

COUNTERSHOCK

Spring 2002

Illinois Council Emergency Nurses Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barb Weintraub

Welcome to 2002, a year full of opportunities. As individuals, each year brings us opportunities to make a change in our lives. We make resolutions to lose weight, start exercising, read more, spend less. As nurses, each day brings the opportunity to have a huge impact in people's lives. We recognize trends, explain treatments, assess and interpret data, soothe fears and wipe away tears. As ENA members, we too have opportunities. We have the opportunity to make a positive impact in our emergency departments by being aware of current trends, selling innovations to administration, empowering our colleagues and staff, and networking with others who are in the same boat as are we. Opportunities for innovation. Opportunities for collegiality. Opportunities to make new friends, and catch up with old ones. Together, we can change the world. Together, let's take these opportunities.

EVENTS

State Council Meetings

April 13 – Illinois State Council Meeting. St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington. Contact Barb Weintraub 847-699-2980 or barbrn@earthlink.net.

August 3 – Illinois State Council Meeting. Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Barb Weintraub 847- 699-2980 or barbrn@earthlink.net.

November 9 - Illinois State Council Meeting. Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Barb Weintraub 847-699-2980 or barbrn@earthlink.net.

Networking Dinner

May 9 – Illinois ENS Networking Dinner. Oak Brook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Cheryl Vinikoor 847-870-0793 or Tovadog@aol.com

Committee Meetings

April 9 – Injury Prevention & Membership meeting. Contact Thelma Kuska 708-503-8892 x20 or thelmakuska@attbi.com & Deb Mirco 847-490-6930 or dmirco@aol.com.

April 11 – Education Committee meeting. Contact Maureen Gibbs 847-934-7086 or Mag175@msn.com.

June 11 - Injury Prevention & Membership meeting. Contact Thelma Kuska 708-503-8892 x20 or thelmakuska@attbi.com & Deb Mirco 847-490-6930 dmirco@aol.com

June 13 - – Education Committee meeting. Contact Maureen Gibbs 847-934-7086 or Mag175@msn.com.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

March 15 & 22 – *TNCC* at Delnor Community Hospital, Geneva. Contact Irvanne Ester 630-208-3092 or iester@delnor.com

March 18 & 19 – *ENPC* at Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303.

March 20 – *ENPC Instructor Course* at Advocate Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey 708-346-5979 or doreys@ameritech.net

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April 12 & 13 – *ENPC* at Trinity Medical Center, Moline. Contact Diana Lovett 309-779-3292.

April 17 – *TNCC Instructor Course* at Advocate Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey 708-346-5979 or doreys@ameritech.net

April 18 & 19 – *TNCC* at Advocate Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn. Contact Jan Dorey 708-346-5979 or doreys@ameritech.net

April 19 & 26 – *ENPC* at Edward Hospital, Naperville. Contact Jan Gillespie 630-527-3357.

April 24 & 25 – *TNCC* at Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303.

May 9 – *TNCC Challenge Course* at Oak Brook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Jan Gillespie 630-527-3357.

May 10 – *Spring Symposium* at Oak Brook Marriott, Oak Brook. Contact Cheryl Vinikoor 847-870-0793 or Tovadog@aol.com

May 22 & 23 – *ENPC* at Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Contact Harriet Hawkins 773-880-6303.

May 29 – *Research Proposal Workshop* at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Vickie Keough 708-216-3582 or Paula Tanabe 312-926-8249.

June 10 & 12 – *TNCC* at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Contact Colleen Andreoni 708-216-8347 or candreo@lumc.edu

June 10 & 17 – *ENPC* at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove. Contact Mary Gramley 630-275-3548.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the following members:

Darcy Egging for receiving the Distinguished Leadership Certificate 2001 Illinois State Council President.

Thelma Kuska for publishing *Issues and Trends in Child Passenger Safety* in the International Journal of Trauma Nursing, Oct-Dec 2001.

Colleen Andreoni for publishing *Hypothermia and the Use of the CAVR* in JEN, Dec 2001.

Vicki Keough for publishing *Characteristics of Trauma Recidivists* in JEN.

ENA MINUTES – HIGHLIGHTS from January 2002

By Sharon Graunke

Networking issues discussed include:

Bioterrorism – general discussion of how hospitals are handling the issue and available information.

Abandoned Infant Act – Information packets and brochures available to those at the meeting and discussion of who got the information at various hospitals.

