report – Jacqueline Buol

Hello everybody!

Welcome to my 1st President's report (or Presidential thoughts, as I like to call them.) I would like to thank RoseMary and Cheryl for all their help and guidance on the Board the past few years, now that RoseMary has left the building (thinking Elvis) and Cheryl has moved to the Past-President position (thinking George W). I only hope that I can lead the board and IAMSS as well as they have! Cross your fingers folks, the next two years could be smooth sailing or a bumpy ride!!! ☺

Speaking of bumpy rides, have you noticed all the wonderful potholes that are starting to emerge on the roads? Makes the morning commute to our WONDERFUL jobs so much more enjoyable, doesn't it? If you don't know me very well, I always have A LOT of thoughts going through my head, so stay with me here. So I'm thinking about the potholes while I'm driving to work, and then I think of the 'credentialing/privileging potholes' that we sometimes encounter. You know what I'm talking about - the practitioner that is starting on Monday and we just received their application on Friday! Really? Or the practitioner that has a complicated surgery scheduled for a procedure that he hasn't been granted privileges for? Or those privileges aren't even in the definitional statement? Seriously?

With all the things we have coming at us in our jobs daily, we have to watch out that that these 'potholes' don't turn in to 'manholes' (or much bigger problems). That's why it's so great that we have the E-blast system where we can send all our urgent questions out to the

IAMSS members and get back a quick response. I encourage everyone to reply to the E-blasts. What may work for some may not work for others, but even if you don't think your answer will make a difference, give it a try! Shoot off your response! It may be just what the person needed to know to get them out of their 'rut.' ☺

Thank you for this opportunity to serve our IAMSS organization. I will do my best to live up to the terrific leadership our past presidents have given us (wow, what big shoes to fill!!!). I'm always open to suggestions so please feel free to drop me a line and let me know how I'm doing! Also, please think about possibly serving on the IAMSS Board. I know that seems frightening at first (believe me, I did!), but you get wonderful guidance and support from the other Board members and IAMSS members, that it's really not that bad! You get to cultivate your public speaking skills, work on budgets, solve problems and get to know an outstanding group of people, just rattling off a few ideas. I'm on my third year now. If I can do it, ANYONE can!

Please mark your calendars on April 9th for our Spring conference! I believe Brenda has a great day planned for us so I want to see you all there!!!

Remember, quality patient care and quality practitioners are the goals! Everything you do in your profession is vital – don't let anyone try to tell you differently! Have a great day and hurry up and get here Spring!!!



IAMSS Spring Conference

Don't miss the 2010 Spring Educational Conference: Friday, April 9th 2010 to be held at the Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa.

Karen Reed PhD, CPMSM, NAMSS President will be available to talk to us about what is going on at the National Level of Medical Staff Services. Next, Steve McManus and Brian Conway from Holmes Murphy will give us an overview of Insurance Issues. In the afternoon, David Bush will inspire us to be extraordinary!

Hold the date!!

The Fall IAMSS Conference will be held on Friday, September 24th 2010.



State Association Membership Dues

If you have not already done so, please forward your payment of \$50.00 for your yearly dues to:

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Washington County Hospital and Clinics
400 E. Polk
Washington, IA 52353

Checks should be made payable to
Iowa Association of Medical Staff Services

NAMSS CONFERENCE

*Taking Charge: Shaping the Future
Together*

October 2 – 6, 2010: Orlando
Florida

Online registration through NAMSS website
opens in early May 2010.



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Update to the Universal Application

The Iowa Credentialing Coalition (ICC) recently updated the signature page of the application only.

This was added to the 9th line of the signature page: “and understand and agree they may communicate with me through various means, including but not limited to telephone, mail, and/or e-mail over the internet, regarding my application.”

The new application versions are 1.4.1 (Initial) and 1.2.1 (recred). The rest of the application did not change. These application versions will be available on the IAMSS website.

It is *strongly encouraged* that people use the 1.4 and 1.2 versions of the application, and not the old versions.

Iowa Board of Medical Examiners Expedited Process

Expedited Endorsement Rules

Iowa Administrative Code 653, Chapter 9, Permanent Licensure, rules are currently in the rule making process. The rules were approved for adoption and filing during the February 4-5, 2010 board meeting. The start date for these rules will be no later than April 14, 2010.

Physicians can use the expedited endorsement process if they meet the following requirements. These physicians will not need to provide verification of core credentials, such as medical education, post-graduate training, examination history, fifth pathway certificate, or ECFMG status.

