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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

It's a long way from Columbus, IN to Denver, Colorado. We have just returned from festivities there with my daughter and her family. Lisa is about half way through her third year of medical school and doing a clerkship at the VA hospital. She loves it. We didn't love it so much that she had duty all but two days of our visit, but we are very proud of what she is doing. Along with Thanksgiving we also celebrated our oldest grandchild's tenth birthday. It was a wonderful time, but as I say, it is a long way. Though we have made the drive several times, it seems that memory minimizes unpleasantness

A wise woman, spiritual guide, is supposed to have said, "The way to heaven is heaven." That is a blessing and encouraging word. However, it is a bit of a stretch to accept sometimes – when the way is very long, boring, and/or painful.

As I was reflecting on the various committees of ACPE, I was thinking of these things. At the Dallas conference a lot of committee work was done. And while we do seem to enjoy telling tales of our heroic experiences meeting committees, I wonder if memory doesn't minimize the hardship. Serving on committees, especially certification and accreditation, can help refresh our memories and get them more reality based. Getting/keeping a center accredited is a lot of hard work and bother. Working one's way through the various steps in the certification process to become a supervisor is a costly struggle.

Some of us are particularly moved in observing (vicariously experiencing?) these struggles. We want to

help. We want to smooth the way. For some of us this impulse gets expressed through efforts to *improve* the system. And surely, wherever unproductive stress can be removed from a system or process is a good thing. Yet, it is sadly the case that these changes may complicate things further, and may even add difficulty.

When our daughter, Lisa, was about 8 years old and we were living in Florida we let a hen set her eggs and they were hatching. One little chick was having a terrible time breaking through. A wise old neighbor lady stopped Lisa from picking away the shell. She said it was necessary for the chick to do that for itself if it was going to survive. Well, the chick made it and did survive without our help. I have no doubt that Lisa feels more than a little like that chick as she pecks her way through this medical school training, and that she takes encouragement from that childhood memory.

We know how difficult it is to help beginning students learn the paradoxical value of resisting the impulse to "do" something for the patient, and to "be" with the patient instead. And, as we train new supervisors it seems we often relearn that lesson.

I recently received a call from Bill Scrivener. He was setting up arrangements for a consultation on Supervisory CPE curriculum. I shared his excitement and enthusiasm for mining our collective wisdom to improve the process of supervisory education. I hope we will be able to continually refine and deepen this wonderful and challenging learning adventure.

At the same time, I know the way to heaven is heaven; the struggle is intrinsic to the outcome. When this subject came up in Dallas, I offered my own bit of wisdom: if we really want to support people in this

process, we ought to develop some revolving loan funds that would allow a Supervisory CPE student to really focus on the task of being a supervisor-in-training. Too many of our supervisory students try to complete this process while working nearly full time and being a parent (sometimes a single parent). Small wonder we are moved to try to pick away at some of that stubborn eggshell when we see how the chick is struggling. O well, it's another idea for the stew.

At the conclusion of the process, there are few experiences more satisfying or delightful than sharing the celebration with those who make it. My favorite memories from Dallas came from celebrating with Frank Woggon and Don Chase, and from seeing the crowd of new supervisors we recognized. It is a long way and surely there are things we can do to reduce nonproductive stress, but the arriving is a great joy. Joy and peace, Cal ☺

PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Bob McGeeney sends this: "Since July, my fiancée, Marge, has been dealing with a critical/acute illness - polymyocitis - which has affected her lungs (ILD) and blood (ITP). She has recovered from her more than thirty days in the hospital in ICU. She is breathing without additional oxygen, though her lungs function at less than 75% of normal capacity.

For insurance reasons, she is returning to work on December 1 for 6 hours a week. Marge has limited energy and can take care of many of her daily needs and I take care of the ones she cannot. Right now, the (ILD) seems to be under control. The ITP is not under control and her condition is considered acute. As I understand it, the first chemotherapy seemed to activate the ITP. She has been on a second chemo-like treatment and after her final treatment it appears that it did not have the hoped for results.

The physicians are talking about a splenectomy as the preferred next course of treatment. Our meeting with her team of doctors is on Wednesday, December 5 and we are not sure when or what they will suggest until then. So... I am tired and disappointed that nothing has worked to control the two aspects of her disease. The sad truth is the disease is chronic and affects each person differently, so we do not know what to expect. Keep us in your prayers."

Frank Ciampa reported that **Stan Mullin** had his surgery at Clarian North as scheduled. It was performed, using the DaVinci robotic surgical system. He recovered normally and is recuperating well. He plans to return to work next week. Frank wasn't sure if a biopsy was being done but in either case, no results

were available at the time he reported. However, the doctors felt the surgery was "successful."

Joan Lyke and her family are celebrating the birth of grandson Griffen Allen Teems, born 11/30/07. Griffen's siblings, Gabriella Grace and Gage Allen were delighted when they saw him for the first time.