Sexual Assault & the Morning After Pill – now requires mandatory notification to alleged victims of the availability of the morning after pill and the difficulty this might impose at some institutions.

ETOH Reporting to Police – The law states you shall report ETOH levels if asked by the police

An interesting presentation on “*Unlocking the Power of Emergency Technology*” looked at what is available for information technology in the ED.

Discussed investigation of looking at a two-year Presidency term. Suggested we query the membership in Countershock.

Changing Illinois ENA’s tax status to be more in line with National was discussed. A few concerns require research prior to a decision.

More information on the roles of the committees will be added to the website.

Need more trauma education hours, The Northwest Chicago area Chapter of AACN offers a trauma track on the second day of their upcoming conference in March. Visit them at www.nwcac.aacn.org.

BCEN should be “certified” this year. This requires meeting the criteria of including a public member on the board and a minor bylaw change.

Don't forget the Illinois State council ENA's Spring Symposium on May 10th at the Oak Brook Marriott.

What do you think?

Should the Illinois State Council ENA President's term be expanded to two years? Send your thoughts to Julie Bracken at 708-636-3156 or juliebracken@msn.com.

PEDS Committee

By Mary Otting

The Pediatric committee is pleased to announce a new co-chair. Angie Black is the Clinical Educator in the Emergency Department at Children's Memorial in Chicago. I would like to personally welcome Angie and thank both her and Linda Angarola for their hard work.

We have a few updates for everyone. First, we'd like to thank Valerie Sye-Haritos at Central DuPage Hospital for the great work being done with the *Buckle Up Kid's* campaign. Remember if you see a child **NOT** restrained in a motor vehicle, take down the license plate number, the date and the city, then call **630-933-KIDS**. Your call is anonymous and the family will be sent car seat safety information. We can all save one life at a time.

Second, we hope to organize an ENPC/TNCC Bridge course for the future. Anyone interested please email or mail your resume to me along with the type of bridge you wish to complete. We will inform you of the date as soon as details are finalized. Also, you can email/mail your resume for future ENPC instructor course offerings for participation. Third, nurses with pediatric emergency care/critical care experience are sought for the IMERT teams. If you are interested in becoming an IMERT volunteer, an application can be obtained by contacting Bridget Meltesen (IMERT Coordinator) @ 630-495-6400 x203 or email to bridgetm@xnet.com. Be sure to indicate your pediatric experience on the application form.”

Lastly, our Pediatric booth at the annual ENA Spring Symposium on May 10, 2002 at the Oak Brook Marriott is looking to promote any injury prevention projects your EDs are conducting at the current time. Please contact Mary so we can promote your efforts in our booth. Hope to see you all there!

Mary Otting RN TNS

2300 Children's Plaza #63

Chicago, IL 60614

773-880-3146

Chairman Pediatric Committee

Motting@childrensmemorial.org

Research Committee

By Vicki Keough

Writing a Research Proposal Workshop:

Would you like to learn how to write a research proposal? Would you like to submit for funding from the Illinois ENA Research Committee, but just don't know where to begin? The Illinois ENA research committee is offering a 2 hour workshop to teach you the basics of proposal writing. Bring your ideas for a research proposal and we will help you formulate a proposal. The workshop will be offered on Wednesday evening, **May 29, 2002 from 5-7PM** at Loyola University Medical Center, Stritch School of Medicine Building, Room 160. For further information call Vicki Keough @708-216-3582.

Call for Proposals

Deadline: **September 30, 2002**

Eligibility: ENA member

Purpose: To promote conduction of new or existing clinical nursing research

Funding: A maximum of \$2,000 will be awarded. Funding is for the year 2002. Awards will be announced by **October 28, 2002**.

Submission. Applications must be received by **4 PM on September 30** to:
Vicki Keough, RN-Cs, Ph.D.

Illinois ENA Research Committee

Loyola University Chicago, Niehoff School of Nursing

2160 S. First Ave., Maguire Bldg.

Maywood, Illinois, 60153

Expectations: Presentation of findings at annual Illinois ENA Symposium, write-up of research report to the Illinois ENA Research Committee, submission of grant report to the Illinois ENA Research Committee.

