Three California ENA members had the privilege to attend the ENA’s Day on the Hill in Washington, DC, on May 2-3, 2017: David Samuelson and Lynn Farizell (East Bay Chapter) and Julie Paine (Orange Coast Chapter). There were roughly 125 ENA members representing 43 state councils! On Tuesday we reviewed how to effectively interact with legislators and staff, examined the history and details of three specific bills, and heard a great (hilarious) review of the new administration by Charlie Cook, Editor and Publisher of The Cook Political Report and Columnist of the National Journal. We visited Capitol Hill on Wednesday and met with five California Representatives and Senators. Here is a review of our Congressional asks.

**SB 916 – Continue to Allow EMS to Administer Life-Saving Medications**

It has long been the practice that EMS providers are able to administer controlled substances (narcotics and anti-seizure medications) based on standing orders and protocols. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has indicated that it will soon prohibit this practice. The purpose of this legislation is to codify current practice into law so that EMS personnel can continue to provide life-saving medications. The House unanimously passed similar legislation earlier this year. SB 916 has bipartisan support, passed out of the Senate Committee on Health, and has been placed on the Senate’s calendar. We asked both Senators Dianne Feinstein’s and Kamala Harris’ offices to support this bill.

**HR 1253 – Support the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Accessibility Act**

It should be no surprise to Emergency Nurses that patients with mental illness and substance abuse treatment needs do not get optimal care in the US health system. Inadequate treatment capacity nationwide leads to the sickest of these patients presenting to our Emergency Departments, where they wait for hours for inpatient placement. HR 1253 will address the shortfall in facilities that provide care by allowing the Department of Health and Human Services to provide loans for the construction or renovation of psychiatric and substance abuse treatment facilities. California ENA asked Representatives DeSaulnier, Royce and Walters for their support. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Subcommittee on Health, where it has remained since March 3, 2017.

**HR 880 – Support the MISSION ZERO Act to Improve U.S. Trauma Care**

Trauma care in the United States remains suboptimal, operating through a loose network of regional systems, each with varying degrees of data collection and analysis. Consistency in the timeliness and quality of trauma care is lacking across the country, contributing to the preventable deaths from traumatic injury. Sharing and implementing military trauma best practices learned on the battlefield could improve our civilian system. This bill would create a grant program to incorporate military trauma teams into eligible civilian trauma centers and allow for the training of military trauma providers (TNCC for nurses, for example). HR 880 was introduced in the House and referred to the Subcommittee on Health. A companion bill, SB 1022 was introduced in the Senate on the day we were there! It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health.

It was an honor to represent California ENA in D.C.; but our advocacy does not end with a one-day visit to Capitol Hill. It is important to continue these efforts at home. I encourage everyone interested in Government Affairs to follow these bills and reach out to your local U.S. Representative’s office to ask for their support.

Looking to the Future,
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President’s Report—See front page for details on ENA Day on the Hill. Thank you to all of those who attended representing CA ENA!

A proposal was made to increase State Officer terms to two years. This would give the members time to learn their role and then time to maximize their leadership opportunity in that role. Terms would be staggered so that not all members would complete term at the same time. Please discuss with your chapter members and be prepared for a vote at the August meeting.

Request was received for nurses at Big Bear Summer Camp.

Scholarships—Awards are presented at the November meeting. Check out our website for Scholarship Opportunities!

2020 Member Challenge—National ENA has set a goal of 50K members by our 50th anniversary in 2020.

Our national membership at this time is 43,000.

ENA Week in October—$300 is available from the State Council for local events in your chapter. Please let the Board know how you plan to use these funds in celebration of ENA Week.

Treasurer’s Report—Financial reports are due to the treasurer by the 15th of the month for the preceding quarter. Any products that chapter sell should be listed and unrelated business income in the financial report.

National update—Jeff Solheim, President-elect for National ENA was present and gave a brief report. National ENA is doing well financially. Balanced budget and some in reserve. We have out-grown the existing building and looking for new ENA home offices.

