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experienced providers with a history of prescribing authority under the new rules enacted under Sunset. These APNs were APNs with existing prescriptive authority prior to July 1, 2010—that had lost prescriptive authority because they had not met the deadline for submission of attestations. Individual APNs affected were contacting their legislators and also were contacting the association. Most of the contacts were nurse practitioners and some certified nurse midwives.

The initial number of APNs that received a notification that their authority was rescinded was approximately 300. There are approximately 2400 prescribing APNs in Colorado, thus this represented around 12.5% of prescribing APNs. These APNs were APNs with existing prescriptive authority under the new rules enacted under Sunset of the Nurse Practice Act in 2009. They represent experienced providers with a history of prescribing for many years.

Colorado Nurses Association had played a lead role in the Nurse Practice Act legislation and also in the development and negotiations around the alternate model for prescriptive authority which was adopted. The move away from collaborative agreements to the articulated plan model was proposed through negotiations between Colorado Nurses Association and Colorado Medical Society, and was later enacted in legislation. “Grandfathering” was a key provision in the NPA.

Involving direct care nurses in decision making makes a difference for patients and for nurses. In 2008 Governor Ritter convened a nursing issues task force known as the Governor’s Task Force on Nurse Workforce and Patient Care which issued recommendations for nursing retention, including the issue of nurse staffing. Colorado legislation in 2008 (SB08-188) authorized a study on nursing involvement in decision making in Colorado planned by a stakeholder committee (Pilot Program Implementation Committee) of diverse nursing and health care organizations.

The research study which has been completed showed that involving direct care nurses in decision making positively impacts the quality of patient care. A critical finding is the importance of perception that the organization values nurse involvement in decisions. The legislation was sponsored by Senator Betty Boyd and the study was funded by The Colorado Trust and the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Of significance is the finding that those patient care units with high overall nurse perceptions of involvement had fewer nurses thinking of quitting, lower catheter associated infections, and lower pressure ulcer rates. Nurses’ perceptions that the organization was supportive of their involvement had the greatest impact; it was associated with lower rates of infections and patient complaints. Nurse perceptions of involvement in planning for staffing was also related to lower rates of infections and higher levels of patient satisfaction with patient care.

Survey results of direct care nurses showed that approximately 75% reported high level of involvement of decision making with patient care and care planning. Similarly, approximately 75% reported moderate levels involvement in decision making directly related to lower catheter associated infections and lower pressure ulcer rates. The results of the study, which are now being disseminated among health care providers, highlight the importance of involving nurses in decision making processes at the unit level.

Nursing-managed centers focus on wellness, patients, families, and offer nontraditional and community-based services. Nurse-managed health centers work because they focus at the neighborhood level where national policy and social realities meet. Providers in nurse-managed health centers know their patients and their patients know and trust them. Providers take the time to listen and to learn about the whole person, and consequently make the connections between a person’s life and the state of his or her health. Providers treat the whole family, not as separate individuals but as a family whose members share an environment of health risks and health opportunities. Nurse-managed health centers expand the definition of health care to deal with some of the most serious problems facing American society today including family, adolescent and neighborhood violence; drug, nicotine and alcohol addictions; grief, stress, and anxiety; and the environmental aspects of diseases such as asthma, obesity and birth defects.
Mary Ciambelli

My first official public duty as President of the Colorado Nurses Association (CNA) was to invite all registered nurses and student nurses in Colorado to join CNA in the Golden Circle. I invite you to take part in our Denver’s First Day Parade. This popular community event is taking place in Downtown Denver the morning of Saturday March 17, 2012. I know that many of you have participated in the past and we are excited to renew this tradition to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parade. We will be providing nursing student transportation to this event, so please check the website www.nurses-co.org or call the office at 303 757 7483 for the important details about how to join in the fun and “get on the bus” or march in the parade with the Association. Family members are invited and encouraged to participate. I will be there, many of our current and past Board members will be there, and I am looking forward to this chance to spend time with all of our favorite people and the most trusted professionals in America—the nurses and student nurses of Colorado.

In case you are wondering what marching in a parade has to do with being a nurse or for that matter being a member of a professional nursing association please consider CNA’s mission. Our current statement guides the work of the Association in giving thoughtful consideration to what we hope to provide to our members. The current mission statement is “The Colorado Nurses Association is the professional association representing Colorado’s registered nurses. CNA provides direction to and a voice for the nursing profession in the health care environment and the community. CNA advances the nursing profession by addressing nursing practice, public policy, education, and workplace issues.” By doing something as simple as marching (or riding) in a parade we are reminded our communities that nurses live, work, and play among them and that we contribute to their health and well-being every day.

During my term of office, I promise to do my best to personally put our mission statement into action throughout the nursing community, the health care community and the community at large. One way I am working to accomplish that goal is visiting all of our District Nursing Associations and DNA’s. I encourage you to invite my fellow Board members to join me and we have already been welcomed to four districts and have three more visits scheduled. We are gathering ideas and input from the membership to help us assess our current effectiveness and to guide our future. I have also been invited to participate in the Colorado Student Nurses Association convention on March 3 and I am looking forward to that opportunity to spend time with the future nurses of Colorado.

Along with Fran Ricker Executive Director/ Lobbyist/Policy Director, I represented Colorado at the American Nurses Association Constituent Member Assembly in November 2011. This Assembly allowed me to meet Presidents and Executive Directors from all over the country and hear about their triumphs and challenges. All of the Presidents received education to our role and information about the future direction of ANA. The expertise and leadership skills demonstrated by ANA President Karen Daley and Executive Director Marla Weston were remarkable and inspiring and made me proud to be an ANA member. If you are not a member of CNA, please join us. It costs you less than a dollar a day to belong to CNA and ANA and you receive numerous financial discounts for ANCC certifications and other benefits that offset the cost of dues.

This year calls for a new strategic plan to be developed. Our current plan was adopted through the end of 2012. CNA members and the Board of Directors have started building the new strategy. During the annual convention, this endeavor started at the 2011 convention under the direction of our immediate Past President, Lola Fehr, and the 2010-2011 Board of Directors. Using the Institute of Medicine’s report on the future of nursing as a framework, participants joined in small group discussions that contributed ideas to the strategic direction of CNA. The 2011-2012 Board is very grateful for the wealth of information provided through this interactive process with the membership.

