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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

Dennis Kenny, Regional Director

. . . That Kansas City has come and gone. There was a tremendous amount of business and decision making that was a part of the meeting, including thanking **Bill Scrivener** for his work as president and installing Sally Schwab as the new president. We also received Robin Brown-Haithco as a nominee for president-elect.

Fundraising and Property News

The facilities committee of ACPE which I have been chairing reported to the board that we had secured the \$1 million dollars needed to purchase 540 Church Street as the new home for ACPE, its academy and possibly some of the other cognate groups. It was a great effort by ACPE leadership, FCPE leadership and some very generous, determined donors. The report to the board was met with a standing ovation. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this dream come true!

What this means is that we now have entered a Capital Campaign of \$11 million dollars to build a new building on the site and have an endowment that will help with upkeep. The existing building on the site was not salvageable. The city of Decatur and people in the area are excited at the prospect of a special building emerging in the center of the city.

Board of Reps

Marla Coulter-McDonald or Frank Impicciche will provide details of board actions in the near future, but here are some highlights and issues to be aware: 1). National ACPE fees will be increased in order to balance the budget; 2). There is considerable talk about decreasing the number of board representatives attending meetings; and 3). There is discussion about realigning some regions.

People and Places

Congratulations to **Stacy Kenney** on being a new Associate supervisor! Well done Stacy! Also much support and admiration to **Donald Chase, Ron Compton, and Deborah Damore** who were not successful. It does take a village sometimes to get through committees and now is a good time to hold these people in our prayers and support them as they regroup.

Seminars on Supervision (SOS)- Fort Wayne ECR Conference

(As included in the April newsletter) The fall regional program will include an opportunity for those in supervisory training to present materials, personal issues or to schedule a mock committee experience with peers and supervisors from the region. It is also a great opportunity for supervisors to share their approach and/or to see others work with those in supervisory education. Individuals interested in scheduling one of the available time slots should contact Frank Impicciche [fimpicci@clarian.org]. Let him know the type of presentation you are interested in and additional information will be provided.

As approved at the February regional meeting, **Joan Lyke** and **Jim Wright** are shepherding the regional investment funds from Merrill Lynch to the FCPE where they will be managed well while still being as accessible to us as ever.

Summer Time/Vacation

Is upon us! Wow. I hope that your summer will be filled with some wonderful educational moments but also some wonderful renewal times.

Ruth and I will be out of the country from May 27th to June 15 for a long awaited trip to Greece and Italy. I've really been reading about all the happenings in Greece lately. Maybe I can help them with fundraising. I will do my best to enjoy the trip and try to stay out of trouble.

*Blessings to everyone, care for one another,
Love Dennis
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PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

We send our best wishes and congratulations to **Juliana Leshner** as she leaves the Louisville VA Medical Center to accept her new position as Chief Chaplain, at the Fargo VA Medical Center.

ANNOUNCEMENT

As announced above, Dennis Kenny will be out of the county May 27 through June 15. Therefore, unless I receive articles/information for the June newsletter from others by May 28, I will not be sending out a newsletter in June.

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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS NOT REQUIRED TO KEEP INFORMATION PRIVATE

**Beth Newton Watson, Director
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Clarian Health**

[Beth forwarded the following article for your information and/or dialogue].

[KCRG-TV News 4/15/2010 – Iowa City]:

It seems a reasonable supposition, that things said in confidence to a minister are between you, the minister and God.

Not so if you're talking to a hospital chaplain. Depending on the hospital, what you tell a chaplain could be included in your - or a family member's - medical record.

Dayna Leichty of Little York, Illinois, learned this in March while her 10-month-old son was receiving treatment at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. There, she was visited by a hospital chaplain.

"We just chatted as a lot of people would with someone from the spiritual department," said Leichty. "You expect that you can trust them, you expect that they might be there for comfort, for support, for

prayer, so we welcomed them in."

Leichty told the chaplain a variety of things she had thought would be kept confidential, including that she was pregnant.

"I mentioned things about my own health," explained Leichty. "Things about my own opinions and past."

Soon after, a UIHC medical staff member approached Leichty and asked her about being pregnant.

"Then it turns out that it was all written down in my son's medical history, medical chart and it had nothing to do with his health," she said. "It just wasn't anybody's business."

Leichty immediately began trying to get the chaplain's note removed from her son's medical record. It took a week of phone calls and the assistance of the Patient Relations Office.

Since 1996, UIHC chaplains have documented information exchanged in a conversation between a hospital chaplain and a patient.

"The information gathered during pastoral conversations and the care offered to patients/families frequently is of value to other members of the treatment team", according to a statement provided by UIHC spokesman Tom Moore concerning general spiritual care services policy.