The IT team has improved the website and members can now print a TNCC or ENPC card by accessing their account online.

New online program for Advanced Practioners for x-ray education and instruction on suturing.

Conference Live is now online.

Lantern Awards will be announced May 30th.

ENA Day on the hill was a success and many Senators and Representatives signed onto our requests.

The 2018 State Leader’s Orientation will be in New Orleans.

Check out the VIP package for St. Louis—good deal!

Committee Reports:

EMS Commission: California Crisis care guidelines—EMSA is working with CDPH to acquire funding to develop a crisis care/scarce resources guidance document. Disaster Healthcare volunteers has over 22k volunteers registered for Epi auto injector training. EMSA began accepting applications for training programs to provide training and certification for the admin of epi auto injectors to the general public and off duty EMS personnel. They have approved 8 training programs to date. They continue to review and revise paramedic regs—they hope to present the revised regs to the commissions in December. EMT
Committee Reports

regs—see attached. Look at website for title 22 language. POLST e registry guidelines are out. Stroke and Stemi guidelines keep moving forward.

-Carole Snyder

Education Committee: Plans continue for our Annual Educational event at the Kona Kai in San Diego November 16. This year we are partnering with the San Diego Medical Oversight Committee. They will be providing some additional excellent speakers. More information to follow in regards to registration and associated events. Remember if you are using the California ENA CE form you must follow the SOP. It is on the state website. Thank you!

Dianne L Idman-Gervais, RN,CEN,MICN

EMS Committee: EMT revised regulations will take effect July 1, 2017. While these regulations include drawing up epinephrine from a vial, the local EMS may delete this activity from their scope of practice. State STEMI and State Stroke regulations are still under-going comments. The last comment period has ended. The present draft does not include any time lines. Time periods are under the local EMS jurisdiction. No updated information on Core Measures at this time. The Director’s Advisory Group, (DAG), will meet following this State ENA meeting.

-Judy Scott, MHA, RN, PHN, FAEN

ENAF FUNdrai$er Report: As of May 8, 2017 the Tee it Up for Scholarship State Challenge national total was approximately $49,000 of the $125,000 goal. The campaign ends May 31st. With our chapter pledges CA will have donated around $7600 (~$1500 is reported in the current total). Thanks to Greater LA chapter, David Samuelson, Judy Scott and the EMS Committee and Diane Schertz for today's prizes for the Opportunity Drawing which raised another $620 for the Foundation. THANK YOU ALL!

-Diane M Schertz, BS, RN, FAEN

Government Affairs: The meeting was called to order today at 0915 by Al & Leslie Duke. The majority of the meeting focused on legislation working their way through both houses. There was interesting discussion on several bills and what affect each bill will have on patients, the emergency department and emergency nurses. The current watch list tops 23 bills with an additional 2 bills brought forward to the committee. The committee submitted a motion to move from a watch to support on AB 44 (Expedite workers comp in a declared disaster), AB 583 (Emergency Air Medical Transport Funding), and to oppose unless amended SB 746 (Student Health Physicals). The GAC committee referred two bills to the EMS committee for further discussion and recommendation as they pertain to Community Paramedicine. Cal ENA continues to support AB 909 (Emergency Response: Trauma Kits), which is scheduled for Assembly Appropriation Committee on May 17th. SB 20 (Seatbelt on charter bus requirement) has passed the Senate and is in the Assembly. Finally SB 799 (BRN Sunset legislation) set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 15th.

Our new email is: CalENAGAC@gmail.com

-Al & Leslie Duke

Historian: Please plan bring anything that needs to be archived to Carole Snyder to our August meeting.

The dynamic trio: Cheryl, Judy and Dianne!
Welcome back Cheryl!
**Leadership and Practice:** Throughput discussion, surge protocols and all the issues that hospitals are faced with. Who is responsible for the “waiting room” and some hospitals use assessment nurses and color coding for triage in their lobbies. Talked about the deadly candida infection affecting the east coast (article provided). Discussion about stem cells being implanted and helps improve cell production. Discussion about Kaiser partnering with Target for “minute clinics” and easier access to minor care. Article about “block chain” reporting that can make electronic records more accessible to hospitals outside their system. “Medical Technicians” was a new job description that was discussed.