REM SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Regional REM Committee is once again offering scholarships to regional ACPE members who are interested in attending the 2008 REM INVITATIONAL XXI "Chaos or Community: Where Do We Go From Here?" April 2-5, 2008, The University of Memphis, Holiday Inn, Memphis, TN. The number of requests received will determine the amount of the scholarship. Anyone who has a need for a scholarship, please contact Vickie Johnson, REM Chairperson, at <vickielynn.2@juno.com> or 502-526-0216. The deadline for applying for a regional scholarship is Monday, December 17, 2007.

FROM THE DESK OF ACCREDITATION CHAIRPERSON-2007 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE - JANUARY 15, 2008

Connie Bonner, reminds all the Supervisors that the Annual Center Reports are due no later than January 15. Centers reporting after that deadline will be charged a late fee (\$50 for reports received after January 15 through February 15; and \$75 fee for reports received after February 15).

Annual Reports can be found in Appendix 4 of the Accreditation Manual and/or downloaded from the ACPE website (look under Accreditation Commission). Make sure your report is signed by both the supervisor and Chairperson of the Professional Advisory Group.

Please note that all centers with Satellites must submit an Annual Report for each Satellite too! It is not necessary to send along your continuing education reports. Simply keep these on file for review by the Ten Year Site Team. Reports may be sent to: The Rev. Connie Bonner, CPE Supervisor, Pastoral Care Department, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, 2213 Cherry St., Toledo OH 43608. (Phone: 419-251-8609); (Fax: 419-251-0890); E-mail: connie_bonner@mhsnr.org

NEWS & NOTES

Student Unit Program Reports: If you are reporting your student unit programs electronically to ACPE – it is no longer necessary to send copies to the regional business office. Student unit program reports are

automatically forwarded by ACPE to Cal Brand and I. [See the Fall 2007 ACPE News article, "On-Line Student Unit Reports, Page 6 for more information]. Joan Lyke

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Exciting NEWS: We have a **pastoral care residency position** available immediately that will offer an opportunity for a qualified candidate to grow and learn with us at Clarian Health Indianapolis, Indiana. The CPE program will begin January 2 2008 and end on August 30 2008 (two full units of CPE). Qualifications include: at least 1 previous unit of CPE, Mi. Div. or Equivalent. Good standing in her/his faith group. Competitive stipend and health benefits are provided. Tuition \$100 per Unit. Contact: Chaplain Yoke Lye Lim, ylim@clarian.org; Rev. Yoke-Lye Lim, BCC ACPE Supervisor, Clarian Health, PH: (317) 962-8115; FAX: (317) 962-3487

SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION

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Lin Barnett, Nominations
Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics
Victoria Johnson, REM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **02/22-23/08**- ECR Spring meeting, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH.
- **03/06-12/08**-APC Annual Conference, Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA.
- **03/30-04/03/08**-ACPE Spring Leadership Meeting, Memphis, TN
- **04/02-05/08**-REM Invitational, Memphis, TN
- **04/05-08/08**-NACC Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- **04/9-12/08**-CAPPE Annual Conference, Laurel Point Inn, Victoria, British Columbia
- **09/12-13/08**-ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. – Elizabeth Price, Program Chair
- **10/22-25/08**-ACPE Annual Conference, Richmond, VA

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WEB MANAGER- NEWS ON THE WAY

Elizabeth Price announces that Jo Manns has volunteered to take on the challenge of the regional website. She has been working with Fred Madren and more details will be provided in the very near future.

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, February 21, 2008, at the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH.

- Application to meet a committee along with the certification fee must be postmarked by Tuesday, January 8, 2008 to: The Rev. Beth Newton Watson, Director, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Clarian West Medical Center, 1111 N. Ronald Reagan Parkway, Avon IN 46123
- Materials to committee members must be postmarked by Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Questions regarding regional Certification to: Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair 317-217-3192; bwatson@clarian.org

Questions/inquiries regarding the National Certification Commission to: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair 502-636-8085; ann.letson@nortonhealthcare.org

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE REQUESTS - DEADLINES FOR 10-YEAR REVIEWS, SITE VISITS, ETC.

For 10 year reviews and any other Accreditation Site Visit requests (e.g., Satellite to Accredited Center) the last day on which the site team may visit to get materials to the national meetings:

- June 20, 2008 for Fall 2008 National Review
- August 15, 2008 for Review at January 28, 2009 National Meeting (the next national meeting will then be in October 2009).

Questions regarding Accreditation Issues Contact: The Rev. Connie Bonner, CPE Supervisor, Pastoral Care Department, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, 2213 Cherry St., Toledo OH 43608. (Phone: 419-251-8609); (Fax: 419-251-0890); E-mail: connie_bonner@mhsnr.org

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the January 2008 Newsletter is: Monday, December 31, 2007. Send electronic copy to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by regular mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-426-5099.