

Happy New Year! Welcome to the third issue of our monthly newsletter, which would not be possible without the generous support of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

In September 2004, the Foundation approved a two-year grant for the implementation of a Centralized Clinical Placement System (CCPS), which is the first of three potential centralized "Shared Services" for enhancing the quality of nursing education to improve patient care.

CCPS is managed jointly through two independent non-profit organizations. The California Institute for Nursing & Health Care coordinates daily operations and the

Foundation for California Community Colleges is designing the online system and serves as fiscal agent.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep the nursing community up-to-date regarding CCPS implementation and status of the other Shared Services initiatives.

We hope to meet with as many nursing colleagues as possible to discuss this exciting project and to answer any questions you may have.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Operating Committee listed in this issue. We look forward to working with each of you over the next several months.

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Centralized Clinical Placement System Progress Highlights

We were able to make significant strides, despite the holiday season. Thanks to everyone, especially the beta testers from hospitals, who pitched in to move things along during this very busy time. Highlights include:

Clinical Placement System

- Hospital beta testing took place from December 21 to January 4.
- All beta hospitals participated in the testing and provided constructive feedback on the system.
- Work is underway on the beta module for schools of nursing – targeting a beta release the week of January 24, 2005.
- Feedback for the hospital beta is under review and updates are being made.

Communication and Outreach

- Project team has attended all four HCNCC meetings and will continue to attend regularly to provide project updates.
- Team has scheduled demos of the CCPS with various groups and individuals throughout the Bay Area.
- CINHC will host a booth at the ACNL annual meeting in Monterey on February 7. If you plan to attend, please stop by!
- CINHC will attend both Bay Area and statewide RHORC meetings and provide a demo of the CCPS.

Centralized Faculty Resource Center Progress Highlights

This component of the Shared Services offering is taking shape. While it is still in the development stage, we have been able to give it real focus and direction. Many thanks to the Operating Committee for all of your hard work (members listed on next page). Progress includes:

- Instituted a name change to Centralized Faculty Resource Center (CFRC) to more clearly define the service.
- Operating Committee met several times to define system requirements, including links to key websites such as the BRN.
- Two focus groups were held to give feedback on the name of the system, review the overall plan and to raise any issues that may not have already been raised.
- The Operating Committee conducted a survey of 25 nursing schools, asking questions such as: How many full-time/part-time faculty do you have on staff, how many are funded by hospitals, how many will retire in the next few years, and what key specialty areas are a challenge to fill? The top two specialty challenges identified were Pediatrics and Obstetrics.
- Proposal creation in progress.

Regional Simulation Labs Progress Highlights

This program is anticipated to follow the CCPS and CFRC. We are still in the initial research phase.

- Preliminary Operating Committee has been selected (members listed on next page).
- Operating Committee spent a few days in Texas to attend the Laerdal Simulation Man User Group conference.
- Some Operating Committee members plan to attend a Meti User Group conference in Tampa in February.
- Official kickoff planned in the next few months. Please contact KT Waxman if you are interested.

A Peek at the CCPS

Here is the home page of the beta version of the CCPS. Let KT, Nikki or Brenda know if you or your facility would like us to present a system demo!



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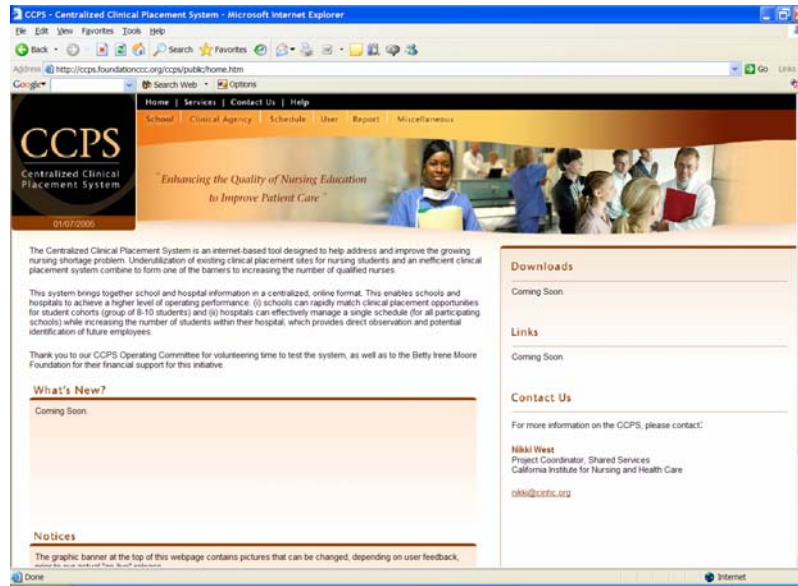
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Check CCPS Status!

Want to see progress of the CCPS Operating Committee? Visit our intranet site at:

<http://moore.ccps.intranets.com>

If you're not a member, contact Nikki at nikki@cinhc.org for access.



Upcoming Events

- CCPS beta testing for schools scheduled the week of January 24.
- Continued communication and outreach throughout the Bay Area.
- CFRC proposal submission to the Moore Foundation.
- Conduct research at Meti conference for Regional Simulation Labs.

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The CCPS Operating Committee list can be found in the previous two issues of the newsletter (available on www.cinhc.org or the CCPS intranet site).