

**Yakima Regional Nurse Practice Meeting  
May 16, 2005**

Members: Chair-Pam Rimel\*, Susan Jacobson, Carmen Garrison\*, Susan Holdeman\*, Keith Prouse, Donna Mellinger\*, Ron Fought\*, Corina Osmond-Vickers \*, Julie Loagan\*, Marti Brunell, Barb Evans, Sheila Leman, Deb Westland, Terri Wright, Stormye Presnell\*, Susan Gleeson, Bruce Furgeson

Visitors:

**Called to order/ground rules:** The meeting was called to order at 1600 by Pamela Rimel.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

**New Business:**

*Staffing:* There was discussion regarding nurses being floated to areas and given assignments they had not been trained in. The issue is the assignment, not the floating. In ICU, one way to handle this has been “teaming”. This has heightened the need to have enough core staff in each department so those floating are able to perform where they are capable. Julia and Stormye discussed cross training and check lists.

Ron Fought said the support systems have to be rebuilt. Night shift is getting a stat nurse. Days and evenings are getting transport techs.

Vacations: discussed too many core people from one department on vacation at the same time.

Night shift morale: Need to look at positive incentives.

**ADO's:** No report available for this meeting.

**Education:**

*IV training:* Presently there are two classes a month in IV's. Staff are taking the classes but not setting up appointments in PACU. Shift work doesn't appear to be the issue as it is fairly equal on all shifts. There are other options, ER for example.

*Equipment:* Zolls: All floors will have new ones. Baxter filters are on back order. In the meantime, use the 6 inch extension with the filter above.

It was suggested that we have a products committee.

**Falls Prevention:** The new fall sheets/assessments are being utilized.

**Pharmacy:** Keith was unable to attend.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1515. The next meeting will be Monday, July 18, 2005 at 1600.**