Application Packet: The application packet must include the following:

- Proposal not to exceed 8-10 pages, single spaced, font size 11-12 points:
 - Title Page
 - Study aims/objectives
 - Significance of problem to nursing/health care
 - Literature Review
 - Research question
 - Methodology
 - Timetable
 - Budget
 - References
 - Appendices
- Title page, abstract, timetable, budget and justification, references, appendices (not included in allotted page limit for proposal)
- IRB letter to institution at which the study will be conducted
- CV for each investigator, co-investigator, consultant (not to exceed 2 pages each)

If you have any questions please call Vicki Keough at 708-216-3582 or Rita Schlomer at 309-662-3311 x3018

Membership Committee

By Deb Mirco

The Membership Committee is off to a good start this year. We decided to combine our meeting with the Injury Prevention committee due to the fact that many members are on both committees and combining the two makes it easier to attend both meetings. Our first meeting is **Feb. 12**, with the time and place to be determined. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at DMirco@aol.com.

One goal for the year is to try and increase membership. We are going to make packets of information to hand out at all the education programs sponsored by ENA. These packets include membership applications, a calendar of events and a fact sheet about all of the committees. The committee chairs have been asked to write a short statement giving the highlights of their committee, in the hopes that prospective and current members are interested in joining and participating on a committee.

We also want to make the ENA more personal, so we will have the current president, Barb Weintraub, write welcome letters to be sent to all new members. At the January state council meeting, the board and chairs wrote postcards to be sent to expiring members encouraging them to renew their memberships. And, in the future, personal thank you cards will be written and sent to those who do renew.

In closing, we want to encourage all members to try and get one co-worker to join ENA this year. And, if you haven't attended a state council meeting, please come and see what's new in your organization. Not only are the meetings informative, a good place to meet new people and network, but they are also fun! At the last meeting, we played "get to know your board," Jeopardy and had a baby shower.

ENA is your organization, so get involved and make it more special. If you are interested in working with the membership committee, please contact me at DMirco@aol.com or Barb Bollenberg at changern@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Deb Mirco

Spring Symposium

By Cheryl Vinikoor

The ENA Illinois State Council presents the 28th Spring Symposium on Friday **May 10, 2002**, at the Oak Brook Marriott. Save the date! This full day program includes topics specifically chosen for the emergency department nurse. Subjects include psych, trauma, pediatrics, and current information on the latest club drugs and treatment of their toxicity in the ED. There are CECH for all RN's, TNS, ECRN and prehospital nurses, as well as a track providing CME for EMT-B, EMT-I, and EMT-P. Something new this year is collaboration with the Trauma Committee. We are offering a *TNCC Challenge Course* at the Marriott on **Thursday May 9, 2002**. You will be able to complete the Trauma Nurse Core Course in just one day. Please call Jan Gillespie, Trauma Committee Chairperson for more information at 630-527-3357. Then stay the evening for the networking dinner at the Marriott provided by Illinois State Council. The room rate is very reasonable and you will be ready for the next morning's program. Watch for the brochure in the mail. The brochure will also be on the website through the state link from National ENA

(www.ena.org). This program is always a great day for networking with other emergency nurses and your state officers.

Education Committee

By Maureen Gibbs

Our first presentation of 2002 is *Legal Pitfalls* offered Friday, **February 22** at Good Shepherd Hospital located in Lake Barrington. The topics for this offering were chosen in response to the findings of the research committee survey from last year.

The next educational offering in **June** features case presentations. These cases are challenging for ED care but also involve other specialties such as OR, Critical care, etc. Involving our colleagues leads to sharing our practice and promoting collaborative practice. It could help increase attendance too! If you of an interesting case or topic or would like to participate in presenting or planning, please contact Maureen Gibbs at MAG175@msn.com.

The education committee is composed of a group of nurses interested in promoting education. Many networking opportunities exist while learning the details of seminar presentation including the CECH application process and brochure development in the company of others interested in emergency nursing. The group meets 4-6 times per year at a centrally located restaurant, hospital or members home. Come and join us! Contact me at MAG175@msn.com for dates and meeting locations. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Trauma Committee

By Jan Gillespie

The Trauma committee is excited to announce the addition of two new members, Kathy Haggard of Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb and Rebecca Steinman of Northwestern Hospital in Chicago. As part of our statewide outreach we are planning a TNS Challenge Course to be held from 12 noon to 4 PM on May 9 (the day before the ENA Spring Symposium) at the Oak Brook Marriott. For information call Jan Gillespie at 630-527-3357 or email at jgillespie@edwrd.org. If you are planning a TNCC Course and haven't posted it with Colleen Andreoni, please let Jan Gillespie know so she can point interested candidates in your direction. The trauma committee is always looking for enthusiastic new members. This is a great way to meet new people and network.

