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UAOHN CELEBRATES 3rd ANNUAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING WEEK

April 12-16, 2010 has been declared as Utah Occupational Health Nurses Week by Governor Gary Herbert. The Utah Association of Occupational Health Nurses (UAOHN), a chapter of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) is celebrating the 3rd annual Occupational Health Nurses Week, in conjunction with the National Occupational Health Nurses Week.

“Our goal in observing an official recognition week for occupational health nurses (OHNs) is to assist employees, employers and the general public in gaining a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of OHNs & how they contribute in the workplace in furthering the health and safety of the millions of people in our nation’s workforce,” said chapter President David Allcott, APRN, ANP-BC, COHN-S.

Most people understand the function of a nurse in a clinical setting, but not everyone is aware that there are also nurses who work in business environments. Through case management, counseling, health promotion and wellness activities, legal and regulatory compliance, and workplace hazard detection, OHNs improve the health of workers to contribute to a healthy bottom line for businesses.

The April dates commemorate the inception of the first professional association for occupational health nurses on April 19, 1942, when 300 nurses from 16 states founded the American Association of Industrial Nurses (AAIN), the predecessor to AAOHN.

Established in 1942, AAOHN is an 8,000 member professional association dedicated to creating a positive economic impact through worker health and well-being leading to optimal performance by providing education, research, public policy and practice resources for occupational health nurses. These professionals are the largest group of health care providers serving the worksite. The Utah Association of Occupational Health Nurses was established in the early 1980’s.

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