Purpose

The purpose of the Health Systems, Policy and Informatics RIG is to support, encourage, and improve the quality of nursing research in the areas of health systems, information technology, policy, and quality and safety.

Examples of health systems research include administration, management, leadership, implementation and evaluation of best practices. Examples of policy research includes: policy development, implementation and adherence at the local and national levels, as well as effective use of data in the public policy process. Topics related to information and technology include knowledge management, IT application and evaluation, as well as IT utilization for educational and training purposes. Examples of quality and safety topics include performance measures, sustainable interventions and practices, and innovative research methodologies.

*The topics noted above are not all inclusive, rather examples of research areas included in the new research interest group.

Who Should Join?
- Anyone with an interest in Health Systems, Policy, and/or Informatics.
- Students, practitioners, faculty, and scientists at any level are encouraged to join.

Overall/Long Term Goals

- **Networking:** Provide a network to exchange novel/emerging methods, approaches to study, and the development of new knowledge to guide nursing research in health systems, information technology, policy, and quality and safety.
- **Knowledge:** Explore novel/emerging methods, approaches to study, and the development of new knowledge to guide nursing research in health systems, information technology, policy, and quality and safety.
- **Practice:** Draw upon and build stronger evidence to make informed healthcare decisions and highlight the importance of translating and disseminating health systems, policy, and informatics research to impact nursing leadership, clinical nursing, and federal and state policy makers.

2016 Goals

- See Minutes below.

Recent Activities/Highlights
(Include things such as pre-conferences, guaranteed/competitive symposia, panel discussion(s), presentations by members (for or outside MNRS), RIG awards, recent retirees, articles submitted by members [to any publication], etc.)

- See Minutes below.

2016-2017 RIG Contacts

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2016-2017 RIG Awards to be Offered

- Distinguished Scholar Award
- Junior Scholar Award
- Dissertation Award
- DNP Project Award

2016 RIG Meeting - Attendance/Minutes

Attendance: 25

Minutes from the 2016 Annual Conference:

1.   Where do you see RIG in 3-5 years?

- Increased engagement throughout the year
- Want RIG to be viable in 3-5 years. Don't want specific topic areas to get lost.
- Want RIG to complement the work of members and not take over their life.
- More awards – Mid-career, Life Achievement   Continue Symposia.
- Double membership.
- Interprofessional mentoring.
- Expand to include decision making.
- Big data (include). ?
- Increased membership.
- Connected.
- Cutting edge of policy changes (governmental, professional)

2.   What activities would you like to see?

- Bios for each member so we could follow each other on research RIG.
- Discussion group for systems-based research (the value of) – conference call;
- Networking with new and experienced scholars (mentoring)
- Regular training in systems, policy informatics.
- Webinars, webcasts.
- Hot topics.
- Continue highlighting
- Pre-conference.
- Simulations.
- Communication of new policy changes;
- Help connect people who are experts in informatics research.

- Increase collaboration between other RIGS.
- Flowsheet data – not a lot of applying our expertise or advertising. We are experts – our activities do not focus on it – suggested this may be true because we don't have staff to set it up.

3.   What would you like to see in a competitive Symposium for 2017?
- o Big data.
- o More advanced research vs. descriptive research.
- o Interventions one move "EHR" data.
- o What are we pulling out and how is it bringing value?
- o Health Information Exchange and Interoperability.
- o Design of Systems for Exchange.
- o Visibility of Nursing work.
- o Theme of competitive conference next year. Tailor approach.
- o EHR; Health Policy; Value for Nursing – Workforce Issues

4.   What would you like to see for a pre-conference in 2017?
- o Precision health care;
- o Care coordination across EHR/across the care continuum
- o Health Information Exchange
- o Interoperability.
- o Design of Systems for Exchange.
- o Visibility of nursing work.
- o More big data;
- o More on using EHR to support research (Population, Health, Telemedicine);
- o Simulation.
- o Webinar and preconference Big data (What it is/how to connect with it);
- o Workforce Issues (Shortage, Fatigue, Retention).

MNRS Health Systems, Policy & Informatics RIG
EVALUATION OF GOALS FOR 2015

Current Goals	Evaluation
1. **Networking:** Provide a network to exchange novel/emerging methods, approaches to study, and the development of new knowledge to guide nursing research in health systems, information technology, policy, and quality and safety.	1. A twitter Bootcamp was offered to address RIG members' verbalized desire to utilize Twitter to network regarding research and practice interests. 2. A RIG-specific dinner outing is planned for the annual conference to provide an informal atmosphere in which to network. 3. Three members highlighted on RIG website. 4. Provided periodic updates via listserv throughout year.
2. **Knowledge:** Explore novel/emerging methods, approaches to study, and the development of new knowledge to guide nursing research in health systems, information technology, policy, and quality and safety.	1. The RIG leadership submitted a Guaranteed Symposium for the annual conference and it will occur on March 18th from 430-6pm. 2. A pre-conference was developed through specific members' affiliation with a large, innovative research initiative. At annual conference March 17th from 1-4pm.
3. **Practice:** Draw upon and build stronger evidence to make informed healthcare decisions and highlight the importance of translating and disseminating health systems, policy, and informatics research to impact nursing leadership, clinical nursing, and federal and state policy makers. (Revised July, 2015)	1. A twitter Boot camp was offered to address RIG members' verbalized desire to utilize Twitter to network regarding research and practice interests. 2. The RIG leadership submitted a Guaranteed Symposium for the annual conference and it will occur on March 18th from 430-6pm. 3. A pre-conference was developed through specific members' affiliation with a large, innovative research initiative. At annual conference March 17th from 1-4pm. 4. Attended Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) meetings.

MNRS Health Systems, Policy, and Informatics RIG Business Meeting

Saturday March 19th from 2:30 to 3:30 PM in Lakeshore A

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Meeting Agenda/Minutes

1. Call to order – *Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM.*

2. Welcome, introductions, and updates (5 min) – *Updates given regarding Grant reviewer volunteers, preferred method of communication, and Alliance for Nursing Informatics February Meeting.*

3. Approve minutes – *Minutes approved from 2015 meeting.*

4. Appointment of co-chairs elect (5 min) – *Jacquelyn Blaz, Karen Dunn-Lopez, and Said Abusalem nominated and elected.*

5. Awards ceremony (20 min) – *Awarded the following: Distinguished Scholar: Michelle Aebersold, Junior Scholar: Andrew Reimer, and Dissertation Award: Jacquelyn Blaz. Each awardee gave a brief presentation of their research.*

6. Review RIG goals and evaluation (5 min) – *Goals and evaluation reviewed with membership. No changes needed.*

7. Small Group Discussion (20 min) – *Discussion ensued on the attached questions. Members met in small groups and reported back to group.*

8. Closing remarks (5 min) – *Members thanked for support, participation, and attendance. RIG Leaders acknowledged for a successful year.*

9. Adjourn – *Meeting adjourned 3:40 pm.*

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Directions: Small Group Activity. Please divide into 4 smaller groups. Introduce yourselves and then discuss the following questions. Take 15 minutes to discuss and then we will report back to the larger group. Please record your responses below.

1. Where do you see RIG in 3-5 years?

2. What activities would like to see?

3. What would you like to see in a competitive Symposium for 2017?

4. What would you like to see for a pre-conference in 2017?

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