

NEWSLETTER

BRAZOS VALLEY

Since our first quarter Texas State meeting the Brazos Valley Chapter has been busy and productive! Our current President and President Elect both joined phenomenal leaders from across the nation in Scottsdale, Az for the leadership conference where our very own Laine Huebner was interviewed (and subsequently published) in the most recent addition of ENA Connection! During that conference we learned so much and came away with full hearts, big ideas, and lots of new friendships. We also learned a lot about our social media presence and beefed up some of our sites and outreach techniques. It's helped us connect with different groups and more widely spread the word about events and meetings. There are big things to come in that area for our Chapter!



CONTINUED CONNECTIONS

We had a very successful sponsored dinner in February with Fisher&Paykel learning about high flow nasal cannulas and their benefits and uses. The room was packed and we had nurses come from all over our area and from an array of clinical specialties. We really felt like the night was a big success!

For March we hosted another CE event with one of our local flight nurses and learned all about rural trauma. The turnout was lower, but still good and the content was extremely memorable!

April held a quick business meeting via zoom for our chapter and our second-quarter State meeting in South Padre! We were extremely lucky to have Laine giving our chapter report-out while sharing the delegate seat with a First-Time Attendee Sadie Fryer. Sadie is a Director for our chapter and also a HIGH FIVER for certifications!! Also in April, Jana and Sadie visited with the Student Nurse Critical Care Organization to give them some info on Emergency Nursing overall and ENA. We had a great discussion session and left with some new members!



TXENA UPDATES

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

In our society workplace violence has historically been an accepted part of our job in nursing. Workplace violence has recently received more recognition and nurses are standing up against workplace violence and accepting it no longer. In the Golden Triangle area we have reached out and paired with local law enforcement, the solution was a declaration by the local law enforcements being signed to show all the healthcare facilities they are here to support them. A copy of the declaration is attached. There was also a meeting with local detective and the District Attorney (DA). In this meeting there were a few pointers given to keep in mind when filing a report to ensure the detective and DA have all the information needed to pursue the charge.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Get a license plate or other identifying information if possible
- When law enforcement arrives include a detailed recount of the incident where the reader of the report can visualize what happened, details cannot be stressed enough.
- Include the names of any witnesses in the police report.
- When completing the police report, list all equipment that may have been destroyed in this act, this may lead to additional charges and demonstrates the level of violence.
- Include pictures if applicable of any injuries or damage that occurred because of the incident.
- Document the injuries for multiple days after the event because the injury can change or become more visible.
- If security footage is available, notify law enforcement personnel immediately so they can work with the healthcare organization to obtain the footage as evidence.
- If your state has enhanced charges for healthcare workers that increases the punishment against offenders, you should remind the officer taking the report so they file the correct charges.

The police also wanted to ensure you are reporting verbal assaults as well, even though those charges are hard to pursue, because this offender could be being charged with something else in which that report would be available to the judge and help in aiding the judge's decision. This helps paint a picture of the offender's habitual behavior.

TEXAS ENA'S GALA & AWARDS



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH @ 630P

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Come celebrate with your peers and enjoy a night on us!

THE MILL WINE EVENT VENUE
239 LOCUST ST
ABILENE, TX 79602



EAST TEXAS

RETURN TO NORMALCY

ETENA had its first in-person meeting since COVID this May. Fisher & Paykel sponsored the meeting and provided 1 CE credit for a presentation of high flow oxygen in the ED. The chapter currently has 196 members and will be actively recruiting at 2 local trauma symposia in Tyler. Plans are in the works for a July CEN Review course to be co-sponsored by ETENA and Christus Health in Tyler. The Chapter plan to alternate between Zoom business meetings and in-person meetings now that no social distancing restrictions are in place. The next in-person meeting is scheduled for July with continuing education and a door prize for free admittance to the CEN Review Course. Elections for 2024 are around the corner and new members are already interested in becoming active board members.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

The 88th Texas Legislative Session is in full swing with several healthcare bills filed in both the House and Senate. Texas ENA Government Affairs Chair Kelsea Heiman and Vice Chair Katie Wilson have been tracking legislation that impacts emergency nursing and meeting regularly with the Nursing Legislative Advocacy Coalition (NLAC) to advocate for safe patient care and nursing practice.

