

PEM BOARD NOTES FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ~ June 2017

Our snow birds are slowly returning so the schedule is looking much better than it was all winter. Recruitment seems to be an issue with all the Comfort Care Homes which was discussed at a meeting I attended last week at Shepherd Home.

We completed a hands-on training class in March. We also held a Heart's-Pulse In-Service training in April which was well attended. Our nurse and Social Worker from VNS came and spoke to the group about medications and family support. The session was informative and well received by our volunteers.

I went to a breakfast at St. John Fisher last month regarding the Student Learning project which will require all nursing students to complete 20 hours of volunteering in a Comfort Care Home. This has helped us retain a number of volunteers in the past after the initial 20 hours.

I will be networking again with all the local colleges about recruiting students in the Physician's Assistant programs, as these students need 150 hours and has really helped in the past.

I will also be speaking to a woman's group in August about Advent House and the volunteer opportunities here ☺

Respectfully submitted,

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