The current Board has begun the process of reviewing these recommendations and evaluating the effectiveness of our current strategic plans. We will be meeting in the spring of 2012 for further study and refinement of the vision for the future of our organization. All members are invited and encouraged to participate in this process by sending your concerns, recommendations and ideas to our District leaders, individual Board members, or to the staff for your consideration as we develop and refine the next strategic plan. Our current strategic plan is available for your review on the website on the “About Us” tab.

In closing, I have some acknowledgements and greetings to include in this column. I wish to thank our outgoing Board members, especially Lola Fehr outgoing President. Lola has been very generous with her considerable talents in assisting with the transition to my role as President. I also wish to thank our continuing Board members Carol O’Meara, Eve Boygordon, Marion Thornton, Sarah Bailey, Nora Hamid, Amanda Clerkin, and Alma Jackson for their untold hours of behind the scenes work for the association and their community.

We welcome our newest Board members Colleen Whalen Caspar, Dale Colfack and Pamela Spyr who have all been appointed to fill vacant Board positions. I am excited to be working with such an informed, engaged and experienced Board and anticipate a very productive year for the association. Finally, I wish to thank Fran Ricker Executive Director/Policy Director/Lobbyist and Keith Segundo Director of Membership, Marketing and Non-Dues Revenue, the current staff at CNA for their invaluable work in implementing the mission of CNA. Together the volunteers and staff of CNA are working to represent all of the members of our association. Please join us today to grow our association and keep us healthy and strong for many years to come. ♦
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2012 Nightingale Luminary Awards

The annual 2012 Nightingale Luminary Awards, sponsored by the Colorado Nurses Foundation, will be held at the Westin Westminster on Saturday, May 19, 2012. While continuing the twenty-five year tradition of recognizing the spirit of a citizen of the profession through either leadership, advocacy, or innovation. Forty-eight outstanding nurses from across the state, nominated in one of two practice categories: nurses in clinical practice and nurse administrators, educators, researchers, or those in non-traditional roles, will be recognized for their contributions. The forty-eight Luminaries were selected by two organization, Area Higher Education Centers (AHEC) or the Regional Nightingale Committees and forwarded to the State Selection Committee, will be eligible for one of the six prestigious, traditional Nightingale Awards. Additional information about the 2012 event can be found on the CNF website (www.cnfound.org) or at 303-694-4728.

The Colorado Nurses Foundation (CNF) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care and nursing practice in Colorado. The CNF began on October 3, 1987 as the Nursing Institute of Colorado. Although the name has changed, the mission of the organization has remained essentially the same. The CNF encourages nurses, other health care providers, and consumers to join together for quality health care. The CNF is devoted to nursing excellence through the promotion of educational and scientific activities and community-based projects.

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making related to clinical unit operations and work methods, i.e., interdisciplinary policy and practices, and approximately 75% reported low levels of involvement in decision making at the organizational level, i.e., political, social and economic factors.

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For further information please contact Fran Ricker, Executive Director-Coloarado Nurses Association and Co-Chair of the Pilot Program Implementation Committee (PPIC) at Franrick@nurses-co.org or Colleen Casper, Member PPTC at mary.colleen@comcast.net. Presentations on the study findings can be arranged for interested hospitals or organizations.

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Sheridan Health Services: Advanced Practice Nursing Role

Sheridan Health Services (SHS) has had a presence in the community since 1995, primarily serving medically underserved populations through a nurse-managed clinic located at Sheridan Middle School. SHS is a 501(c3) managed by the University of Colorado College of Nursing, and has traditionally provided primary care services to children, adolescents, and adult areas, and can reduce barriers to care. Healthcare is provided based on patient identified health goals. The entire staff is warm, friendly and helpful. Examples of chronic health problems managed at SHS include asthma, diabetes, hypertension and mental health issues.

With the adult expansion primary care site, SHS has served as a safety net for more than 100,000 people through coordinated service offerings between two clinics that include well child and adult preventive care. SHS also perform health risk assessments, acute care, chronic care, prenatal care, behavioral health services, outpatient substance abuse treatment, public health outreach, home visitation, and dental services.

Nurse-managed health centers and providing comprehensive healthcare services to Sheridan residents and surrounding communities. SHS provides clinical placement sites for both graduate and undergraduate nursing students, as well as an internship site for high school students exploring careers in health sciences.

SHS is the home of several partnerships that include the University of Colorado Regents, Sheridan School District, University Hospital, Children’s Hospital, Littlejohn Hospital, Northside Hospital, Denver Health, and Community, Douglas Mental Health, Colorado Association of School Based Health Centers (CASHBC), Doctor’s Hospital, Rocky Mountain Health Care Foundation, and librarians. SHS has served as a national model for nurse-managed health centers offering affordable, accessible care that is transparent and replicable. Nurse-managed clinics are commonly found in rural areas and underserved communities, where patients have difficulty accessing medical care. The expansion of similar practices would likely result in high-quality, affordable care to vulnerable populations, and help eliminate health disparities. Patients appear satisfied with the medical care they receive at SHS. A patient states “what SHS means to my wife and I is that we now have the peace of mind that we are involved in an excellent health care system. The care from SHS is fantastic. It is through the aforementioned grant support and service delivery partnerships that SHS exists. Dedicated providers and staff work at the top of their scope and for long hours to cover patient needs and avoid wasted time. Our patients are not barriers to care because individuals face in navigating healthcare systems. Non-reimbursable services, including financial enrollment and health literacy, can be daunting, especially for those who do not speak English. SHS has joined the Regional Care Network (RCN) and works closely with Access to create a model in order to assist with the provision of these important, but often overlooked services.

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Colorado Nurses Foundation 2011 Scholarships

Eve Hoygaard, MS, RN, WHNP-BC, CNF Scholarship Committee

The Colorado Nurses Foundation (CNF) is pleased to announce that twenty-eight scholarships have been awarded to nursing students representing ten different nursing education programs from across Colorado. Since 1999, CNF has awarded a total of 244 scholarships. Scholarships include not only those funded through the annual Nightingale Event, but scholarships funded through a diverse variety of organizations and individuals. These men and women are outstanding students and show great potential for their futures as professional nurses.

In addition to the scholarships that are awarded each December, CNF is developed to creating and supporting nursing excellence through the promotion of educational and scientific activities as well as community based projects. CNF activities are supported through contributions, fundraising, activities and grants. For additional information please contact the CNF at www.CNFound.org, email “mail@CNFound.org” or call 303-694-4728.