CALL FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

By Kathleen Richmond

The EMERGENCY NURSES FOUNDATION Silent Auction will be held again this year in conjunction with the Spring Symposium on **May 10, 2002**. Last year's event raised a total of \$1,365.00. These funds directly benefited emergency nurses, emergency patients, and the public through the support of: emergency nursing research, the promotion of public education regarding prevention of illness and injury, and the awarding of undergraduate, advanced practice and doctoral scholarships. The auction

will take place during the **Symposium's Networking Dinner, the evening of May 9th**, and is guaranteed to be lots of fun! Dinner attendees are being asked to consider bringing a small, suitable item to add to the auction offerings that evening. ENF needs your support! Please contact me directly by e-mail or phone (RichmondK8@aol.com or 708-687-6044) if you know of an individual, a company, or an organization that may be willing to donate a special item, such as sports memorabilia, theater tickets, or gift certificates. Many businesses are cutting back on donations due to the current economic climate, so your help is essential in making the auction a success.

ILLINOIS ENA WEB SITE UPDATE

By Kathleen Richmond

Have you visited the Illinois Council web site yet? The site provides up-to-the-minute news on Council activities, including educational offerings, meetings, and contact persons. The recent issues of *Countershock* are online, and there is an archive page for those interested in the history of our organization. The newest page under construction is *Members in the News*, which highlights the professional accomplishments of our members. Please let me know of members who should be recognized. The site links to National ENA, as well as other sites with information relevant to our nursing specialty. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for additional links. To reach the Illinois ENA web site, link at the national site (www.ena.org) under State Councils and Chapters, or directly connect at <http://illinoisENA.homestead.com/welcome.html>. Visit your web site often. I'm working on adding a Chat Room to the site, so add your name to the e-mail list for notice of site updates as they are developed. See you online!

Call for Candidates

The following positions are open for Illinois State Council. If you are interested please submit a letter of intent with a brief statement declaring position sought and why, history of ENA involvement and a resume or CV by **July 1, 2001** to:

Darcy Egging
47 Amy Drive
Oswego, IL 60543

President – Elect

Qualifications:

- Current national association member
- Current Illinois RN licensure
- Demonstrated active participation at the state level

Responsibilities:

- Perform any duties assigned by the president for the state council.
- Succeed to the office of president at the expiration of the president's term. In the event the position of president becomes vacant, the president-elect serves the unexpired term and the term for which elected.
- Serve as liaison to committees as assigned by the president.

Collaborate with the president in development of charges to the board and committees.

Recommend committee chairpersons for the upcoming year.

Assist the board in preparing and approval of the state budget.

Attend all state board and council meetings.

Be a delegate to the national meeting.

Term of office:

President-elect serves for one year, January 1 through December 31. This is followed by term of one year as president and one year as past president. The overall commitment is three years.

Secretary

Qualifications

Current national association member

Current Illinois RN licensure

Demonstrated active participation in ENA

Responsibility:

Attend all state council and board meetings and record proceedings

Distribute the minutes to all board members and committee chairs within 2 weeks of the meeting

Provide copies of the meeting minutes at meetings for members

Present to the keeper of archive records for the previous year

Send sympathy, thank you cards, etc. on behalf of the council

Act as liaison to assigned committees and SIGs

Support the newsletter editor

Term of office:

Serves two calendar years, January 1 through December 31

Treasurer-Elect

Qualifications

Current national association member

Current Illinois RN licensure

Demonstrated active participation in ENA

Responsibility:

Works with the treasurer to learn the role of state Treasurer

Performs duties as assigned by the President or Treasurer

Collaborates with the Treasurer in the development of the budget

Assists the Board in approval of the state budget

Assumes duties of treasurer in the event the Treasurer is unable

Attends Board and Council meetings

Acts as a liaison to assigned committees/SIGs

Term of office:

Serves a term of three years, one year as Treasurer-Elect and two years as Treasurer.

