

**Greater Green Bay Health Care Alliance**  
**CLINICAL SUBCOMMITTEE – WEBEX MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, December 4, 2020 - 8:30 to 10:00 AM**

**ATTENDEES:** Alfred (AJ) Bellile-NWTC, Jenn Christiansen-HSHS, Sherri Hanrahan-Bellin College, Laura Janssen-Advocate Aurora, Brian Krogh-NWTC, Kari Liebeck-NWTC, Heather Masters-UWGB, Riley McDermid-NWTC, Jackie Stewart-NWTC, Joan Steeno-NWTC, Cindy Theys-NWTC, Cindy Van Dyke-UWGB, Christine Vandenhouten-UWGB, Kelly Verhasselt-Bellin Health, Ann Wasmund-Bellin College, Sherry Willems-HSHS, Julie Williams-Rasmussen College, Debbie Thompson-NWTC

## **EPIC**

Members are looking at credentialing more Epic trainers; however, COVID has taken significant precedence for all the sites/schools. In many cases, nurses that don't normally perform patient care are getting transferred, hired, or leaving retirement to work at the bedside or support other roles related to the pandemic.

Sherry Willems had sent members a process for HSHS trainers a few months ago. Sherry's HSHS role has expanded to include the western side of the State. With more contacts, her colleagues are working on a more revised process to certify Epic trainers and are considering e-learnings and post-tests. Sherry is getting a handle on this and will update to the Clinical Subcommittee when the process is more established.

Advocate Aurora is training students/instructors with their eight Epic modules through their Caregiver Connect portal. Laura can reach out to see if they are holding any formalized classes. Kelly reached out to Bellin's IT team leader; however, some of their IT people are nurses who were transferred to the bedside, putting things on hold.

The E-learnings come from Epic, with guidelines on who instructs who. Epic is very particular that the people doing the training are credentialed. Sherri Hanrahan shared that; ideally, it would work well to have those conducting the training also be able to train other faculty and students. To have one product, with the exception of Advocate Aurora, in addition to covering the site-specific information would work well. For now, members will continue with the current process.

- ✓ Jackie Stewart will message those who updated the site-specific Epic sheets in 2019 to have them review their information for any changes, if they have not done so already.
- ✓ Epic was added to the agenda for April 2021's Clinical Subcommittee meeting.

## **SPRING PPE - WHAT DO CAMPUSES NEED TO SUPPLY FOR STUDENTS IN CLINICAL?**

- **Advocate Aurora** will continue to provide level 1 facemasks and eye protection. People who have been fit tested will provide their own N95s, as done in the past.
- **HSHS** is having meetings next week and do not foresee any changes in their PPE process. Students will continue to provide their own eye protection and facemasks. Specialty areas are being handled at the school level, with students supplying their own PPE.
- **Bellin Health** is continuing with their same PPE process as well. Students will need to continue to provide their own N95s. In some cases, the N95s are being provided by the schools. PPE is currently being provided but this practice may change. It is okay for students to bring in goggles.

## **STUDENTS & COVID PATIENTS**

Although some students are taking care of COVID patients, most facilities around the State say students should not be taking care of these patients. COVID is not going away and nurses are getting burnt out. Students, properly prepared, could help alleviate some of this responsibility. Kelly Verhasselt shared that students who are employed in long-term care would need to check with their employer before caring for COVID patients while on clinical.

Advocate Aurora has not been having students take care of COVID patients. They hired students in temporary CNA type roles, but even those employees cannot work in the COVID units.

HSHS has no written policy for students caring for COVID patients. It comes down to the local system and was initially driven by PPE. Due to so many unknowns with the patient population, HSHS is trying to decrease the number of people exposed. Sherry will know next week if this philosophy will change.

Rasmussen College has not had students working in a COVID unit as of yet. Their school has not done fit testing, as they do not have the equipment to do the testing but are open to doing it. Another order for face shields and eye protection has been placed so Rasmussen College will have these items on-hand for their students.

**Tommy Thompson, interim UW System president, is urgently asking schools to assist with the COVID surge.** Numerous GGBHA students and instructors have responded to this initiative. Christine Vandenhouten will be meeting today to discuss the vaccination process and how students can get involved. Christine will follow-up with the GGBHA regarding any pertinent information.

### SCHEDULE 2021 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

The Clinical Subcommittee will continue meeting the fourth Friday of every month, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.		
<b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review: Mandatory Modules</li> </ul>	<b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning: Clinical instructor's Orientation</li> </ul>	<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Epic</li> <li>Planning: Clinical Instructor's Orientation</li> </ul>
<b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review: Overall Website</li> <li>Review: Contact Lists</li> <li>Planning: Clinical Instructor's Orientation</li> </ul>	<b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review: Clinical Forms</li> <li>Planning: Clinical Instructor's Orientation</li> </ul>	<b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning: Clinical Instructor's Orientation</li> </ul>
<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event: Clinical Instructor's Orientation</li> </ul>	<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap: Clinical Instructor's Orientation</li> <li>Review: Preceptor Handbook</li> <li>Review: Preceptor Forms</li> </ul>	

Laura suggested having a more standardized format for the 2021 Clinical Instructor's Orientation. A virtual presentation with a live component, giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions is doable using Microsoft Teams or WebEx platform.

The GGBHA has two Excel booklets that list contacts. One of the Excel booklets is published on the website, while the other is not. Members will have access to update both contact spreadsheets. A text number for urgent information is being requested for members to add to the spreadsheet that does **not** get published on the website. Debbie will create and email the links to members with additional information.

### COVID UPDATES

- Members are encouraged to contact Laura Janssen if instructors or students are having any trouble downloading Advocate Aurora's SafeCheck app.
- Students no longer need physicals at Advocate Aurora. It was decided that student physicals will no longer be a requirement.
- Laura thanked members for sending student referrals, as Advocate Aurora has begun to hire for COVID CNA roles. A flyer will be sent for students getting close to graduation.
- Sherri Hanrahan shared that as an organization the GGBHA has come a long way with COVID. Continuing to work together is key.

### NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/AGENDA

The next GGBHA Clinical Subcommittee WebEx meeting is on **Friday, January 22, 2021, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.** Agenda:

- ✓ COVID-19 Updates
- ✓ Next WebEx Meeting Date/Time/Agenda