Committee Involvement

 My main committee involvement this past year was being the magnet champion for my department, Advanced Registration and Testing Center (ARTC). I attended the kick off and most any other meetings that were available for magnet information including the steering committee meetings.

 In our department I arranged the bulletin board with many of our staff and individual nurse accomplishments. Included on the board was information regarding the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP). Processes, such as the beta blocker project were started in our department with our nurses educating patients to take their beta blocker the morning of surgery.

 I also coordinated another board for the magnet representatives where each nurse wrote what she was proud of. Many of our nurses became certified this past year which was a popular source of satisfaction for them. I also spoke with each nurse from our department to inform them of what the visit was about and answer any questions they had.

 We have a small department, thus the day of our magnet visit I organized everyone’s schedule so they were available during our time slot. Six nurses sat down with the magnet surveyor for our allotted period and had a wonderful time answering her questions. We have such talent and knowledge in our department I was extremely proud to be the magnet champion that day.

 I would estimate a total time of about thirty hours spent on this project. I would estimate twenty of those hours were on my own time.