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NEW ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) announced the appointment of new members to ANA's Center for Ethics and Human Rights Advisory Board for the 2010-2014 term. The advisory board is a deliberative body of experts who focus on providing direction for the Center concerning issues of current ethical concern to nursing practice, education, research, administration, and other matters related to the Center's mission and goals. The Ethics Advisory Board's appointees include the following:

Chairperson Sharon Sweeney Fee, PhD RN

Fee is a nurse informatics specialist, who is helping to implement an electronic health record at a rural health care system in Livingston, MT. A member of the Arizona Nurses Association, she is serving her second term as an appointed member of the board for the ANA Committee on Ethics and Human Rights and serves as its chairperson. In 2009, Fee worked as a research scientist on the Knowledge-Based Nursing Initiative (KBNI) with Aurora HealthCare in Milwaukee, WI. The project evaluated nurses' workflow, embedded best evidence into nurses' workflow, and evaluated nursing process and patient outcomes in an electronic environment. Fee was previously an assistant professor at Montana State University, teaching junior- and senior-level clinical and health policy courses and graduate courses in research using web-based and videoconferencing technologies.

Barbara Chamberlain, PhD, APRN, MBA, CCRN, WCC

Chamberlain has more than thirty years of experience as a staff nurse, nursing supervisor, educator, corporate director, clinical nurse specialist, and statewide program manager. She is currently the program manager for Transforming Care at the Bedside, a statewide program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and housed at the New Jersey Hospital Association in Princeton, NJ. A member of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, she served as a member of the ethics committee of the Kennedy Health System for several years and worked on several projects with ethicists from around New Jersey. **MORE…**

Kathryn Ganske, PhD, NR

Ganske has 16 years experience in nursing education and has served as director of the Division of Nursing at Shenandoah University for the past three years. A Virginia Nurses Association member, she teaches both graduate and undergraduate classes in bioethics and genomics and is currently completing work on a qualitative study of moral reasoning in clinical nurses.

Marge Hegge, EdD, RN

Hegge has more than 30 years experience serving in diverse leadership roles and is currently a tenured distinguished professor and assistant undergraduate department head for the accelerated program at the College of Nursing, South Dakota State University. A South Dakota Nurses Association member, she was reappointed to a second term on the board. She has served as chair of ANA' s Reference Committee, and as an elected delegate to ANA House of Delegates.

Bette K. Idemoto, PhD, ACNS-BC, CCRN

Idemoto has been a cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist for 20 years at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio working with critically ill patients in the Surgical ICU and surgical post-op telemetry. A member of the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA), she has presented and published extensively on cardiovascular topics. She has served her profession as local chapter president, delegate to ONA and ANA, and recently completed a four-year elected term as a member of the ANA Congress on Nursing Practice & Economics (CNPE). Her committee work while on the CNPE included revision of the ANA Social Policy Statement.

Cynthia Ann Lasala, MS, RN

Lasala, a member of the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses, was reappointed to a second term on the board. She has more than 35 years of experience as a staff nurse, educator, and advanced practice registered nurse in acute care public and private health care settings. She is currently a clinical nurse specialist in Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Boston. She is an active member of the MGH Ethics and Advance Care Planning Task Forces and Advisor to the Patient Care Services Ethics in Clinical Practice committee.

Continuing on the board until June 2012 are: Vicki D. Lachman, PhD, MBA, APRN, and Kevin Daughtery Hook, BSN, MA, RN, both with the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association; Karen Iseminger, PhD, FNP, a member of the Indiana State Nurses Association; and Col. John S. Murray, PhD, RN, a member of FedNA.

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This past year, the Ethics and Human Rights Advisory Board updated the Position Statements on Ethics and Human Rights and wrote the Position Statement on Expert Care at the End of Life, which has been approved by the ANA board. Board members also were instrumental in developing an issue of the Online Journal of Issues in Nursing (OJIN) on moral distress/moral courage. The Center for Ethics and Human Rights, established by ANA in 1990, works to disseminate information, both theoretical and practical, designed to address issues in ethics and human rights at the state, national, and international levels in collaboration with ANA constituents. The Center remains responsive to the changing realities within health care and the nursing profession and is committed to addressing professional, ethical, and human rights challenges, and ultimately, to improving the quality of care rendered to patients and their families.

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