

School Nurse Leadership Meeting – January 13, 2016

CDE Updates:

- Educator Licensing – Board of Education will be voting on new rules for licensing. Will require school nurse to have BSN or higher
- Educator Effectiveness – task force convening to develop a guidance on evaluating the school nurse. Initial meeting will be January 29 from 9-12.
- Kaiser Asthma Grant – New Project Manager is Christy Hass-Howard. Christy has been working in DPS to increase the level of competency for school nurses on asthma. We will be aligning the programs so we can develop a standard for the care of student's with asthma.
- Will be applying for a grant from Caring for Colorado to support the rural regional nurses to develop professional development that can be accessed online. Plan to start with UAP training.

CDPHE Updates:

- Cathy White will be meeting with leaders from state college of nursing to determine interest in developing a post graduate course on public health nursing. She would like to include school nurses in the conversation.

CASN Updates:

- No spring conference. Organization plans to survey members to determine need in professional development.
- Spring elections – Offices open for 2016 will be President elect, treasurer and NASN director. Meeting will occur via phone so all nurses are encouraged to participate. Contact Belinda Strickland for more information.

Healing Touch – Irene Bigot (see powerpoint)

Dr Rachel Herlihy CDPHE Immunization Unit

- Looking for feedback on legislation that will be proposed to have the state health department process all exemptions. This would go into effect July 1, 2016.

Rebecca Hebner – CDPHE – Prescription Drug Abuse and the use of Narcan. (see powerpoint)

Dr Susan Koh – Children's Hospital Epileptologist and medical director (see powerpoint)

- Reviewed the use of emergency drugs for seizures
- Compared diastat and versed
- Children's recommends that EMS be called with first dose and when emergency medication is administered at school
- AAP has come out with a position paper on the use of emergency drugs for seizures. They also recommend that dosage be in full doses – either 5mg or 10mg when administered in school.