Hospital chaplains are actually required by the Joint Commission, an accreditation organization for hospitals, to document information learned while visiting a patient, said Mark McDermott, former director of pastoral care at Mercy Iowa City and now at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

"If they ever came and saw a chaplain on a unit, they would ask 'Did you document that visit, that's very important," explained McDermott. "If it wasn't documented, then it wasn't done."

Leichty was upset, though, because she was not informed that what she told the chaplain would be documented and placed in her son's medical record.

UIHC hospital chaplains are not required to "notify patients or families what information they provide will be noted in the medical record," said Moore. Leichty believes the policy is flawed.

"I feel like I can speak for many people that when someone comes in representing the clergy or representing a religion that it's going to be something that you can trust will be confidential, but it turns out conversations are only confidential if they're started with 'Father, I have a confession,'" said Leichty.

Moore said UIHC makes exceptions for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Other Eastern Iowan hospitals including St. Luke's and Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids and Mercy in Iowa City offer spiritual services.

Their policies are not as stringent as the UIHC's, though. Mercy Medical Center's McDermott said if a patient or a family member asked him to keep certain information not relevant to the patient's treatment plan confidential, he would respect that. He would have done the same at Iowa City.

"Things that come up like that all of the time," said McDermott. "I would be discreet."

St. Luke's chaplains also have discretion in what they document about a patient visit and they inform patients that information is documented and added to records.

Chaplains are "encouraged to share with the patient what they may include in the patient's medical record, and in doing so, with other members of the treatment team," St. Luke's spokeswoman Sarah Corizzo said.

Leichty hopes that hospitals will re-examine their spiritual care policies to better inform patients.

"Just a little disclosure to say, 'We view our clergy as one of the medical team...and conversations with them will be part of the medical chart,'" Leichty said, "Easy as that."

*Peace,
Beth*

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ACCREDITATION NEWS, NOTES AND – DEADLINES FOR 10-YEAR REVIEWS, SITE VISITS, ETC.

Accreditation Deadlines: For 10 year reviews and any other Accreditation Site Visit requests (e.g., Satellite to Accredited Center) contact Ruth Alpers for deadline information.

Reminder: Satellite Materials (see pages 32-34 in the Accreditation Manual) need to be in at least 30 days before beginning a program at the Satellite center and that a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

Direct your questions and/or requests for more information to: Accreditation Chairperson: Rabbi Ruth Alpers, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Department of Pastoral Care, 3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 5022, Cincinnati, OH 45229; Ph: 513-636-6999; Fax 513-636-4971; ruth.alpers@cchmc.org.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, September 23, 2010, Fort Wayne, IN

- **Application to meet a committee** along with the certification fee must be postmarked by **Thursday, July 29, 2010** to: Frank S. Impicicche, ACPE Supervisor, CPE Coordinator, Clarian Health, 550 University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Office 317-274-7415) (Fax 317-274-7440), fimpicci@clarian.org
- **Materials to committee members** must be postmarked by **Friday, August 27, 2010**.
- Questions/inquiries regarding the Regional Certification Committee to: Frank Impicicche, ACPE Supervisor, Coordinator, CPE, Clarian Health, 550 University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Office 317-274-7415) (Fax 317-274-7440), fimpicci@clarian.org
- Questions/inquiries regarding the National Certification Commission to: Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair 317-965-9229; Clarian Health, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education, P.O. Box 1367, WH 230, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1367; bwatson@clarian.org;

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, Michigan has openings in each of its two 2010-2011 fall/extended units of CPE beginning 09/23/10-03/24/11. The Extended Quarter is designed especially for people actively engaged in chaplaincy/ministry. This professional, process-oriented education experience is an opportunity to revitalize one's pastoral leadership skills while also caring for oneself. The Extended Quarter also provides opportunity for seminarians and others equipping themselves for ministry. Such students are assigned to ministry 16 hours/week within Pine Rest treatment programs or with other cooperating institutions such as Spectrum Health or Saint Mary's Health Care. Prerequisites: One year of theological education in an accredited seminary or equivalent experience in a ministry setting, a completed application and an admission interview.

Supervisors: Sister Bonnie Woods, M.A., RSM and Rev. Frederic Koning, M.Div, Th.M. For specific questions, please contact Julia Smilde at Phone: 616-281-6363, x2566 or E-mail:

julia.smilde@pinerest.org For additional information or to receive an application, please go to:
<http://www.pinerest.org/resources/clinical-pastoral-education/faq.asp>

You may also review the regional and national websites for other job postings. [www.ecracpe.org;
www.acpe.edu]

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER-May 28, 2010. Send to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or via mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-239-3423.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 09/24-25/2010-Fort Wayne Marriott, Fort Wayne, IN [details will be provided as they become available]
- 02/18-19/2011-ECR 'Spring' Conference, Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH [details will be provided as they become available]

SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION

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Victoria Johnson, REM
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