New York/Vermont Magnet Hospital Consortium 2018 Annual Report

In February 2018 the New York/Vermont Magnet Hospital Consortium met via WebEx/Teleconference with more than 30 participants. There was discussion regarding the design of the consortium webpage which will be located on the Cathryn A. Welch Center for Nursing Research (CNR) website. A survey had been sent to consortium members regarding the design of the site. Respondents most requested member contacts and sample Sources of Evidence (SOEs) be included. Patricia Edwards, RN led the discussion on mentoring, succession planning and transition to practice programs. Maureen Altieri, MS, RN, NEA-BC shared lessons learned from Mather Hospital's successful January site visit. Group discussion on the new 2019 Magnet Application Manual followed. In addition, there was discussion on having the Magnet Conference meeting transitioned to a meet and greet. The 2017 Magnet Conference meeting was very well attended but it was difficult communicating in a noisy room.

In June 2018 there were 29 attendees via teleconference or in person in Guilderland, New York. The new 2019 Magnet Application Manual was discussed with many questions regarding some of the Sources of Evidence. EP2EO (RN Satisfaction) was discussed at length as "the Commission on Magnet has declared a new eligibility requirement for EP2EO RN Satisfaction. In order to advance to the Site Visit phase of the appraisal process, applicant organizations must meet the scoring threshold for excellence (i.e., the majority of the settings outperform at least three of the four RN Satisfaction categories) in the Written Documentation phase. Failure to achieve the scoring threshold required prior to site visit for EP2EO will result in the conclusion of the appraisal process." This is effective as of February 1, 2019. Dr. Lynn Newberry, Senior Magnet Program Analyst provided a power point followed by a question and answer session.

The webpage was also discussed as feedback from members who participated in the survey was incorporated into the design. The Center for Nursing Research has graciously provided the Magnet consortium with a page on their website which can be found at cfnny.org

At the ANCC National Magnet Conference in October 2018 held in Denver, Colorado, consortium members had the opportunity to network with the New Jersey Magnet consortium at a meet and greet sponsored by Tipton.