

REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NURSING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO

Meeting Highlights January 2005

WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST

Linda Robb Blenderman (Chair) welcomed the special guest to the meeting, Sue Matthews, Chief Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

RONC-SEO WEB SITE

Website live date is April 1, 2005.

- KGH Public Relations- Communications Lead – Julie White
- KGH Graphic Support Lead – Jon Begg
- Steering Committee – Linda Robb Blenderman (Chair), Gwen Duhn (St. Lawrence College), Brenda Weir (Northumberland Hills Hospital), Jane Warner (Hotel Dieu Hospital), Brenda Bass (OBSP), Dot Broeders-Morin (St. Elizabeth Healthcare)
- Logo Committee – Margareth Zanchetta (Queens), Mary Catherine Heffernan (Peterborough Regional Health Care Centre)

Communication Plan:

1. Council members/designates responsibilities: Deadline February 15, 2005 (No extensions).
 - Forward communication to Julie White's briefing note as per attachment.

2. Logo Committee: Deadline February 15, 2005 (No extensions).
 - Submit logo to Steering Committee.
3. Steering Committee Responsibilities: Deadline February 22, 2005.
 - Final review of communications plan. E.g. Strategic considerations, target audiences, messages, etc.
 - Approve logo.
 - Face to face and teleconference to discuss, review and recommend final changes.

Content:

1. Council Members/Designates Responsibilities: Deadline March 1, 2005 (No extensions).
 - Engage others.
 - Develop content, review current content, provide links details (not only a name).
 - Send content via word document, 12 Arial fonts.
 - Send PDF files if appropriate. Eg. Agency brochures that are clearly labeled to what is.

2. Steering Committee Responsibilities:
 - Web site final editorial review-link will be sent to committee members for review on March 7, 2005.
 - Face to face and teleconference RE: Final review and recommendations March 14, 2005.

ROLE FUNCTIONS IN ONCOLOGY NURSES STUDY

Research Study of Clinical Role Functions and Oncology Nurse Demographics in Ontario.

Dr. Dauna Crooks from Sick Kids and Esther Green from Cancer Care Ontario are conducting a research study investigating Clinical Role Functions and Oncology Nurse Demographics in Ontario. The study is seeking input from Registered Nurses working in inpatient, outpatient and community settings who provide direct care to adult or pediatric cancer patients from prevention to palliation.

The purposes of the study are to:

1. Identify the present distribution of RNs in various settings who have cancer patients or individuals at risk at their practice.
2. Identify the practice differences between

specialized oncology nurses and advanced oncology nurses.

3. Outline the barriers to role functions and development.
4. Identify the professional concerns related to oncology nursing services provision.

Participants are being asked to complete a one-time survey (approximately 30-45 minutes) either by mail or electronically. The surveys have already been distributed to identify oncology nurses working at KGH, Cancer Centre, HDH and the Breast Screening Program in Kingston.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Sue Matthews, Chief Nursing Officer Ministry of Health and Long Term Care gave a presentation on **"The Role of the Nursing Secretariat"**.

The media (Whig Standard, Kingston and the KGH Spectrum) were present during Sue Matthews presentation.

Council members made presentations to Sue Matthews and guests on how their patient populations are benefiting from the regional oncology nursing model. Presenters were:

- Linda Kessler, Administrative Director Geriatric Psychiatry Services, Providence Continuing Care-Mental Health Services.
- Jane Warner, Clinical Nurse Specialist Breast Assessment Program, Hotel Dieu Hospital.
- Linda Morgan, Palliative/Oncology

Specialist All-Care Health Services.

- Marilyn Pape, Program Manager and Jane Palmateer, Charge Nurse Oncology Clinic Quinte Healthcare Corporation – Belleville General.
- Linda Robb Blenderman, Chair Regional Oncology Nursing Council of Southeastern Ontario.

All presentations were circulated to Sue Matthews, Carolyn Beatty, MOHLTC and council members.