Our Scholarship Recipients represent a variety of programs and the degree in process is shown following the name of the college/university they attend. Scholarship names reflect organization/individual donors: DNA Scholarships are donated by District Nurses Associations of the Colorado Nurses Associations. Some scholarships require that applicants meet specific criteria in addition to evaluation of the application provided by the applicant.

Congratulations to:

Anna Olson, University of Northern Colorado (DNP): Roy Anderson Memorial Scholarship
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Marie Aryan, Regis University (MSN-FNP): Nightingale Scholarship
Stacy Simon, Regis University (BSN-CHOICE): Nightingale Scholarship
Kacee Harris, University of Northern Colorado (BSN-Accelerated): Nightingale Scholarship
Onawa Pelham, Adams State College (BSN): Nightingale Scholarship
Don Alvarez, University of Northern Colorado (BSN) DNA 16 Scholarship in Honor of Eleanor Bent, RN
Benjamin Hilliard, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing (BSN-Accelerated): University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing Scholarship
Mikaelah Circullo, Colorado State University Pueblo (BSN-Accelerated): Central Colorado AHEC Scholarship
Denise Lechtenberger, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing (BSN): DNA 20 Scholarship
Shana Sanderson, University of Colorado Colorado Springs (BSN): DNA 3 Scholarship
Benjamin Alvarez, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing (BSN): Nightingale Scholarship
Kelsey Schwabach, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing (BSN): Nightingale Scholarship
Lauren Powley, Colorado Mesa (BSN): Kaiser Permanente-Nightingale Scholarship
Sean Collins, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing (BSN): Medical Center of the Rockies-Nightingale Scholarship
Madeline Moore, University of Northern Colorado (BSN): North Colorado Medical Center: Nightingale Scholarship
Megan Remley, Regis University (BSN-Accelerated): Rose Medical Center (Nightingale Scholarship)
Jennifer Marquart, University of Northern Colorado (BSN): Poudre Valley Health System-Medical Center of the Rockies Loveland Nightingale Scholarship
Jennifer Gaughan, University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing (BSN): The Children’s Hospital Nightingale Scholarship
Armando Reyes, Regis University (MSN-FNP): Leslie Goy Public Health Nurses Scholarship
Stevanie Douglas, University of Northern Colorado (BSN): Patty Darbonne Walter Memorial Scholarship
Amanda Kritkos, Regis University (BSN-CHOICE): Triple B-Nightingale Scholarship
Mark Rice, Adams State College (BSN): Colorado Nurses Association-Virginia Paulson Scholarship

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Public Health Nurses Honored

Once a year at the Public Health in the Rockies annual conference public health professionals from across the state of Colorado come together to learn, network, and write down ideas. This year, employees of Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) stood out among their colleagues receiving five professional awards on March 25, 2012. JCPH Executive Director, Mark B. Johnson, MD, MPH, said, “All of these awards reflect a great deal of dedication and a high degree of professionalism in their respective fields by our outstanding nurses.” I am proud of each of them, and feel honored to work with such a high caliber of public health professionals at Jefferson County Public Health.

Here is a list of the JCPH winners and the awards received.

**Public Health Superheroes in Action**

**Roy Cleere Distinguished Service Award**

The award goes to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to public health in Colorado. The Colorado Public Health Association’s Distinguished Service Award was renamed in 1974 in honor of Dr. Cleere who was once director of the Colorado Department of Health for 38 years.

**The recipient of this award is...**

Joni Reynolds with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Joni Reynolds is the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Director of Public Health Programs. Joni served as Director of the Immunization Section at the department from July 2011 until July 2011. She has 24 years of experience in public health, including 13 years at the department serving as a public health nurse at the County Health Department and health improvement manager at PacificCare of Colorado. Joni served as secretary for the CPHA Board of Directors from 2001-2006. As director of Public Health Programs, Joni is responsible for directing the work of the department’s six health divisions: Prevention Services, Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology, Laboratory Services, the Center for Health and Environmental Information and Statistics, and Emergency Preparedness and Response.

As Director of the Immunization Program, Joni has led the expansion and distribution of vaccines and expanded clinic hours to better serve public health in Colorado. Joni has led the expansion of health care services in Colorado’s communities and has worked with local communities to ensure that free radon kits were available to residents to their families and allowed us to turn off the waiting room TV! She conducts all ordering, tracking, and delivery of JCPH vaccines for the county. She is always available to answer public health nurses’ questions and has been instrumental in training nurses in immunization, referral, and implementation of JCPH’s immunization services.

Joni has been a lead member of several local, state, and national immunization committees and task forces. She has been a vocal advocate for changing state and local laws to improve the delivery of the vaccines to children. Her recent emphasis on the importance of reading early with their children has been invaluable. Joni’s sustained contributions to the field of public health nursing and her leadership have received national recognition and several awards including Mayor’s Public Health Award, U.S. Surgeon General’s Public Health Award, Jefferson County Good News Coalition Award, and the Colorado Public Health Association’s Distinguished Service Award.

**The recipient of this award is...**

Ann Marie Bailey, Gilpin County Health Nurse

Although employed by Jefferson County Public Health, Ann Marie Bailey’s county title is Gilpin County Public Health Coordinator where she acts as the public health nurse for Gilpin County. Since being employed in October 2009 as the Gilpin County Public Health Nurse, Ann Marie Bailey, RN, MSW, has worked to implement the TRIAD Early Childhood Health Integration Grant activities for Gilpin County. Through a contract with a dental hygienist, quarterly dental screenings and fluoride varnishes are being provided to children through 8 years of age in Gilpin County’s Child Nutrition Program and Gilpin County Schools. She has a Parent Education Group to provide a mechanism for parents to get together and share information. She also obtained extra grant funds through TRIAD to assist an Eagle’s Nest Learning Center provider to obtain certification as a child passenger safety car seat installer in Gilpin County. For her work for the TRIAD Early Childhood Group, she received the 2011 TRIAD’s Children’s Champion Award. As the Gilpin County Public Health Nurse, Ann Marie Bailey has worked to increase awareness of childhood immunizations, childhood obesity, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle choices for all children in Gilpin County.

