

Program Committee – Meeting Report
September 28-30, 2006
Phoenix, AZ

Program Committee Identity Statement

The goal of the Program Team is to identify and facilitate themes, pertinent speakers and other meeting related issues.

To accomplish this goal, the Program Team will:

- continually assess emerging issues
- prepare meeting/speaker recommendations
- identify other resources for implementation
- suggest programming for HPN meetings

Program Committee Members Present:

Carleen Murphey, Dan Olson, Judy Jondahl, John Shalkham, Mary-Margaret Javuek, Carole Stacy, Linda Whaley and Don Richards.

The Program Committee began the discussions by identifying a central theme for the next HPN meeting. It was the feeling of committee members that all presentations are not required to center around the overall suggested theme for a meeting, however, that having a central theme will help guide the focus of the presentations. It was suggested that we look at healthcare industry and education collaborative projects, such as the Keystone Project at Johns Hopkins University, obtain a national perspective from Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) as well as several other significant industry/education partnerships that are benefiting the healthcare industry. It was suggested that John Trufant might be a good choice as keynote speaker in this area. It was also suggested that we look at the issue of “Degree Creep” such as the emergence of Clinical Doctorates, as well as movement from two-year toward four-year professional entry, and invite a panel to discuss this issue from various perspectives, such as cost, expertise, reimbursement, educational preparation required, etc. It was recommended that we invite a representative of the Pharmacy profession to discuss how they see themselves as part of the healthcare team, how the new Pharmacy Technician’s role will evolve, articulation and career paths, etc. It was suggested by the HOSA representative that it was time for a HOSA update on recent HOSA activities, and it was suggested that the Minnesota State Advisor provide this update. Finally, it was suggested that a presentation be given on the evolving use of medical simulation in healthcare education, as well as virtual tour of the Simulation Center in Rochester at the Mayo Clinic.

This concludes the Program Committee report.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Richards