COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS & HEALTH VISITORS ASSOCIATION


This is the first newsletter from the CPHVA-Cymru committee. We hope that this newsletter will help members keep in touch with the people that are representing them here in Wales and beyond. If anyone wishes any information/news items to be included in the newsletter please contact Ann Owen.

Find your Centre!

One way of getting involved in the CPHVA is through your local Centre. Centres are part of the democratic processes of the CPHVA, providing a focus for community and public health nurses to meet to discuss practice and policy issues, and to influence how the CPHVA/Amicus, your union, is organised.

Health visitors, school nurses, district nurses, practice nurses and other specialist nurses including community mental health nurses are all welcome at Centre meetings. For further information contact your chair Angela Roberts or one of your centre’s CPHVA-Cymru reps.

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CYPHA- Cymru Dates

CYPHA-Cymru meets regularly to discuss issues that impact upon you as a member and as a practitioner. The committee is a vital link between the members and the national committees in London representing your views in the Association’s decision making process. It also links with the Assembly and other strategic policy making bodies in Wales. Membership of the committee gives you the opportunity to influence the progress community practice in Wales and to represent the professions at national level.

Any member is welcome to attend the meetings as an observer or to shadow their centre representatives. If you feel that there are issues that need to be brought to the attention of the CPHVA contact your centre representative or Ann Owen.

For your Diary

5th December 2003, CYPHA-Cymru Committee meeting with Mark Jones, Director, national chair Carolyn Taylor, Steve Sloan RO and Rosemary Kennedy CNO (invited). Past members of the Committee will be invited to celebrate Christmas with us at Maes Mawr.
Hotel, Newtown. Contact Maria Scudlaz if interested in attending from your centre.

It will be an opportunity to thank past and present representatives of the CPHVA in Wales for their hard work.

**CPHVA–CYMRU ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2004**

The CPHVA-Cymru Conferences seem to be going from strength to strength. Already plans are underway for the 2004 conference. The theme for the 2004 conference will be titled ‘The Future is Yours – New ways of Working in Community Practice’.

Any suggestions for topics or speakers from members would be welcomed. The conference is aimed at health visitors, school nurses, practice nurses, district nurses and other community disciplines at all levels.

The conference will be held in Wrexham on the 24th June 2004 and the programme must be decided by the end of January 2004. Contact Ann Owen.

**CPHVA-Cymru Development Days**

CPHVA-Cymru have arranged development days open to all members in Wales. The Committee felt that there was a need to update members on the organisation and structures of the CPHVA; give members the leadership and motivation skills to take the Association’s work forward; and improve communication between the centres and the CPHVA-Cymru committee.

Thelma Sackman will facilitate the days. Places will be restricted and allocated on a first come first serve basis.

**November 10th – Denbigh**

**November 11th- Swansea**

**November 12th – Camarthen**

Contact Angie Mullinger to book your place.

**Consultation documents...**

The Cphva have been asked to participate in the following consultation processes. If you wish your comments to be included in the formal CPHVA response please send them to Ann Owen by the dates outlined next to the titles.

*Minimum Voting and Candidacy Age – The Electoral Commission  www.electoralcommission.org.uk – 20/10/03*


Representing your VIEW!

The new CPHVA – Cymru committee was elected at the AGM on the 5/9/03.

Chair             Angela Roberts, Clwyd
Vice-Chair    Jane Keoghane, Gwent
Secretary      Maria Scudlaz, Clwyd
Treasurer      Anne Strange

Labour Relations        Anne Strange
Race Equality            Jane Keoghane
Education and Research  Diane Watkins
Professional             Maria Scudlaz,

AGENDA FOR CHANGE

We have held numerous briefing meetings throughout Wales. Ann Owen and Steve Sloan usually do a double act bringing members up to speed on developments in Wales and on the national level. Should any centre or Trust based group require an update please contact the Caerphilly office to arrange dates.

It is vitally important that we have LARs and Agenda for Change reps in each and every Trust. These people will be able to ensure that our jobs are evaluated accurately and fairly. If you do not have a rep that understands your job description and can articulate what you do to the panels then you may be disadvantaged. Local representatives, both new and existing will be fully supported and briefed by the national officers.

It would be very useful if existing and any new Local Accredited Workplace Representatives could send their current details via email through Ann Owen or jan.weldon@amicus-m.org so that we can update our records.

DISTRICT NURSING AT THE CROSSROADS

A one-day conference will be held on the 29th January 2004 at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff to launch the CPHVA framework for district nursing. Please alert your colleagues to this and invite district nursing members and non-members to attend. Details in the Journal.

SCHOOL NURSING FORUM for WALES

An initial meeting of the steering committee will be held at the CPHVA Annual Conference in Harrogate. The committee with the help of Pat Jackson PO School Nursing will be embarking on he process of planning the work for the Forum for the next couple of years. If you’re interested in attending or wish to contribute please contact Ann Owen. If you are attending conference and wish to attend the meeting pop over to the CPHVA stand at conference where further details will be available.

The General Medical Services Contract

The new contract is relevant not only to GPs but to all primary care professionals, including you. It aims to reward practices for higher quality of care, improve working lives and ensure that patients benefit from a wider range of services in the community.

For more information www.nhsconfed.org
The Community Practitioners’ and Health Visitors’ Association is the UK professional body that represents registered nurses and health visitors who work in a primary or community health setting. The CPHVA is an autonomous section of the new amicus trade union, the country’s second largest. The CPHVA is the third largest professional nursing union and is the only union, which has public health at its heart.