She is a real whiz at computer and organizational skills with which she has contributed improved databases, forms, and systems. She routinely spot checks the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIS) for JCPH client information and works with CHIS staff to assure accuracy. Keara also coordinates the national Reach Out and Read program in JCPH immunization clinics which has carried over to our home visits and committee which yielded useful recommendations. She is a valuable asset to the public health agency.

This award is given to an individual with less than five years practice serving in a public health field.

**The recipient of this award is...**

Keara Biller, Jefferson County Public Health

Keara began her role as a PHN at Jefferson County Public Health in 2007 with little hands on public health experience, but with a big public health spirit. She quickly learned her role and in her short time with JCPH has made contributions in four program areas: Immunization, Communicable Disease Control, International Travel Clinic, and Resource PHN. Her many talents include excellent client service, managing multiple clients, trouble shooting situations, as well as counseling parents who recently lost a child to meningococcal disease, helping newly married couple with financial issues, assessing client situations and finding solutions while providing sound education and reassurance to her clients. She also operates her own business translating Spanish language which she used during disease outbreaks including the H1N1 flu outbreak to better serve and educate monolingual clients. She also consults with our state’s leading bilingual translators. She is an active member of the Colorado Association of Public Health Nurses (CAPHN). This award is given to a public health nurse for outstanding service to the public health community.
This award honors an individual who has retired from full-time employment in public health, and who has made significant contributions and leadership in the field of public health.

The recipient of this award is…

Cynthia Farkas, Retired

In July of 2010, Cynthia Farkas, RN, FNP, MS, began her retirement after more than 40 year distinguished nursing career. Cynthia began her public health nursing career at Jefferson County Public Health. When she retired, she was an instructor and assistant professor at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. In 2001 she returned to JCPH as a public health nurse supervisor and began her well-deserved retirement. Over the years she developed and implemented an array of maternal child health programs. These included nurse home visitation/care coordination programs for high psychosocial risk postpartum/newborn families and was published in the Journal, visitor program, and programs for prenatal women on Medicaid, and families with special needs children. Over the years Cynthia was involved in the Mental Health, Foster Care and Ante-partum programs that were also grant funded. Her success in grant writing and administration of the grants has been recognized locally and nationally. She secured a three-year grant from the March of Dimes Colorado Chapter to fund her novel Community Ante-partum Alternative Program. She presented at APHA, CityMatCH and Public Health Nurses Association/Colorado Nurses Association/Colorado Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau.

Cynthia’s skill and support of her many professional organization affiliations included her long standing and active memberships in the Colorado Public Health Association, Public Health Nurses Association of Colorado, Sigma Theta Tau, Colorado Nurses Association/Colorado Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau.

Awarded to an innovative, outstanding and adaptable project developed or implemented by a local public health agency in addressing a public health issue(s) in the community.

The recipient of this award is…

Linda L. Waid

Linda is the epitome of a professional public health nurse who is innovating, implementing, and transforming Environmental Health (IH) Nursing in Colorado project called “EHH.” Although public health nursing is already practicing EH, this project will provide further credibility to our profession and as a result, environmental health is a fundamental component of nursing practice.

Lillian Wald Award

Awarded to a public health nurse who demonstrates leadership skills among peers and community, has practiced a minimum of five years in her practice, and is innovating, improving, and addressing public health concerns in the community, is caring in relationships with colleagues and clients, initiates, implements and evaluates initiatives that focus on health promotion and disease prevention, shares public health knowledge with colleagues and community, and is a member of PHNAC and CPHA.

The recipient of this award is…

Christine Schmidt

Jefferson County

Public Health

Christine advocates for public health nurses, safe communities, and effective health care for the underserved. Christine has been a public health nurse for over 30 years with Jefferson County Public Health where she is currently serving as a Public Health Nurse Supervisor at Jefferson County Public Health. As a PHN Supervisor, Christine has managed the communicable disease programs, including international travel and immunization, and health care access programs. She has helped improve the immunization rates of children, adolescents and adults in Jefferson County by implementing immunization clinics for monolingual Spanish speakers in the City, Spanish/English dual language clinics, Spanish PHNs and administrative support staff; administering the ARRA funded Allied Health Care Program which has helped her develop and implement related educational programs and educates on immunization practice; working with child care centers to develop immunization record systems to track immunization rates; collaborating with the school district on back-to-school clinics; implementing an immunization policy for JCPH employees; serving on the CDC Childhood Influenza Vaccination Project; and collaborating with Visiting Nurses Association to have them host clinic for seniors at JCPH clinic sites. Christine also led JCPH in implementing the state immunization registry and its transition to the CIIS II system and supports private providers as they move through this transition.

She presented at APHA, CityMatCh and Public Health in the Rockies on the Allied Health Care Program and her work on the Child Care Centers Health and Safety Project. Christine has been an active member of the Colorado Children’s Immunization Coalition, the Immunization Sub-committee, the Childhood Influenza and Pneumococcal Action Coalition. She has supported legislation to implement an immunization registry, written and received numerous grants that have increased capacity in the county for immunization services, and has had articles published in the ITAT Sharp, Summer of 2008.

Ten years ago, Christine took a leadership role by writing for and receiving a CHP+ Challenge grant that was used to fund a Jefferson County community meeting to identify ways to enroll more children in CHP+. As a result of this meeting, along with feedback from other public health meetings addressing the needs of the medically underserved, Christine was appointed to the Jefferson County Health Access Coalition. This twelve agency member group continues to meet monthly and members work together to increase health care access for county residents and to partner on grant applications. Most recently, Christine led a successful proposal role on the Aging Well in Jefferson County Initiative. She presented her committee’s findings at the Jefferson County 2010 Aging Summit on “Physical, Mental Health and Social Well Being.” Christine currently serves on the Colorado Nurses Association Health Care Access Committee. She recently was appointed to the CALPHO Health Care Reform Task Force.

Christine is recognized in Colorado’s public health nurse community for her work on adapting the QUAD Council PHN Competencies for PHNs working in Communicable Disease, Maternal-Child Health, and Reproductive Health Clinics at JCPH. Through her presentations at APHA, CPHA and PHEP meetings and a NACCHO webinar, state public health nurse consultants, and most recently PHNAC, used her templates to develop PHN Competencies in various areas of public health nursing. Christine received PHNAC’s Most Innovative Project Award in 2007 for developing the Jefferson County Community Ante- partum Program. Additionally, Christine is a member of PHNAC for the past three years. Her work in this position has resulted in PHNAC obtaining 301c6 status.

