

April 2025

Office of Integrated Health Supports Network

The Office of Integrated Health – Health Supports Network Regional Community Nursing Meetings

“A safe space for nurses to discuss challenges, experiences, and ask questions.”

Goals

- To ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are receiving needed services.
- To provide a forum in which nurses (and others) can discuss ideas, challenges, policy needs (e.g. health policies, which affect individuals with IDD, to bring policy needs forward).
- To provide a forum for caregivers to interact with state agency representatives, to express concerns, develop educational tools and resources, and further enhance train-the-trainer models.

Meeting Dates

Region 1: April 2, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/99707889-1ba9-407a-9028-08aea012dbd5@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Kevyn Burn- kburn@wallresidences.com

Region 4: April 14, 2025

11am - 1:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/3029850f-9a49-4c01-9c47-0005e1c4835a@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Jeannette Gholson- jgholson.thc@gmail.com

Region 2: April 16, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/7afd19a1-251c-4455-a3c1-425d4472948c@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Beatrice Claiborne - bclaiborne@mycri.org

Region 3: April 18, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e2a352c1-ff59-4510-b2d7-bfc8f9131998@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Region 5: April 28, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

**In-Person Meeting at Versability
2520 58th Street Hampton, VA
23661**

Community Nurse Leader:

Crystal Parker- cparker@uecares.com

Virtual Meeting Platform:

- The Regional Nursing Meetings will be conducted in the Microsoft Office TEAMS Webinar virtual platform. Registration will continue to be required to receive the meeting URL link, and phone access to each meeting. Registering using the URL link prior to the meeting date is recommended to avoid technical issues the day of the meeting. Some regions are beginning to meet in-person and/or hold hybrid meetings.

Presentation:

- This month there will not be an additional presentation during the nursing meeting.

Issues and Concerns Relevant to each Region:

- Open Group Discussion. Please feel free to share general issues or concerns you may be having, to obtain suggestions, resources and feedback from others. The meeting is a safe and supportive place for those providing care to individuals with IDD. Please do not share any personal health information about any individual.

Monthly CNE Opportunity: OIHSN Health & Safety Alert Review and Discussion:

- This month the CNE topic will be Part 2 - Constipation and Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Health & Safety Alert. To receive 1 **FREE CNE**, you must attend the meeting and return the quiz/evaluation by email, fax, or text. Just scan or take a picture of your completed quiz with your smart phone, and text or email it to your regional RNCC, with your name and email address clearly displayed. Your CNE certificate will be emailed back to you at the address on your quiz.

NOTE: You don't have to be a nurse to attend. Anyone can attend the Regional Nurses Meeting of their choice. You do not have to attend the Regional Nursing Meeting where you work or reside. Simply register with the link provided to attend.

The Office of Integrated Health Supports Network Registered Nurse Care Consultants

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Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) coordinated National Take Back Day on Saturday, April 26, 2025

The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat.

DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting.

DEA is committed to making our communities safer and healthier, and we can do this by reducing overdoses and overdose deaths.

To find a location near you go to <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday> Enter your zip code, county, city and state.

Last April 2024 the total weight of medications turned in to the DEA was 18,570,487 lbs. (9,285 tons).

If you miss the April 2025 take-back day you can search for a Year-Round Drop-Off location near you at <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s1>



OIHSN Trainings for April 2025

Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

A review the prevalence of UTI in the DD population, the different types UTI's, the risk factors, signs & symptoms, treatment, care considerations and possible complications related to a UTI. When to seek medical health, how to get a clean catch urine sample, and how to handle urine specimens, and how UTI can lead to sepsis.

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, between 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Register at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/be75eb21-74ad-4825-ac14-4ccffbc09d9d@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Infection Control

This training will review basic infection control concepts to include the chain of infection, hand washing, donning and doffing gloves along with other personal protective equipment, the importance of environmental cleaning of surfaces, and what products are needed for disinfection.

Thursday, May 22, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Register at <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/4ae1f3e0-8d88-4ef4-8e00-a023aa4a3eef@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

In April visit the COVLC website and complete the My Care Passport training and check out the other trainings available on the COVLC. If you do not have an account on the COVLC, click here for instructions: [COVLC Sign-Up Instructions](#). If you need further help setting up a COVLC account, e-mail dbhdcovlchelpdesk@dbhds.virginia.gov.



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