Director

Qualifications:

- Current national association member
- Current Illinois RN licensure
- Demonstrated active participation in ENA

Responsibility:

- Assist with council business and coordinates activities of the council.
- Liaison to committees as assigned by the president. Continued communication with committee chairs and meeting attendance to serve as a resource person.
- Attends all board and council meetings.
- Coordinates selection of a member for scholarship to national assembly yearly.
- Supports the president and board in implementing the strategic plan.
- Coordinates printing of the yearly pocket calendar.

Term of office:

- Serves a term of two calendar years, January 1 through December 31.

CALL FOR DELEGATES

ENA General Assembly

The National meeting for ENA is held in New Orleans, LA. The General Assembly is **September 18 & 19** and the Scientific Assembly is **September 20 – 22, 2002**. Delegates from Illinois are needed to help frame the future of the National Organization. A stipend is available to help offset the additional expense for delegates.

Delegates are selected by the following point system. Please submit your points by **July 15, 2002** to:

Julie D'Agostino
1540 North Hickory
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Jdagostino@ameritech.net

Points are earned as follows:

5 Points – local officer, local committee chair, national committee member, national SIG member, faculty for ENA educational activities, newsletter contributor, attended annual meeting, attended local or SIG meeting.

10 Points – national board member, national committee chair, state committee member, chair national SIG, state SIG member, program planning of ENA educational activities, attended state meeting, CEN certification, intraorganization interaction (INA, SNAPI, NEMSCA< etc.), Lobby Day participant, active involvement in the legislative process.

15 Points – State board member, state committee chair, chair state SIG, newsletter editorial activities, published emergency nursing article, conducted research related to emergency nursing, consulting activities related to emergency nursing.

ENA SCHOLARSHIP TO SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY IN NEW ORLEANS

By Julie Bracken

Again this year Illinois State Council ENA wants to support the membership by offering a scholarship to attend National Scientific Assembly in New Orleans, LA, **September 20 – 22, 2002**.

To apply for the scholarship you must be an Illinois State Council ENA member and submit written response to the following criteria:

- Have you attended an Annual Meeting in the past?
- Describe your contributions/Activities in your community or institution for each of the following areas: Clinical practice, education, research/quality improvement and leadership/management.
- Describe your involvement in ENA.
- Explain how your attendance at this meeting will enhance your professional growth.
- Explain your plans for sharing the information acquired from the Assembly (who, where, how).

Points are awarded for the above criteria. All applications must be postmarked by **July 15, 2002** and are evaluated by an objective team prior to the Annual Meeting.

Mail applications to:

Colleen Andreoni
19456 Waterford Lane
Mokena, IL 60448
traumarn911@hotmail.com

If questions call in the evening, 708-479-7720.

Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children

Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award 2002

The Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Award program was established in 1999 by Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) to recognize outstanding achievement by individuals dedicated to pediatric emergency care and childhood injury prevention initiatives. This award honors the memory of Dr. Lee (1949-1998) who was instrumental in establishing the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children program. His mission was always one of caring for others.

Illinois EMSC encourages excellence in activities that serve children and adolescents.

The award categories provide an opportunity to honor individuals or organizations dedicated to advancing the goals of the Illinois EMSC program.

Year 2002 Award Categories

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Clinical Excellence Award
- Community Service Award

Review Criteria

Lifetime Achievement Award

The individual or organization must:

- Have a minimum of 15 years of experience (individual) or in existence for 15 years (organization)
- Be recognized as an expert in their field or area of service
- Be viewed as an advocate for children, increasing public attention and action at the highest levels
- Have devoted significant time and effort to promoting and advancing childhood initiatives

- Have worked to positively change the manner in which we care for children

Clinical Excellence Award

The individual receiving this award must:

- Be a healthcare professional with a minimum of five years experience
- Be dedicated to providing the highest level of pediatric patient care, which can include research activities, prevention initiatives or healthcare professional pediatric education
- Have an excellent understanding of pediatric emergency care issues
- Demonstrate activities above and beyond the scope of normal duties

Community Service Award

The recipient of this award must:

- Be an individual, group of individuals, business or organization (including schools) that effectively promotes or engages in activities that serve children and adolescents
- Have positively impacted a significant number of individuals or substantial geographic area

Review Process

The Prevention and Public Education Subcommittee of the Illinois EMSC Advisory Board and Illinois Trauma Advisory Board will review the submitted nominations and select recipients based on the strength of the submitted material. Each nomination will be blinded prior to review. Criteria will be weighted, each receiving a separated numerical score.