Besides sharing her knowledge of public health and public health nursing through her committee, task force and professional association work, public health nurse Christine Schmidt serves in various presentations, Christine serves as a Clinical Scholar for the University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing, served as a CPHND Board Nominee, Colorado Nurses Association DNA 16 Nurse of the Year, and JCPH Employee of the Month. Christine is now deserving of the Lillian Wald Public Health Nurse Award.

Army of One

The Army of One Award is given to an outstanding public health nurse from a single-nurse agency.

The recipient of this award is…

Robin Trujillo, Baca County

Public Health Agency

Robin was the recipient of this award for Army of One for outstanding work as the Public Health Nurse and Director for Baca County. Robin went off to school and worked after finishing her BS in Nursing. While in college she realized that Baca County was calling her home to give back to the community. Robin was hired and hit the ground running. She inherited some big responsibilities and delivered HI N1, organizing her local partners. She had to deal with several local issues related to foodborne illness, pertussis and rabies, but it did not deter her.

She is a great partner to the other public health agencies in the region, as well as her local partners and community. She was able to complete all of the program deliverables for each program, not just at a minimal level, but with the highest standards and quality, she moved the public health program to new heights for Baca County, and has established herself as a leader in her county. She is an Army of One and is stepping in the Baca County!
A new public health nurse has been selected as the recipient of the Colorado Nurses Association’s annual Colorado Nurse of the Year award. The recipient is Angela Montgomery, a registered nurse with the Tri-County Health Department.

Montgomery is recognized for her leadership and dedication to public health nursing. She is a member of the Colorado Nurses Association and is currently serving as the Nurse Humane Society advocate. She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Colorado Nurses Association and is a member of the Colorado Nurses Association’s Legislative Committee.

Montgomery has been working in public health nursing for over 20 years and has served in a variety of roles, including as a nurse home visitor, a community health nurse, and a public health nurse in a regional hospital. She has been an advocate for the rights of incarcerated individuals and has been recognized for her work in the area of social justice.

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As nurses we have all learned about the revolutionary contributions and influences to modern nursing from Florence Nightingale back in the mid 19th century. Unfortunately her bias that only women should be nurses is still prevalent today. Only about 78% of nurses today are men, which is up from 2004 when it was about 54%. I believe that the profession would benefit greatly from the influence of more men in nursing as well as from other minority groups. As an example, at the last meeting for Rocky Mountain Assembly for Men in Nursing (RMAAMN), our speaker was Gordon Duvall. Mr. Duvall is nurse practitioner who currently works as a medical clinic supervisor for the Division of Youth Services. He started his career as a Registered Nurse working in the emergency department at Denver General Hospital in the early 1990’s. Gordon was frequently exposed to the effects of Denver’s high degree of gang violence common at the time. From that experience, he decided he wanted to work at the root of the problem. He went on to become a nurse practitioner and has had a varied career helping at-risk youth. I think being an African American man gives Mr. Duvall a unique perspective and influence that is very beneficial in his field and to the profession of nursing. The Rocky Mountain chapter of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing was created in the mid 19th century. Unfortunately her bias was a joint, collaborative community effort. Our purpose is to provide a framework for nurses as a group to meet, to discuss, and influence factors that affect men as nurses in the Rocky Mountain Region. In addition, one of the board members is a board member of the national organization. The Chapter objectives are:

1. Encourage men of all ages to become nurses and join together with all nurses in strengthening and humanizing health care.
2. Support men who are nurses to grow professionally and demonstrate to each other and to society the increasing contributions made by men within the nursing profession.
3. Advocate for continued research, education and dissemination of information about men’s health issues, men in nursing, and nursing knowledge at the local and national levels.
4. Support members’ full participation in the nursing profession and its organizations, and utilize the Chapter for the limited objectives stated above.

This chapter is open to any and all who might be interested in learning more about this organization. A website has been created that addresses the activities of this chapter. The URL is http://www.rmaamn.org/. Please visit the website to learn more about the organization, as well as learn about upcoming events and meetings. If you would like more information than is provided on the website please contact Dale Colfack at dale.colfack@state.co.us.

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NOAH Recruiting Nurses
by Lola Fehr

No, not to build an ark. NOAH is Nurse Outreach for Access to Health, a project funded by the Colorado Trust and implemented by the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence. Nurse volunteers are needed to achieve the goal of the project which is to provide information to Coloradans about their choices in healthcare. Interested nurses will be coached and encouraged to consider participating in the NOAH project in one of three ways. One way you can participate is to serve on nonprofit and community organization boards. A second way to participate is by speaking to small groups about ways to access healthcare services. Nurses who are not able to make those commitments are encouraged to sign up for regular e-mail notices that will keep them informed about the evolving Colorado health care landscape.

Major Project—Channel 9 Health Fairs
As a part of this project, the Center will be organizing Interactive Educational Centers (IECs) at each of the approximately 150 Channel 9 Health Fairs around the state in April, 2012. It will take at least 300 volunteers to staff these Centers and engage in conversation with Health Fair participants about their health care experiences and provide resources to answer questions. The resources will be developed by the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence.

Volunteer Now
Contact Lola Fehr at NOAHinfo@ColoradoNursingCenter.org with any questions or to be sent information about any of these exciting opportunities to raise awareness about how Colorado citizens access and experience their health care. The Gallup poll shows that nursing is most respected among the professions. As a professional nurse, you can make a difference!

Thanks from the Rose Parade Nurses Float!

We have received an acknowledgment of the contributions toward building the nurses float for the 2013 Rose Parade that were made at the CNA Convention. Those who missed that opportunity can go to the web site, www.flowers4thefloat.org and make a contribution. The President of the Tournament of Roses for 2013 is Sally Bixby, a professional nurse, you can make a difference!
Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee (GAPP)

The Government Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) Committee of the Colorado Nurses Association has a full agenda of activities for the year. The group has been working since November to provide support to the summary of educational opportunities provided to be on the Colorado General Assembly legislative docket this 2012 session. In addition the committee is planning a number of educational opportunities for nurses, individuals to enhance their advocacy and grass roots citizen lobbying skills. Since this is an election year, the committee will collaborate with the Nurses Political Action Committee (NPAC) in an evaluation process of candidates for office to determine their positions on public policy issues important to professional nursing in Colorado.