In January, Kelsea and Katie attended the Texas College of Emergency Physicians (TCEP) board meeting as guests of Dr. Greenberg to establish a relationship with TCEP. Out of that meeting, TCEP invited Texas ENA to attend the TCEP legislative day on April 18th. Kelsea and Katie attended the TCEP legislative day as representatives of Texas ENA and were able to watch SB 240 Workplace Violence Prevention pass in the House! The next step for this legislation is Governor Abbott's desk for his signature!

In February, several members of Texas ENA attended the TNA Nurses Day at the Capitol along with several hundred other nurses from across the state of Texas. Representing Texas ENA were Cassie Potvin, Crissie Richardson, Kelsea Heiman, Aaron Salinas, and Mary Leblond.

May 2-3, Texas ENA will be sending EIGHT members to ENA Day on the Hill in Washington, D. C. This is quite possibly the largest delegation from Texas for Day on the Hill! Representing Texas ENA are Kelsea Heiman, Katie Wilson, Misty Dantin, Crissie Richardson, Cassie Potvin, Josh Davis, Santana Olvera, and Christine Russe. Texas ENA members will be meeting with U.S. Representatives and Senators from Texas to advocate for federal legislation relating to workplace violence prevention and improving mental health access for emergency department patients. ENA's legislative priorities for this session are the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act and the Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act. To receive Action Alerts from ENA about federal legislation, sign up for EN411 using the link below!
<http://messaging.ena.org/c/1j3lJaCtft4F5X5QXWLgEXTa0aMMPt>

DAY ON THE HILL



GOVERNMENT

AFFAIRS CONT...

Specific Texas bills being tracked are:

- **HB 112/ SB 240** Related to workplace violence prevention. Would require healthcare facilities to have workplace violence prevention committees and adopt workplace violence prevention policies. Status: Passed House and Senate. Awaiting Governor's signature.
- **HB 920/ SB 294** Related to use of albuterol in treating respiratory distress on public and private school campuses. Would allow school nurse or trained school personnel to administer albuterol to a student without a prescription in the event of respiratory distress. This bill is similar to the epinephrine bill that was passed allowing administration of epinephrine in the event of anaphylaxis. Status: HB 920 voted favorably out of House Public Education committee, now in Calendars awaiting to be voted on House floor. SB 294 passed Senate vote, now referred to House Public Education committee.
- **HB 2891/ SB 2535** Related to the use of glucagon in treating diabetic emergencies on public and private school campuses. This bill is similar to the asthma bill. Status: HB 2891 voted favorably out of House Public Education committee, scheduled to be heard on House floor 4/25. SB 2535 currently in Senate Education committee.
- **HB 901/ SB 244** Related to the nursing faculty loan repayment program. Would allow for part time faculty to qualify for loan repayment. Status: In committee for both chambers



AWARDS & HONORS



Texas ENA Annual Awards

Nominate Someone Today!

Deadline: July 14



This link will connect you directly to the Awards section on the Texas ENA Website

www.txena.org/committee

DELEGATE INFORMATION:

Serving as a delegate to the National General Assembly is an honor and a great way to get involved and have your voice heard in ENA. Any Texas ENA member can apply to fill one of about 60 positions.

This year's dates are **September 20 - 21 in beautiful San Diego**. Texas Delegates will meet the evening of September 19. A stipend for expenses is available to all delegates who fulfill their role. Never done it before? Need help with the new Kaleidoscope online platform? The Council of Presidents Committee is here to answer your questions and support you.

Congratulations to our 2023 delegates!!

We are happy to address any other questions or assistance you may need at any of these sessions.

Gyonne Moseley MSN, RN, CEN
Council of Presidents (COP) Committee Chair

Thank you for helping us raise over \$327K for our National ENA Strong Campaign!!! We could not have done it without you!

The San Antonio Chapter (SAENA) has been extremely busy during first two quarters of 2023 planning 3 evidence-based education events for local, state and national emergency and other nurses. The first event was 4 for Texas Nurses: Required Nursing Education, held on April 26th providing lectures on Forensics, Geriatrics, Nursing Jurisprudence and Human Trafficking. These courses meet the educational requirements of the Texas Board of Nurses for various licensure cycles. A total of 39 nurses attended this virtual event.

On August 10-11th, SAENA will host a CEN Review Course. This 2-day, in-person educational opportunity will have lectures provided by the nationally known nursing educator, Justin Milici. Content will include a review of emergency nursing designed to assist the participant to be successful in obtaining CEN certification.

The SAENA's annual conference, Concepts of Emergency and Critical Care Nursing – 2023, is scheduled for November 9th at the Shrine Auditorium in San Antonio. The conference will provide 7 hours of nursing education on a variety of nursing issues and hot topics.

