

Nursing, Health Sciences, and Allied Health Council  
Report to the Board of Directors  
April 24, 2010  
Submitted by Connie White-Williams, RN, PhD, Council Chair

**Current Nursing, Health Sciences, and Allied Health Council  
Operating Board**

- Connie White-Williams, chair
- Bernice Coleman, vice-chair
- Annette Devito Dabbs, past chair
- Michael Petty, Standards and guidelines
- Sharon Beer, Education
- Fabienne Dobbels, Registries and Databases
- Bronwyn Levvey, Communication
- Judy Currey, Grants and Awards
- Kevin Carney, Development
- Susan Chernenko, Board Liaison

The new operating board will be:

- Bernice Coleman, chair
- **To be elected, vice-chair**
- Connie White-Williams, past chair
- Michael Petty, Standards and guidelines
- Sharon Beer, Education
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- Bronwyn Levvey, Communication
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The council held 3 conference calls in 2009. The May 2009 call discussed the information gathered from the membership during the council meeting in April. The September 2009 conference call discussed potential ideas for the 2010 program. The December 2009 call discussed the continuing education issue for nurses attending the meeting. One conference call was held in April 2010 to prepare for the Annual Meeting.

## **2009-2010 NHSAH council activities:**

- Voted on Name change to Nursing, Health Sciences, and Allied Health Council
- Publicized the new name and made efforts to recruit new members especially allied health
- Sent council letter with ISHLT conference program announcement (Dec 2009)
- Utilized the membership survey to develop programs for the 2010 Annual Meeting
- Reviewed the council members' needs for continuing education credits for certification, licensure and decided what type of credits our council will pursue and grant through ISHLT

Specifically, the following are complete or ongoing activities for each workforce:

### **Standards and guidelines: Michael Petty**

- 3 nurses participated in the writing of post operative guideline paper
- The MCSD coordinators are interested in writing a guideline paper for VAD coordination
- Michael participated on program committee

### **Education: Sharon Beer**

- Analyzed and used the results of the council-specific educational needs survey
- Database of training opportunities questionnaire
- ISHLT pandemic flu raid advisory was released
- ISHLT Academy developed
- Participated in 2010 Scientific program planning
- Proposal for Joint meetings in 2010
- Sharon participated on program committee

### **Registries and Databases: Fabienne Dobbels**

- No activities at this time
- **Communication: Bronwyn Levvey**
- Contribute to the ISHLT newsletter if indicated

### **Grants and Awards: Judy Currey**

- Reviewed 5 (1 grant submission was not a member, thus it was not reviewed) research grants in 2010
- Matched research mentors to 8 mentees who expressed interest in getting support to develop abstracts for ISHLT

- We would like to use the discussion board more to discuss research related topics

**Development: Kevin Carney**

- Letter to be send with preliminary program encouraging to join ISHLT and the council

**2010 NNSAH council goals and activity plans:**

Decide how the council will use the ISHLT discussion forum

Inquire if we could do a Webinar on “How to Write an Abstract”

Increase new membership to ISHLT and the council

Propose the writing of a guideline paper for MCSA coordinators

**NNSAH goals for 2010-2011:**

- **Met with Junior Faculty Council about mentorship program (Connie, Berni, and Annette met with Pali Shah on April 21) and would like to develop similar program to meet the councils professional and clinical needs (mentor lunch, mentor-mentee match)**
- **Inquire if we could do a Webinar on “How to Write an Abstract”**
- **Discuss the availability of an Nursing, Health Sciences, and Allied Health session or presentation within the Transplant Academy**
- **Increase new membership to ISHLT and the council**
- **Propose the formation of writing groups with the purpose of development evidence based guideline papers**
- **Discussion regarding continuing education credits among nursing, health sciences and allied health; CME credits were accepted as the continuing education units; a taskforce was developed to investigate ABTC credits**
- **Assure with the program committee that all persons eligible for the Excellence in Research Award will present prior to Saturday morning**