In each session of the Colorado legislature, 500-600 bills are introduced. The GAPP committee screens for bills that might be important to nursing. This work is done by members of the committee and is facilitated by the CNA Policy Director and Lobbyist. The bills are prioritized into four categories: active support, passive support, monitor and informational. The bills that are in the active support category are tracked on the Lobbyist List and the Committee. When appropriate and needed, the lobbyist, members of the committee and other knowledgeable association members may testify at the appropriate committee hearing. The committee members also serve as informational resources to legislators during the session. In this session to date, a number of legislative bill topics include work force date collection, health care professional transparency, issues concerning prescriptive authority for advanced practice nurses, nursing, workforce date collection, health care professional transparency, issues concerning prescriptive authority for advanced practice nurses, nursing education degree issues in community colleges. There will other topics as we progress through the legislative session.

In March and early April, the GAPP Committee will be offering a Continuing Education program: Professional Engagement—Public Policy Advocacy. This continuing education will be offered twice and it will be held at the Capitol. Details and registration information will be posted on the CNA website.

The GAPP Committee encourages involvement in this aspect of the professional nursing role. There are a number of opportunities to become involved with the committee: providing input and expert advice to the committee, visiting our meetings, viewing the legislative and testifying appropriate, and membership on the committee. For more information please visit the CNA website.

Colorado Nurses for Access to Health Care for All (CNAHCA)

The beginning of a new year renews focus on the committee’s work on the critical issues of access to health care and the implementation of health care reform. The committee has been actively involved in identifying and educating nurses and others on health care reform issues of importance to nurses.

By definition, nurses are advocates for “our patients” but our advocacy role should go beyond our employment to the larger community in which we live and work. The Nurse’s Code of Ethics calls upon each of us to promote efforts to meet the health care needs to the larger community and to articulate nursing values in the process.

Last October the IOM report “On the Future of Nursing” was published which stated that nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health care professionals in redesigning health care in the United States. Nurses need information to become involved in the process as full partners in this redesign work.

CNAHCA along with Governmental Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) committee participated in the “The 100 Nurses for 100 Legislators” event to educate and inform nurses on the legislative advocacy process presented during the Colorado Nurses Convention on October 21, 2011. The Denver event was an informative and fun event with a legislative quiz, interactive stations designed to inform i.e.—how to find a legislative bill on the Colorado State, and capped off with a fun ring toss for beverages to support the CNA’s Legal Defense Fund. CNAHCA member Deanne Tolman demonstrated how to turn a rather bland subject, “An Overview of Colorado Health Insurance Exchanges” into a versatile presentation by presenting an interesting, informative and discursive talk and discussion on the subject. The Colorado Health Insurance Exchange is one of many evolving programs established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that will influence nursing and healthcare in our state. Other emerging changes included Accountable Care Organizations, patient centered care models, along with reforms in funding and payment mechanisms.

At the convention, Emily Burke discussed the Sheridan Health Service, which is a Nurse Led Medical Home. It is very important that not only CNA’s Legislative Committees are knowledgeable about these new developments but the greater nursing community is aware all the potential avenues.

Therefore not only do the committees need to learn about many new concepts in healthcare delivery, they also need to increase the understanding of other nurses and the public. The GAPP Committee is exploring the idea of creating a CNAHCA Legislative Task Force to pass a resolution reaffirming the Act that will influence nursing and healthcare in our state. Other emerging changes included Accountable Care Organizations, patient centered care models, along with reforms in funding and payment mechanisms.

The Novice to Expert Steering committee was developed to assist new graduate nurse’s transition to early May. The committee has concentrated on developing a mentorship program to become involved with the committee: providing input and expert advice to the committee, visiting our meetings, viewing the legislative and testifying appropriate, and membership on the committee. For more information please visit the CNA website.

Novice to Expert Committee Report

The Novice to Expert Steering committee was developed to assist new graduate nurse’s transition into practice. The committee has concentrated on developing a mentorship program, designing relevant education and planning for face-to-face meetings if identified as a valued support program. There are currently two major components of the project. A mentorship workshop has been developed and mentors have been paired with new graduate nurses. There is also a Facebook group entitled Colorado New Nursing Grad Nurse to create a safe community for new graduate nurses as they make the critical transition into practice. There are 289 members in the group.

A Professional Development seminar was hosted June 3. Dennis Onderka offered great information and a new perspective on professionalism in a full new graduate nurses. Thanks to feedback from novice nurses regarding interest in a mentorship program, we will plan host mentorship workshops in the future and encourage pre-registration. The Novice to Expert Steering Committee is still recruiting mentors.

Colorado Student Nurses Association

The Colorado Nurses Association supports new graduate and nursing students representing its immediate future for its organizational membership. CNAHCA makes sure to do their part in supporting the Colorado Student Nurses Association. This year CNA had booths and members to represent CNA at both student conventions in Colorado Springs at Beth-El School of Nursing and Denver at Regis University.

The students have been very active throughout the year representing Colorado at both Mid-Year and National Conventions. The students did manage to pass two resolutions through at the National Convention without debate. One was from Regis entitled “IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED AWARENESS OF ROSA’S LAW WHICH CHANGES THE TERM “MENTALLY RETARDED” TO “INTELLUCTAL DISABILITY.”” The second one was from Colorado Junior College entitled “IN SUPPORT OF WORKSHOP AT THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION TO INCREASE NEW GRADUATE MEMBERSHIP.”

*The Colorado Nurses Association is a separate entity to the Colorado Student Nurses Association.

District Reports

DNA 6

Denise Trujillo was named Alumni of the Year at Adams State College. The picture was taken at a reception in her honor on Friday, September 28th.

Marty Dineen was honored, in abstention, as the DNA 6 Nurse of the Year. Marty was selected for his instrumental part in designing our new DNA 6 poster and performing much needed financial auditing of the bank accounts. He received a lovely award from DNA during the annual convention. Charlie Ledonne, Sue Foster, and Shawn Elliott were the delegates for the DNA convention and report they were inspired by the speakers.

Many members are busily preparing for the San Luis Valley Nightingale event scheduled for the end of February. Cathy Thompson is our scheduled keynote speaker for the event.

GSF reports the information visit went well. The results go to the next board of review in January, with final review in March of 2012. The pass rate for the first class is above 90%, which exceeds the current national pass rate. We congratulate them for their hard work!