Additional educational lectures are planned for a number of SAENA's monthly Chapter Business meetings. More information on these educational events can be found on SAENA's website on the Education, Conference and Meetings pages at <https://www.sanantonioena.org/>

The SAENA extended congratulations to 5 members who were recognized in the latter part of 2022 by local, state and national nursing organizations for their dedication and contributions to nursing.

The San Antonio Nursing Consortium (SANC) recognized Bruce Parks as the RN with the best Clinical Practice Across the Healthcare Setting during its Best 25 Nurses in South Central Texas ceremony in December. Bruce is highly regarded by local, state and national colleagues and is an outstanding role model in the hospital, pre-hospital and community settings.

TxENA selected Leslie Hinson for the Nursing Practice & Professionalism Award at its annual Gala Celebration in October. Leslie was recognized for her effort to empower nurses to gain their full potential and excelling in creating case studies and education scenarios based on real-life situations.

The ENA picked 3 SAENA members as winners for their Annual Achievement Awards:

- Michal Moon was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his career of achievements reflecting dedicated service, accomplishments and contributions to emergency nursing that have value to emergency nursing beyond the recipient's lifetime.
- Barbara Baldwin won the prestigious Judith C. Kelleher Award for consistently demonstrating excellence in emergency nursing and for making significant contributions to the profession and to the ENA.
- Capt. Jeffry Maler was recognized as the ENA's Rising Star for his significant contribution to ENA as exhibited by the promotion of ENA as the professional organization for emergency nurses at the local, state or national level.

To promote ENA and local membership, in 2023, the SAENA increased its efforts to recruit and retain members. The plan's main focus is to provide area nurses with information on the benefits of becoming and staying an ENA member. As such, the Membership Chair, Tabitha Selvester, has printed generic SAENA business cards which have the major advantages of being an ENA member printed on the back. These cards can be handed out to non-member nurses by any SAENA member.

One such opportunity occurs during the Donuts at Daylight visits. This program, initially proposed by the TxENA, has member nurses visiting area emergency departments and standalone facilities to discuss what the ENA is about and its benefits over donuts and coffee. To date the SAENA President, Membership Chair and other members have provided morning snacks to emergency nurses in 8 facilities



INJURY PREVENTION IS MORE THAN YOU EXPECT

Medicines in home cabinets are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (www.samsha.gov) shows year after year, most misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends and are often stolen from the home medicine cabinet. Prescription pain relievers such as hydrocodone, fentanyl, oxycodone, and codeine products are the most misused drugs. Drugs other than narcotics can be deadly to young children. Oral Hypoglycemic Agents are among the drugs often mentioned in "one pill can kill" scenarios.

In December 2018, United Regional, North Texas ENA, and the Wichita Falls Police Department hosted the first Drug Take Back event in our area. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue and provides the public with an opportunity to prevent medication misuse/abuse and provides the public with a safe way to rid their homes of potentially dangerous prescription drugs that are no longer needed. Drugs should never be flushed down the toilet. We encouraged the community through the local media outlets and social media to go through their medicine cabinets to search for any expired, unused, and unwanted medications and bring them to us for safe disposal. Needles are also accepted at this event. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. The Drug Take Back event was a huge success. Over 231 pounds of medications and sharps were destroyed. We had very positive feedback from the community including a thank you from the Environmental Coordinator for Wichita Falls. In the Spring of 2019, we collected 386 pounds of medication and four 20-gallon containers of sharps!

To make it as convenient as possible, we offer a drive-through drop-off area near our emergency department, so no one has to get out of their car. We also take the opportunity to distribute information on how to safely dispose of sharps and medication throughout the year. The 3-hour event is staffed by volunteers from our local ENA chapter, United Regional Health System employees, pharmacists, and officers from the Wichita Falls Police Department.

During our 2022 Drug Take-Back event, over 250 pounds of medications and needles were destroyed, including over eight pounds of narcotic medications thanks to the successful turnout by the community. Local news affiliates for CBS and NBC have routinely covered our events and do live interviews with our law enforcement partners and me. We have also done interviews with our local radio station. This brings very positive attention to our local ENA chapter, the hospital, and our local law enforcement agency.

For more information on planning a Drug Take Back event for your community, here is a resource that your chapter can access. https://txsdy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/TxSDY_Rx-Takeback-Toolkit.pdf



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