Webinar Series Title: A Global Movement for Health – Nursing Leadership on Climate Change

Webinar 2

Title: “Health Sector Solutions to Address Climate Change”

Description:

The health sector is a major contributor to climate change, with health care’s climate footprint equal to about 4.4% of global net greenhouse gas emissions. Hospitals, health care systems, health organizations, and public health departments can lead by example by implementing climate-smart health care solutions, reducing their carbon footprint, and building health sector and community resilience to the impacts of climate change. On this webinar speakers will provide an overview of how the health sector contributes to climate change and showcase initiatives being instituted by health systems and health organizations to reduce climate pollution. Speakers will additionally share how health infrastructure can be strengthened to build community resilience and improve preparedness and response to climate-related health risks.

Learning outcomes:

- Describe the impacts of climate change on human health
- Discuss the scope of solutions to address these impacts
- Identify opportunities for nurses to engage in action and advocacy to move climate solutions forward globally

Moderator:
Anabell Castro Thompson, MSN, APRN, ANP-C, FAAN, FAANP is a Nurse Practitioner and Senior Vice President of Health Equity. She leads Equality Health’s Cultural Care Model and approach to Social Determinants of Health. A Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Anabell’s leadership exemplifies sustained commitment towards improving healthcare for the Latino community. Determined to bridge health care disparities, she is responsible for building and managing innovative programs and strategic initiatives which enhance engagement, access, and healthcare utilization. Her focus centers on integrating cultural adaptation into traditional care models to improve outcomes and decrease costs. As Immediate Past President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Anabell is seasoned in governance. Her deep experience includes influencing resource
development, diversifying funding revenues, and leading projects that reduce barriers in access to care for vulnerable populations.

Speakers:

1. Debbie Wilson is a dual registered nurse who completed a BSc (Hons) degree in Nursing and Human Science in London. Debbie worked as a senior nurse in critical care for many years in the UK prior to moving to NZ and shifting into working as the sustainability officer for Counties Manukau Health. Since 2012 Debbie has led the Environmental Sustainability programme at CM Health after beginning a Doctoral study with Auckland University of Technology. She focuses on sustainable healthcare practice and researching the outcomes of the organization’s environmental sustainability and recycling programme, within the context of large scale organizational change management.

2. Dr. Kristine Qureshi currently serves as the Associate Dean for Research and Global Health at the UH Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene. She is dual board certified in emergency and advanced public health nursing, and has worked extensively in the acute care, community health and academic sectors. Dr. Qureshi is a recognized expert in disaster preparedness and nursing workforce development and has previously received research funding support from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the US Department of Defense.

3. Jessica Madrid resides on the remote archipelago of Haida Gwaii off the West Coast of Canada. She earned her BScN (2003) and her MSc Community Health (2014), where the focus of her graduate research was the link between environmental activism and health promotion. Jessica has worked in a variety of areas of nursing practice from public health to the emergency room. Given her passion for the environment and nursing practice, Jessica has been a guest lecturer on this subject since 2004. She is currently the president of the Canadian Association of Nurses for the Environment (CANE).