1. *Meet the eligibility requirements for permanent licensure.*
2. *Be licensed in at least one other United States jurisdiction or Canadian province.*
3. *Hold an unrestricted license in every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed.*
4. *Have no formal disciplinary actions; no active or pending investigations; no past, pending public or confidential restrictions or sanctions by a board of medicine, licensing authority, medical society, professional society, hospital, medical school, federal agency, or institution staff sanctions in any state, country or jurisdiction.*
5. *Hold current specialty board certification by an ABMS or AOA specialty board. Lifetime certification is excluded.*
6. *Have been engaged in continuous, active practice within the five years immediately preceding the date of submitting an application for licensure.*

Website

Within the next few weeks, the board will be launching their new website.

Uniform Application

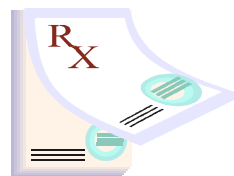
The Federation of State Medical Boards has created a uniform application that encompasses the common items that the majority of the state medical boards ask for. Iowa is a participant in a federal grant project to improve physician portability. The grant is administered through the FSMB. Part of the project includes encouraging states to move towards using this application. Iowa is moving forward in using this application as their licensure application. Tentative start for using this application has not yet been determined.

Any questions regarding this information can be directed to Amy Van Maanen, Director of Licensure & Administration, at amy.vanmaanen@iowa.gov or 515-281-6492.

E-Blast News

Coming Soon! Leah Morlan, Mercy Medical Center in Iowa City will be adding a new feature to the IAMSS Web Site. Once members log on to the site, there will be an E-Blast link which will allow you to view compiled answers to some of our most common E-blasts.

DEA Verification



Did you know that not only can you verify DEA certification but you can also print off a duplicate copy for your file?

Go to: www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm

Scroll down on the left side until you see Diversion Control and Prescription Drugs and click on Registration. Scroll down to Registration Tools and click on Duplicate Certificate. Then enter the DEA number, last name of the doc and the SSN.

Member Happenings

Welcome New IAMSS Members

Christine Boat – Acute Care, Inc., Ankeny, IA
Lorraine Kress – Finley Hospital, Dubuque, IA
Lisa Lewis – Mercy Medical, Cedar Rapids, IA
Rhonda Meyers – St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Sioux City, IA
Melissa Sothman – Ottumwa Regional Health Center, Ottumwa, IA
Sara VandenBrink – Acute Care, Inc., Ankeny, IA
Kelly Wyant – Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, IA

A note to our New Members

Never hesitate to ask questions of the more “seasoned” members. Never think a question is dumb, because more than likely everyone had that same question at some point. This organization and everyone involved with it is here to support you as you learn this “crazy” new job!



Bouncing Baby Boys!

Becky Peitz became first time Grandma to Gavin on April 25th, 2009

Crystal Harrington had a baby boy, Andrew on December 21st, 2009

Tiffany Wellington had a “surprise” baby boy, Hayden on December 22nd, 2009 (Per the ultrasound, he was to go home in pink)

Jen Lemke, baby boy Walker was born on January 1st, 2010!

Member Moves

A note of farewell and good luck to Natalie Brincks from Mercy Medical Center in Iowa City.

Natalie and her husband Erik and baby boy Calvin, born on September 6th, moved to Saranac Lake, New York. Natalie's last day at Mercy was December 4th.

Rhonda Meyers has replaced JaNel Morrow at St. Lukes in Sioux City.

Amy Becker is no longer at Mercy in Sioux City

Melinda Wheeler is the new Medical Staff Coordinator at Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa, replacing Chrissy Anderson.

Shelly Berger reported that she recently had a State Survey. She took the opportunity to inquire about the requirement for having copies of licensure in their files. She explained to the surveyor it is at times difficult to get copies of these certificates from physicians and if it was sufficient to include a copy of the verification only in their files. She was told that having the copies in the files is best practice and they **do** want to see the copies in addition to the form of verification.

E-Blast Spotlight

The following question was presented to the group recently:

We are actively recruiting for a CRNA. We are doing “working interviews” with several. Of course, they have to go through the credentialing process for at least temp privileges. Most of them are coming here from out of state. A couple of them are balking at our requirement that they have a Federal DEA. The recruiting agency tells me that we are one of the few that have this requirement. What is your experience with this?

She received 15 responses to her question and all 15 said YES that they do require the DEA **and** Iowa Controlled Substance Certificates. Several made comments that you must be careful as the locum's companies try to take shortcuts to get their people in hospitals as soon as possible and warned against not following your hospital by-laws in every situation.

If you have something newsworthy come up through the year, send an e-mail to Becky at bpeitz@grhs.net and I will keep it in a folder until the next newsletter to be done this fall!

Keep a “Spring” to your step!

Watch as those flowers start to “spring” up!

See you at the Spring Educational Conference April 9th!