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Submitted by Norma Tubman, RN, MScN, NE-BC Despite the Colorado Nurses Association Convention in October not having enough delegates present to call its House of Delegates to order, DNA 20 did have its 14 delegates present. In part, due to DNA 20 consistently sending its full complement of delegates to convention, DNA 20 was selected as the CNA 2011 District of the Year. Congratulations also to Norma Tubman who was the DNA 20 Nurse of the Year.

In November, DNA 20 held a meeting at Front Range Community College, which was attended by 45 students and faculty. DNA 20 member Kiska May gave a presentation on “Professional Engagement or Citizenship,” which addressed the benefits of nurses being involved in their professional association. Three Legislative Connection Dinner tickets donated by DNA 20 and various CNA items were given as door prizes. At the Holiday dinner and meeting held at Norma Tubman’s house in December, Paula Stearns, DNA 20 member and Board Secretary for the Action Center and Julie Hahn RN, Health Navigator, Action Center, gave an informative presentation on the mission and activities of the center. Members donated items for the Action Center Grub Club, a new program that provides comprehensive meal tickets for youth in six Jefferson County Schools with a food box every other week throughout the school year. The program encourages homeless youth to connect with a school social worker or counselor while allowing the youth to feel proud and safe as they work towards independent living. At the time this article was written, 46 youth were helping in the program. DNA 20 members also were honored to have the Colorado Nurses Association President, Mary Ciambelli, speak about the organization meeting and provide the 11 members in attendance with an update on CNA future goals with its reorganization and its budget. At its January meeting, DNA 20 heard about another new program serving youth, The Second Wind Fund of Metro Denver. Nancy Morgan, Program Director, shared information on identifying suicide risk factors and warning signs and what to do if you believe someone may be at risk for suicide. The program has served over 2,500 youth referred since 2002.

DNA 20, through collaboration with the Colorado Nurses Foundation, awarded a $1,000 scholarship to Denise Lechtenberger, a senior at University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing. Denise, a West Denver resident who is employed as a HealthCare Technician at Denver Health Medical Center, plans to work in an acute care setting upon her graduation and to eventually become a Nurse Practitioner.

Congratulations to DNA 20 members Kears Biller, Cynthia Farkas, Corinne Koehler and Elly Yost. At the full Public Health in the Rockies Conference, Kears received the Emerging Leader Award, while Cynder received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to public health. Both were awarded by the Colorado Public Health Association. Corinne received the University of Colorado College of Nursing Alumni Association’s Lifetime Achievement award at its fall reunion.

In November, the director of Nursing Practice at Nurse-Family Partnership, spoke about nursing leadership on a panel at the Engleberg Center for Health Care Reform at the Brookings Institution. She also had an op-ed appear in the Denver-based health policy solutions to DNA 20 nurses afloat. Kiska May has volunteered her services to help build the Nurses float for the 2013 Rose Bowl Parade which will have a nurse as the Grand Marshall. Donations can be made to flowers4thefloat.com. For information on DNA 20 meetings and activities, contact President Allison Winides at Acoons2@excite.com.

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DNA 23

District 23 will next meet on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. The time and place have yet to be determined but all members will be notified in advance or mailed the information. We are taking a chance to attempt to increase attendance to meetings and or have more contributions/suggestions as to what can be done to improve the meeting to member and all Nurses. This past year has been a rather slow, non productive one regarding meetings. Our appreciation to everyone who has helped.

Cathy O’Grady Melvin, Vice President, continues her volunteer Nursing travels. Her dedication is amazing, her work so appreciated and we are grateful to her for sharing photos and events of her Nursing in other parts of the world. To all those members who have been ill, we wish you well and a better year. Welcome to all new members and I hope you’ll call me up with your interests and concerns or requests. May you all have a less stressful and productive, happy 2012. Thank you, and congratulations all the new officers of CNA. Thank you to President, Mary Ciambelli, for her email contact. Please call me at 303-999-0178 or email. Fran Dowling Pres #23

DNA 30

DNA-30, the Colorado Society of Advanced Practice Nurses (CSAPN), meets monthly at a variety of sites for dinner meetings. Meetings are well attended and we welcome APN students and members who are interested in meeting the members of the month and information regarding site/registration, etc. is posted (usually about the 10th of the month).

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DNA 31

Since July 2011 when the current board convened, we have many activities to report. Our board members this year are: Judy Murray, president; Ann Terrill-Torres, VP; Karen Schoenhals, secretary; Laura Mehringer, treasurer; Mary Ciambelli, RN, FNP; Mary Ciambelli, RN, FNP. In 2011, we collected $770, in $100.00 cards for Metro CareRing. In 2011, we exceeded our goal of $1000 when we collected $1050 in gift cards! Metro CareRing includes a $100.00 gift card in their Christmas food baskets.

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chairperson for this event and did a wonderful job organizing, assisted by Jane Karl, Maureen Doran, Maureen Cook, and Carolyn Dacres who were also on the committee.

We have two honors among our members to celebrate this year. We are very proud to present our two award recipients this year.

Dr. Mary Ciambelli, a longtime member of DNA 31, was elected as the president of CNA at the annual convention in October, 2011 held in Denver. Dr. Mary has served on the legislative committee for many years, both NPATCH and GAPP, which she chaired in 2010-2011. During that time she helped write and pass legislation which added nurses to persons’ who can place mental health holds as well as added nurses to persons who have privileged communication rights with their patients. She was the clinician of the year in 1989. She was very active in reviewing the nurse practice act in 2005-2008. She was DNA nurse of the year in 2009. She has served the needs of the psychiatric patients at Swedish hospital for many years. We are very proud of Mary and feel lucky to have her working for all of us nurses in Colorado.

Dr. Ruby Martinez was honored as our Clinician of the Year for 2011. Ruby has served on our board as the head of our ethics committee for many years, also as past president and co-chair of our legislative committee. Dr. Martinez has served so many roles in our community and has been an inspiring leader to all of us. Among them are: Administrator @ Fort Logan; Faculty member at the U. of Colorado; and more recently providing psychiatric care to clients at the Denver City and County jail and the Independent House.

Karen Lyda as our education chair has set up several fun and educative opportunities to be announced on the website.