-Julie Rossie

**Pediatric Committee:** Minutes from March 9, 2017, were approved. No President Report. No Course Ops update. Unfinished Business: ENPC IC Sponsored April 21 was completed by Jan Fredrickson with 10 New Instructor Candidates. Round Table Discussion regarding increasing ENPC courses throughout the State. More courses are full, which is great. More instructor courses are increasing course options in areas struggling to meet demand of students. There will be no Pediatric Committee in August. Will resume Pediatric Committee meeting in November. Thank you.

-Trez Gutierrez MSN, CEN, CPEN

**Trauma Committee:** Discussed the changes and reminder to all course directors to review the website for new changes. TNCC instructor course Santa Barbara in October. STOP the bleeding program discussion, encouraged to check with your local LEMSIS to role out ways to collaborate. RE-BOA buzz, being used in some areas.

-Sue Fortier

**Members from the GLA Chapter visiting Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center to present a plaque to the staff in recognition of their recent designation as a Level II Trauma Center. Congratulations PVHMC!**
Greater Los Angeles Chapter:
We had an excellent turnout for our May 17th chapter meeting at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse in Pasadena which was sponsored by Shire and included a presentation on treatment for a rare condition known as acquired hemophilia A. The presentation was interesting and the group seemed engaged by asking lots of intelligent questions. It was exciting to have in attendance an influx of members who are either new to the organization or have not been active for some time. They expressed interest in being delegates to this year's National Conference in St. Louis and curiosity about being part of the Board of Directors at the chapter level. It was a rousing success all the way around. We are working on the details for our homeless outreach event in August. One of our members has made contact with a group that offers an array of resources to this population and offered their services to help create a robust event. Through attendees' suggestions, we have plans for another sponsored meeting that includes a speaker on the topics of hospice, advanced directives, comfort care, and the legalities that surround this important topic. There was interest surrounding the scholarships that are available through the GLA Chapter and the State Council. We continue to move forward in our efforts to collaborate with the Los Angeles National Association of Hispanic Nurses. We are brainstorming about the creation of a joint scholarship and/or the best ways to join our efforts to benefit the members of both organizations. One May 8th, the GLA Chapter was represented at a recruitment event at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital. The event centered around Advanced Certification Awareness and benefits. We had an opportunity to talk with a variety of nurses and students and hopefully raise awareness about the important work that the ENA does. During our chapter meeting, we reached out to many different hospitals, represented by attendees, to offer the GLA Chapter members to participate in recruitment events that may arise. It was a successful and delicious event.

-Ruth Keniston

Inland Empire
Since our last state meeting we are proud to have had 17 new members join our chapter. We are very pleased with that and are working on ways to increase attendance at meetings. Our plans for the next two months include an interview/resume building workshop for students about to graduate nursing school which will take place in June. We are also currently looking at the option of having a booth at our local market night to teach sidewalk CPR as an outreach to our local community. For future meetings we are working on the possibility of having one of the past presidents of the Mexico Emergency Nurses Organization come to a meeting to talk about emergency nursing in Mexico. We are still finalizing the details but hope it will peak interest in people who do not normally come out to meetings in order to hear about how ED nursing is done in other countries. Our overall goal is to draw people out with interesting topics and opportunities so we have an opportunity to

Ruth and Darrel raising awareness on advanced nursing certifications, professional organization membership and advanced nursing degrees. Verdugo Hills Hospital
share with them how important and beneficial it is to be a part of their professional organization.

