



Volunteer Vitals * August 2018

SCRMC Volunteer Partners Member Luncheon

Tuesday, August 14th @ noon

Riverbend Room

Brianna Dagastino, Child Advocate

Community Referral Agency

Fall District Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018: Fall District Meeting: Hosted by the Volunteer Partners of WHA of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire, the fall meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018. A Planning Committee has been formed and registration forms will be sent out in August. More information will be available soon. Mark your calendar for September 11th!

Convention News for “Volunteer Super Heroes”



At the close of the 2017 convention in Green Bay, I announced our theme for 2018 is “***Volunteer Super Heroes.***” Yes, super heroes wear capes and tights, but they also wear military, firefighter, EMT, and medical personnel uniforms. We will celebrate all Volunteer Super Heroes and our combined patriotism October 2, 3, & 4, 2018 in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center. More updates in the next Reaching Out!

Sheree Schaefer, Convention Chair

Now, doesn't that sound fun? We hope you will consider attending with us this year. Talk to Stephanie and Jill, they attended for the first time last year and had a blast. –kathy lucken

Community Health Education Report

Working together to Fight the Opioid & Illicit Drug Epidemic

The OPIOID crisis in 2017 in Wisconsin resulted in the deaths of 883 people more than were killed in car crashes in Wisconsin! In the United States almost 200 more people die every day from opioid overdose. The drug NALOXNE (Narcan, Evizo) is available in over 170 pharmacies in Wisconsin. This is the medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose.

The federal government working with Wisconsin elected officials granted Wisconsin a two-year federal grant totaling \$15,273,876 to help this drug crisis. \$2.4 million of this grant funding was delivered to Wisconsin counties and tribes to support local prevention, treatment and recovery efforts in May 2018.

In our area and Northwestern Wisconsin the METH MONSTER (methamphetamine) seems to be the highly illegal drug that threatens to destroy more families and communities across Wisconsin. This is the number 1 problem in Barron County and may soon be the No. 1 drug across the state of Wisconsin.

The METH fueled crimes can be shocking and dangerous. These crimes are leading the higher medical costs and over-crowding in the jails.

The website for more about methamphetamine abuse, prevention and treatment is:knowmethwi.org

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Olson,
CHE Chair, West Central District

Public Policy Education Report

Communication regarding the status and quality of healthcare in Wisconsin is critical and regularly available through “The Valued Voice”, a service of WHA through membership in HEAT (Hospitals, Education and Advocacy Team). While numerous areas of concern exist for healthcare, two primary areas are those of affordability and access to quality healthcare. The following is a brief summary of those issues and actions taken by the state of Wisconsin. For further detail, we suggest you review “The Valued Voice.”

By the year 2030, the Wisconsin population over age 65 is expected to double while almost 400 physicians plan to leave their practice. The Wisconsin Graduate medical Program has recently responded with a 13 million

dollar grant program enacted with bipartisan support from Governor Walker and the Legislature to address this critical issue.

In February, 2018, Senate Bill 770 was enacted to keep local healthcare accessible and affordable by creating a State Reinsurance program to stabilize rising health insurance premiums in the individual health insurance market. The bill is in response to failure at the National level to address the issue.

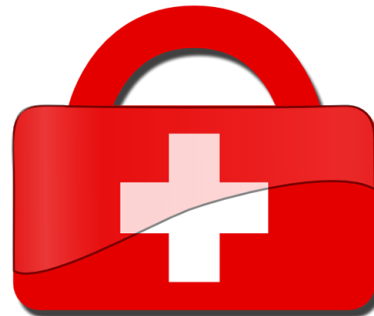
Access in rural areas of the State to the expertise of specialists located anywhere in the country is being addressed through the concept of “Telemedicine.” These services are brought to the bedside or exam room to diagnose, monitor and treat patients. Over 75% of Wisconsin hospitals have implemented some form of Telemedicine to assure the expertise of a specialist can be available to hospitals and clinics in remote and rural areas of the State.

Bill McCullough, Public Policy Education Chair
West Central District

2018 Blood Drive

Attached are the results from our blood drive on July 16. We surpassed our goal and collected 45 units. Thanks to all the blood drive donors for giving a lifesaving gift! And to Volunteer Partners, Stephanie Shobe and Phyllis Jamieson for running our drive! Mickey Gebard

Goal: 36
Scheduled: 41
No Show: 3
Walk-Ins: 6
Deferred: 1 (1 self-deferred)
GNS: 1
PRESENTING DONORS: 44
TOTAL UNITS: 45
Thanks Cassandra & Staff



SILENT GIVING

*It seems all news we hear today, is bad as it can be,
But there are things that happen, with no publicity.
The good deeds done by many, the gifts of food and toys,
The helping hands extended, bring many people joy.
If we could hear as much about, the good deeds done today,
We'd be surprised how big a part, faith and love still play.
Good things happen all year round, true givers seldom talk
Of things they've done to help someone, as in God's way they walk.*

-Ruth G. Lockwood



Upcoming Events:

2018

August – Volunteer Vitals Newsletter

August 14 – Council Meeting @ 9:30 AM (Valley)

August 14 – Volunteer Partners Event @ 12:00 - The River Bend Room or off campus

September 11 - West Central Fall District Meeting at Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire

October 2-4 – WHA State Convention in Stevens Point

October 9 – Council Meeting @ 9:30 AM (Valley)

October 17 & 18 – Linen Sale (think Christmas gifts)

November – Volunteer Vitals Newsletter

November 15 & 16 The Nutman Sale (think Christmas gifts)

December 6 – Love Lights Ceremony

December 6-7 – Gift Shop Open House

December 11 – Council Meeting @ 9:30 AM (Valley)

December 11 – Volunteer Partners Christmas Party @ noon (Riverbend or off campus)

2019

District Rotation for Nominating Committee (Cumberland, St. Croix Falls and Osceola)

WC Spring District Meeting – Chippewa Falls

WC Fall District Meeting – River Falls

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WC Spring District Meeting – Cumberland

WC Falls District Meeting – Stanley

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WC Spring District Meeting – Osceola

WC Spring District Meeting – St. Croix Falls