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Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) is the foundation of nursing practice. The change in both technology and evidence-based practice demands constant attention to redefine what was learned in basic nursing education programs and the textbooks purchased. The only constant is the Art of Nursing, human touch, and compassion administered with compassion. CNE enhances nursing practice, education, administration, and research to improve health care to the public. It involves “systematic professional learning experiences designed to augment the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of nurses and therefore, enrich the nurses’ contributions to quality health care...” (ANA/NNSDO Scope & Standards of Practice, Nursing Professional Development, 2010, p. 83.) Information taught in current nursing education programs is NOT CNE unless it is a RN refresher program or an update on new information. How to implement agency policies or operate equipment used on the job, or procedures used in the employment setting is NOT CNE.

CNE, once known as CIU (continuing education units) was the product of the 1980s based on an academic model of 50 minutes per unit. CNE with the 60 minute hour puts the profession in sync with other health professionals who might attend the same programs. In fact, the AACME and APCE and ANCC have been collaborating to create a seamless accreditation process for their providers of medical, pharmacy and nursing continuing education. Colorado’s Department of Regulatory Agencies (ODRA), Board of Nursing only recently required CNE for licensed professionals; that requirement is not likely to reoccur in the foreseeable future.

Colorado, like many other state nurses associations affiliated with ANA, is both an approver of agencies and organizations (both for profit and not-for profit) 501 C 3 that offer CNE, and a provider of CNE for what is known as the “Provider Unit.” The Accredited Approver has applied for and received ANCC status to approve providers for three years or to approve individual CNE activities. Approved Providers have been granted a three year period to provide CNE either directly or jointly-sponsored with another agency or group. Jointly-sponsored programs must have agreements or jointly-sponsored with another agency or group. The Accredited Approver has approval from the target audience is nice, but not necessary. Before starting on the objectives, determine the target audience, gap analysis and learning styles. Formulate an outcome statement that tells the learners what they will be able to implement agency policies or operate equipment used on the job, or procedures used in the employment setting is NOT CNE.

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The Memorial Column includes available information about nurses who have been educated in, worked in and/or lived in Colorado. If you have information about the death of a nurse colleague, family member, or friend, we would appreciate your advising Eve Hoygaard (ehoygaard@msn.com) via email so that we may include their name in the next issue of the Colorado Nurse. Information appreciated includes dates of birth and death, education and school attended, employment sites, area of practice, etc.

We remember and honor the following nurses...

Bess, Helen Fay Esau, RN, BSN, died November 4, 2011 in Cherry Hills Village at age 80. Following her 1953 graduation from St. Luke's Hospital Denver School of Nursing, she worked at St. Luke's from 1953-1959. In 1973, she became a school nurse for Cherry Creek School District and in 1978 she was named the District's Coordinator of Health Services. Her career in school nursing included many roles and lasted until 1991. In that year she was named Colorado School Nurse of the Year. Mrs. Bess completed her BSN in 1983 from St. Francis College, Joliet IL. She was active in numerous volunteer roles.

Brester, Mary H., RN, died on September 26, 2011 at the age of 98. Her career included working in Public Health, Critical Care, and Nursing Education

Carozza, Virginia J. “Gigi,” RN, passed away on October 16, 2011 at age 93.

Crandall, Joan Wallace, RN, (76) died on November 27, 2011 in Aurora. Born in New Hampshire, she attended the University of New Hampshire and graduated from the Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing in 1957. She was active as a nurse for 42 years.

Creighton, Loma Prout, RN, (87) a Denver native, died on November 28, 2011. She was a graduate of St. Anthony Hospital School of Nursing.

Domanick-Van Laercke, Jill, RN, BSN, died at age 37 in Lakewood CO in November 2011. She was a 2002 graduate of the Regis University School of Nursing.

Gewing, Christine Mae Huffman, RN, (86) died in Columbia TN on October 31, 2011. She studied nursing at the University of Denver. Her nursing career included work at Lutheran Medical Center starting in 1968 and at the time she retired in 1989 she was employed at BlueCross-Blue Shield of Colorado.

Hertzberg, Dalice L. Miller, RN, BSN, MSN, FNP, (60) died in Denver on October 26, 2011. Following her 1980 BSN graduation from the University of Colorado School of Nursing, she began her nursing career as an orthopedic and rehabilitation nurse at The Children's Hospital. In 1991 she earned her MSN degree in Pediatric nursing and later completed a Post Master’s as an excellent nurse practitioner. Certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Her practice focus was serving the needs of those with special needs. She taught, spoke, and provided direct care for many children and adults with developmental disabilities. Since 1991, she held a faculty position in the CU School of Medicine and the College of Nursing. She was a consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice, evaluating the quality of care at state developmental disability facilities that were under federal probation. Her work included many disaster areas with Project Hope and other international organizations.

Hommel, Helen, RN, died on October 17, 2011 shortly before her 89th birthday. She served as an RN during WWII.

Kuehne, Virginia M. Parker, RN, MSN, died at age 92, in Aurora CO on October 20, 2011. She was employed by the City of Denver for many years.

McCorkle, Maurine Capey, RN, (97) died on November 25, 2011. A graduate of St. Luke's Hospital Kansas City MO, she worked as a CAMP NURSE

Percefull, Ann Baker, RN, BSN, died at age 85 on October 27, 2011. She graduated from Purdue University and St. Elizabeth’s Schools of Nursing and later completed Post Graduate education at Denver University, Colorado University and Ohio State University. She practiced nursing a St. Joseph Hospital, The Denver VA Hospital, Children’s Hospital, Swedish Medical Center and Porter Adventist Hospital. Her career included extensive volunteer work and was a Lifetime member of the Friends of Nursing.

Pitney, Margaret Rawson, RN, died September 10, 2011 just days before her 97th birthday. She was born in Germany and moved to the United States after WWII. She received her nursing license and worked at several Colorado Hospitals, including University Hospital.

Spindler, “Betty” Marian Elizabeth Elder, RN, was 91 when she died on November 14, 2011. Born in Denver, she joined the Army Nurse Corps in December 1942 as an officer and was deployed in 1943 with the 92nd Evacuation Unit in the Southwest Pacific. Returning to Denver she worked as a nurse at St. Luke’s Hospital, later earning a teaching certificate and teaching in the Littleton Public Schools for many years.

Turnquist, Donna Whittacker, RN, BSN, passed away, in Denver, on December 8, 2011 at the age of 74. A 1960 graduate of the University of Colorado Denver, she loved travel and music.

Younkman, LaBea, RN, (75) A Colorado Native died on October 29, 2011. She worked as a Nurse Practitioner for Denver Public Schools for many years.

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