

October 2024

Office of Integrated Health Supports Network

The Office of integrated Health – Health Supports Network Regional Community Nursing Meetings

“A safe space for nurses to discuss challenges, experiences, and ask questions.”

Goals:

- To ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are receiving needed services.
- To provide a forum in which nurses (and others) can discuss ideas, challenges, policy needs (e.g., health policies), which affect individuals with IDD, to bring policy needs forward.
- To provide a forum for caregivers to interact with state agency representatives, to express concerns, develop educational tools and resources, and further enhance train-the-trainer models.

Region 1 – October 9, 2024

10am -12:00pm

Cancelled due to the Nursing
Conference.

Community Nurse Leader:

Kevyn Burn- kburn@wallresidences.com

October Meetings Dates

**Regional Nursing Meetings
will continue to be held
virtually until further notice.
Hybrid meetings are
currently in the planning
process for each region.**

Region 4 – October 14, 2024

11am - 1:00pm

Cancelled due to the Nursing
Conference.

Community Nurse Leader:

Jeannette Gholson- jgholson.thc@gmail.com

Region 2 – October 23, 2024

10am - 12:00pm

Cancelled due to the Nursing
Conference.

Community Nurse Leader:

Beatrice Claiborne - bclaiborne@mycri.org

Region 3 – October 25, 2024

10am - 12:00pm

Cancelled due to the Nursing
Conference.

Community Nurse Leader:

Teresa Berry - rnttb1@aol.com

Region 5 – October 28, 2024

10am - 12:00pm

Cancelled due to the Nursing
Conference.

Community Nurse Leader: Marcia A. Lindsay-

Brothers - mbrothers@chesapeakeibh.net

Virtual Meeting Platform:

- As of November 1st, 2023, the Regional Nursing Meetings will be conducted in the Microsoft Office TEAMS Webinar virtual platform. Registration will continue to be required to receive the meeting URL link, password, and phone access to each meeting. Registering using the URL link prior to the meeting date is recommended to avoid technical issues the day of the meeting. Tentative hybrid meetings are in the planning stages for each region which will be discussed and announced at each regional meeting.

Presentation:

- This month all nursing meetings will be cancelled in lieu of the 5th Annual Statewide Nursing Conference on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at George Mason University's Verizon Auditorium, 10900 University Blvd., Manassas, VA, 21000-2203.

Issues and Concerns Relevant to each Region:

- Each meeting is designed to have built in time for open group discussion. Your volunteer regional community nursing leader, and the regional OIHSN RNCCs are both available to help with specific issues or concerns you might be facing. Feel free to reach-out to either and/or both of them for assistance outside of the meeting. Networking within the meeting is meant to be safe and supportive for those providing care to individuals with IDD to seek answers to their questions.

Monthly CNE Opportunity: OIHSN Health & Safety Alert Review and Discussion:

- This month 6 CNE are being offered for attendance and participation in the 5th Annual Statewide Nursing Conference. Regular meetings to include CNE will resume in the month of November with the CNE topic of Oral Health for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

NOTE: You don't have to be a nurse to attend. Anyone can attend the Regional Nurses Meeting of their choice. You do not have to attend the Regional Nursing Meeting where you work or reside. Simply register with the link provided to attend.

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Announcing a **NEW** OIH-HSN Training on the COVLC **Medication Administration Overview**



This 1-hour training provides best-practice information for safe medication administration; identifies adverse drug events; reviews risk factors involved in medication administration; examines the impact of medication administration on individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD); distinguishes additional issues related to adverse drug events and the IDD population; discusses ways to reduce risk of harm; defines a Medication Administration Record (MAR) as written in Virginia Code; differentiates between an Unlicensed Persons (UP) vs. Registered Medication Aide (RMA) via Virginia Board of Nursing regulations, and Virginia Code; and reviews FDA guidelines for proper handling of medications to include storage and disposal.

To set up an account on the COLVC, click here: dbhdscovlchelpdesk@dbhds.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) & The Office of Integrated Health Supports Network (OIHSN) Oral Health Training for Caregivers of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



November 19th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

This is a **FREE** 2-hour virtual training about special needs dental care hosted by Kami Piscitelli, BSDH, RDH, from the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Dental Health Program, and Christine Kocher, Registered Nurse Care Consultant (RNCC) at the Office of Integrated Health Supports Network at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS).

Registration to attend is required and closes at 12 p.m. the day BEFORE the training. Register individually, even if you are planning to share a screen. There is limited space available, so register early!

Register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArde2sqzlrHtNprjpwSOeFLY0FWUjih5r2>

OIHSN Fall Training Schedule can be found on our
website <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/office-of-integrated-health/>
Under the Educational Resources Tab.



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