-Megan Duke

Loma Prieta
Loma Prieta Chapter is continuing to work to our goal of increasing membership at monthly meetings and at our Annual Update. We had a wonderful time at Paint Night in April!! You can see a picture of our masterpieces on our Facebook site. We have reservations for over 30 at our upcoming meeting in May. The topic is Ultrasound Guided IV Placement. Dinner will be hosted and the discussion will be following by an opportunity to practice! Our Annual Update will be held on October 12, 2017 from 08:00 AM– 4:00 PM. It will be a Journey through the Lifespan with topics on OB, Pediatrics, Street Drugs and Dementia. We look forward to seeing you there!!

-Jan Andrea (Ogar)

Orange Coast
Last meeting at Capital Grille went well. We raised $133.00 at our last meeting for the ENA Foundation. Our next meeting is June 22nd at Seasons 52 in Costa Mesa with a speaker featuring a blood culture collection device to prevent contamination. RSVP at enorangecounty@gmail.com. August 17th annual OCENA educational conference and meeting will be at CHOC- more information coming soon. Scholarship applications due June 10th- Gary Sparger scholarship $500 available to RN's looking to advance their degrees with a BSN or higher. NEW SCHOLARSHIP: Vicki Dippner-Robertson hardship scholarship $1000 available for those who are advancing their emergency nursing practice, used at awardees discretion, examples would be ENPC, TNCC, Conference registration, or student loan payments. Reaching out to chapter hospitals to attend staff meetings to present the benefits of ENA engagement. Summer Social being planned for a "Meet the board" and networking opportunity with OCENA.

-Jillian Lee, RN

San Diego
Our annual 911 Educational Event was a great success. Excellent speakers, food, vendors. A special thank you to Mercy Medical/Air Methods for providing the delicious lunch. We appreciate your consistent support of the ENA! In March Kycentra sponsored a dinner/Educational event at Fleming's steak house downtown. The presentation was extremely well presented and informative. Recently, we have had increased attendance at our meetings by student nurses. It is exciting to have them attend and we have shared the mission, benefits of being involved and being a Member of ENA. We hope to continue to see them in the future and get them engaged. A CEN review course will be presented at Palomar Medical Center May 20th and 21st. Information for registration is on the California ENA website.

-Dianne L Idman-Gervias, RN

SF Chapter
Our "Trauma-CON" conference at San Francisco General on June 12 is SOLD-OUT! We offered a conference fee of only $1 for new members and we got 19 new members. We are planning our next conference in October at Stanford.

-Mark Wandro

Susan Laverty,
IQSIP Chair
ENA State Council meeting
Universal City
Thank you for the following article on Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness. See pages 8-9
On April 13th and 14th I had the incredible opportunity to attend a two-day, 16 hour course offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC). This course was made available through Kern County Emergency Medical Services and the Kern Medical Reserve Corps. AT NO COST TO ATTENDEES!


The NDPC mission, by integrating the training and exercise programs and the training facilities and capabilities of its members, is to enhance the preparedness of federal, state, local and tribal emergency responders/first receivers and teams, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to reduce the Nation’s vulnerability to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, and all-hazard high-consequence events by developing, delivering, and assessing plans, training, technical assistance, and exercises.

(Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness MCT-439, Participant Guide, May 2014, FEMA, inside back cover)

**Learner Outcomes:**

A training gap exists for emergency responders, first/receivers, and emergency management personnel reducing their effectiveness in responding to pediatric patients and their unique needs/considerations. This class will provide participants with skills and knowledge related to planning needs associated with pediatric patients and a disaster event.

- Recognize the issues likely to arise within the pediatric population during disaster events.
- Describe relevant Emergency Management (EM) considerations when planning for the care and management of the pediatric population following a disaster event.
- Describe considerations in a disaster event that are unique to the pediatric population, as well as the impact of those considerations on planning and response efforts.
- Describe and discuss effective planning and preparation in addressing the requirements of the functional access needs pediatric population in a disaster event.
- Describe relevant mass sheltering considerations when planning for the care and management of the pediatric population following a disaster event.
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- Describe aspects of reunification planning that may be applied in a disaster event, with emphasis on successfully reuniting the pediatric population with their families.
- Describe considerations for the decontamination process that take into account the needs of the pediatric population.
- Apply the information obtained in this course by accessing information provided in a table-top exercise.

