Midwest Nursing Research Society
Family Health Research Interest Group Minutes
March 18, 2016 10:30-11:30am Milwaukee, WI

I. Welcome and Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Frenn PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FTOS, FAAN Chair

II. Minutes from 2015 – Approved as submitted

III. Presentation of Award: Dr. Sandra Eggenberger, Chair and Dr. Susie Breitenstein, member Awards Committee presented the Early Career Investigator Award to Valerie Boebel Toly PhD, RN, CPNP, who presented a summary of her work

IV. Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves and their areas of research

V. Discussion of Goals
   a. Prepare guaranteed symposium for 2017 in Minneapolis. Natalie MCAndrew, Kristen Anderson and Susie Breitenstein agreed to serve on the Committee; M. Frenn agreed to chair the committee.
      i. Topic ideas: Family Challenges Across the Lifespan, Clinical Translation of Family Science, Improvement Science
   b. Norah Johnson PHD, RN CPNP Associate Professor Marquette University was elected Chair
   c. Susan Breitenstein PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC Associate Professor Rush University was elected Chair-Elect
   d. Thank you to 2015-16 Awards Committee: Sandra Eggenberger PhD, RN (chair), Susan M. Breitenstein, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC and Monique Ridosh PhD, RN
   e. Awards Committee for 2016-17: Sandra Eggenberger PhD, RN (chair), Monique Ridosh PhD, RN, Valerie Boebel Toly PhD, RN, CPNP
   f. We will offer the Dissertation and Senior Scientist Award next year, since the Early Career Scientist award was offered this year.
   g. Members are encouraged to use Linkedin to enhance potential collaboration. Groups of researchers who would agree to use the same instrument in addition to their own instruments could provide important data to move the science forward (a common data element for a group of family studies). This would be especially useful for studies in the planning/IRB phases now.
   h. Take-aways from the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Special Topics meeting included utilizing SMART and other contemporary designs to enhance knowledge about family interventions in health across the lifespan.
   i. The National Council on Family Relations meeting will be Nov. 2-5 in Minneapolis, Minnesota
   j. The next International Family Nursing conference will be in Pamplona Spain in June 14-17, 2017

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.