

REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY, 2003

NEW MEMBERS

The chair welcomed new members:
Jane Thurston, KFL&A Health Unit and
Maryanne Gibson, POGO Nursing Advisory Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Linda Robb Blenderman (Chair) spoke to Dr. A. Smith (Regional Vice President Cancer Services) and it was suggested that the council report to the Regional Vice President of Cancer Services instead of RCAC.

It was also suggested that the wording be changed in the second point from "To advise" to "Collaborate" with the Chief Nursing Officer.

RNAO ABSTRACT – JUNE 5TH AND 6TH, 2003

The RNAO abstract that was submitted has been accepted and will be presented. Margareth Zanchetta (Queens), Brenda Weir (Northumberland Hills Hospital) and Linda Robb Blenderman (Chair) will be writing the paper and doing the presentation.

REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSING WEBSITE

There is possible funding available. Linda Robb Blenderman (Chair) asked whether she should put together a proposal for the website. It was felt that the website may be a little premature at this time since this was the council's third meeting. The discussion also brought up other issues such as who would maintain the site and what the content of the site would be.

DEADLINE CANO ABSTRACTS

The deadline to submit CANO abstracts is January 30, 2003. A discussion took place regarding whether or not the council could submit an abstract to RNAO and CANO, it was determined that it was possible as long as the abstract focused on oncology nursing specifically. The theme of this year's CANO conference is leadership and teamwork in oncology nursing. Esther Green (CNO-CCO) felt an abstract that showed the focus of the council, how it came together, the diversity and philosophy of the council would be good.

CCO PROVINCIAL NURSING GRAND ROUNDS

Esther Green (CNO, CCO) explained about a new initiative that was started by

NPAC. This initiative involved asked particular nursing experts to talk about oncology nursing practice, research and education issues. The first Provincial Nursing Rounds will take place on Wednesday, January 29, 2003 presented via Centra (visual component) and teleconference (audio component). The chair has sent out a notice to all council members for their information.

ONCOLOGY EDUCATION

Linda Robb Blenderman (Chair) met with Queen's School of Nursing and Esther Green (CNO-CCO) last week discussing educating nurses in oncology. Queen's is particularly interested in creating a nursing curriculum in oncology at an undergraduate level. Currently 1 program exists at McMaster University in pediatric and adult oncology. There is no graduate education in oncology specifically at this time offered.