Application Process

To nominate an individual, please submit the following:

1. Nomination Form. This form can be downloaded from the Illinois EMSC web site at www.luhs.org/emsc.
2. Summary Statement. Prepare a summary statement no longer than two double-spaced typed pages describing how the nominee meets the award criteria.
3. Supporting Materials. Supporting materials are limited to five pages and should include strong rationale for justifying the applicant's submission. These materials can include abstracts, bibliography, articles, letters and any additional information to support the candidate's nomination.

NOTE: Incomplete nominations will not be considered. In addition, the review committee reserves the right to award a nominee in a category other than, that which was submitted by the nominator.

Deadline

All applications must be received by the Illinois EMSC office by **Friday, March 8, 2002**. Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed. Address to Illinois EMSC Program, Loyola Medical Center, 2160 S. First Avenue, Bldg 110, Lower Level, Maywood, IL 60153; or fax to 708-327-2548; or email to elyons@luc.edu.

The Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act

By Barb Weintraub

On August 17, 2001, the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act was enacted in an effort to provide a safeguard for those newborn infants who have been abandoned in various unsafe circumstances, leading to death or severe bodily harm. This law supports a safe alternative to parents who may be under severe emotional distress or are unable to provide for the basic needs of an infant. It provides a parent with (1) a mechanism to relinquish a newborn to the care and custody of a safe haven and (2) immunity from child abuse, neglect or abandonment prosecution, if the requirements of the act are followed.

The act defines a “newborn”, as an infant who a licensed physician determines is seventy-two (72) hours old or younger. “Relinquish” is defined as leaving the infant with the personnel of a **hospital, manned fire station or other emergency medical facility**. These facilities must accept the infant and provide any medical care necessary to ensure the safety of the child and that no abuse or neglect is apparent. Additionally, personnel must provide an information packet to the relinquishing person, which contains information on the Adoption Registry and Medical Exchange, written notice of the process to terminate parental rights, and a resource list of counselors (packets are available through the Department of Children & Family Services – DCFS). Personnel must inform the relinquishing person they may do so anonymously and acceptance of the information packet is completely voluntary. The person must be verbally informed that by relinquishing the infant anonymously, he or she will have to petition the court to prevent the termination of parental rights and regain custody.

A fire station or emergency medical facility is responsible for transporting the child to the nearest hospital for further examination and reporting to the State Central Registry. The hospital must place a call to the State Central Registry (1-800-25-ABUSE) to report the relinquished infant within twelve (12) hours of acceptance of the child. The hospital is deemed to have temporary protective custody until (DCFS) or a licensed child-placing agency takes physical custody of the infant. DCFS will contact law enforcement agencies so that an investigation may proceed to determine whether the infant is a missing child. Within three days of assuming custody, DCFS or a licensed child-placing agency shall file a petition stating the child was relinquished in accordance with the act and the intent to place the infant in an adoptive home. A petition will also be filed to terminate parental rights and appoint a guardian for the infant.

For further information please consult the DCFS website at www.state.il.us/dcfs.

WRITE IT UP

By Gail Pisarcik Lenehan, RN, EdD, FAAN
Editor, Journal of Emergency Nursing

The Journal of Emergency Nursing is always looking for unsolicited manuscripts. If you have an interesting Triage or Case Review, a new ED program of some kind, a clinical tip

for other emergency nurses, or something that would fit in any of our many columns, please let us know. Send query e-mails to Editor, Gail Lenehan at: glenehan@aol.com for content questions or Managing Editor, Karen Halm at: karen.halm@attbi.com for administrative questions. We will get back to you and/or will forward your submission to the appropriate section editor. You don't have to know anyone at the Journal or have elaborate credentials to publish an article. If you have something interesting and valuable for emergency nurses, remember to "write it up."

Information for authors, and e-mail addresses of all the section editors can be found in the front section of each issue of the Journal. The information is also posted on the ENA web site (www.ena.org) and the publisher's website (www.mosby.com/jen). Remember that the Journal publishes announcements of your upcoming conferences free of charge. We need them at least 2 months prior to the month of the issue, and if you get the announcement to us sooner, we can run it in more than one issue. Also think about nurses you know who travel to do volunteer work or paid international nursing as potential authors as well.

One of the best ways for the Journal to keep current with trends in emergency nursing is to know what ENA nurses are doing and seeing at the state level.

Thank you for your support of the Journal, and for all you do for Emergency Nursing.

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