(Course “Notice of Disclosures” and “Learner Outcomes.”)

Over the course of two information packed days three funny, approachable, incredibly knowledgeable instructors John, Laura and Ernie presented the promised information and so, so, so much more!! Information was shared using stories, videos and photographs of real-life disasters from around the world, and the lessons they have learned from them.

The best advice was “don’t reinvent the wheel!!” Almost any issue or situation you can think of has already been experienced, addressed. As a result, plans, programs, trainings or apps are readily available to you at no cost.

-Susan Laverty
Disaster planning begins at home: have an annual drill, be prepared with “bug-out bags” that fits your family and pets; keep an updated “reunification” location with alternate and “out of town” check in number so you can let everyone else know where you are and how you are.

There are no Federal Mandates Protecting Children during a disaster.

Children do not carry any type of identification or medical history with them and may be too traumatized to even give their name.

You cannot count on your “usual resources:” in 2011 an EF 4 touched down in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, cutting a mile wide path that extended for 90 miles through 3 major cities. Results: schools were hit, hospitals in 3 cities were damaged, including the pediatric hospital the other two cities sent all of their sickest children to! Roads were closed and when EMS attempted to reach victims their tires where flattened by debris on the roads. EMS was not available to transfer injured or ill children due to on-going rescues, even if roads had been passable. 100,000 people were affected, 25,000 were children, including unaccompanied infants and toddlers and children with special needs. Hospitals ran out of ventilators. Generators ran out of fuel.

Reunification is a MAJOR issue following any major disaster, even school or mall shootings. Following hurricane Katrina it took over a year for the final reunification during which time neither the child nor parents knew if the others were even alive. Children who were evacuated to surrounding areas were subjected to bullying.

No effort was made to keep families together, parents were put on one bus and children on another with buses headed to different states and no records were kept of who was on each bus. Children seated next to complete strangers for a 2-3 day bus ride were asked who they were with when they arrived at their destination and would answer “him” because they had just spent so much time together, so they were bunked together as parent and child without any attempts at clarification. Many children were abused and sexually assaulted, many suffer from PTSD and are now populating our EDs dealing with severe psychiatric issues.

Pedophiles love these situations and pray on lost or unaccompanied children in shelters.

Instructors offered several diagrams for evacuation centers with children’s care and safety in mind. Your local Red Cross may be overwhelmed and need assistance housing hundreds or thousands of displaced victims, so other agencies need to know the basics in advance.

Take photos and log information on each person encountered as soon as possible! FEMA offers a Post Disaster Unification Child ID app under their Federal Planning Guidance.

Save the Children is the #1 organization for children’s issues worldwide and has great resources online.

Resources such as medications, diapers and formula are rapidly depleted, plan to tap local resources like pediatrician’s offices and local clinics by meeting and planning in advance so you have a contact person.

During epidemics work with local pediatricians requesting they see children with complaints of “symptoms” in their office for screening and not just tell every parent who calls to “go to the ED.”

Consider other resources in your community before a disaster occurs. Think “outside the box,” approach your local box stores for emergency supplies you will run short of if the event last for several days, like water, blankets, formula, diapers, children’s clothing and shoes, books and toys. Partner with local pharmacies for emergency medications to replace depleted hospital stores.

Implement a formula (already available) for turning adult medications, like Cipro, into pediatric liquids before you need it; remember, internet and phone service may be unavailable for days or even weeks.

In any disaster 25% of your victims will be under the age of 13. Many pediatric triage systems do not work in a major disaster involving a large number of children needing immediate triage. This course offers a rapid, tested triage system for use with large numbers, along with valuable lessons on pediatric decontamination “dos and don’ts.”

Network with local Ham Radio clubs in your area and include them in disaster planning. You may be without computers, land or cellular telephones for days.

-Susan Laverty
August Meeting

Friday, August 11, 2017
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