

NAPNAP-Los Angeles

February 2008 Newsletter

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Happy New Year to you! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

From now until June we have many things happening with NAPNAP-LA. As my focus is on our PNP role and leadership issues this year, I attended the AANP Region 9 Leadership Meeting in

Tempe Arizona last weekend. Nurse Practitioner Leaders from Region 9 (HI, CA, AZ, and NV) were in attendance.

This was a leadership group from all walks of nurse practitioners not just pediatrics. It included AANP, other state leaders, groups and organizations. I was also pleased to meet up with NAPNAP presidents from Orange County, San Diego and Arizona.

This meeting was a discussion of National, Regional and State issues of concern among the states in Region 9. Prescriptive

authority, scope of practice, reimbursement, quality measures, Medicaid managed care & SCHIP legislation and the nursing shortage were some of the issues brought up. SB 24 (Ashburn) was highly supported as it relates to our NP scope of practice.

There was also discussion about the elections this year. We are challenged to get to know the candidates. Ask questions about their utilization of nurse practitioners. Visit their websites and ask questions about the removal of barriers and inclusion of nurse practitioners in their health care agenda.

So, how do you get involved and help with legislative issues? Find one you feel passionate about and write your legislators. They are easy to find. Email, phone or fax is best due to security issues with the

postal services. NAPNAP-LA has a very informative website www.lanapnap.org that assists with this. Just click on "links." You can find bills and issues as well as your representatives. Also, our legislative chair, **Shannan Stephenson** is our liaison for CANP and AANP. You can email her with any questions at sstephenson@ladhs.org.

Our 3rd Annual NAPNAP-LA/CHLA conference is February 23rd and I look forward to networking with you all. I will also be attending the National NAPNAP Conference in Nashville in April, so if any of you have issues you would like me to address while I am there, see me at the February Conference.

Speaking of conferences, we are still in meetings to put on a Regional Westcoast NAPNAP Conference in

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Anaheim, CA, during Fall 2010. The CA, AZ and WA chapters are all on board with it. We are looking for vendors and sponsors. Please contact me if you have contacts at mwhitten@rocketmail.com.

We will be sending out forms to nominate this year's Pal of the Year and One of Our Own in late February, so be considering who you would like to nominate.

Looking forward to the rest of this awesome year!

Presidential Candidates

Republicans:

John McCain www.johnmccain.com

Mike Huckabee www.mikehuckabee.com

Democrats:

Barack Obama www.barackobama.com

Hillary Clinton www.hillaryclinton.com



May 2008 Newsletter Preview:

- ◆ Meet our "Pal of the Year" and "One of Our Own"
- ◆ Scholarship recipient info
- ◆ Spring Conference Recap
- ◆ Info on upcoming annual luncheon

Legislative Update: Shannan Stephenson

Are you certified? AB 1436: Unlike the table of legislation that follows, this bill is moving right along. Sponsored by the California Association of Nurse Practitioners (CANP) and introduced on 2/23/2007, AB 1436 amends the Nursing Practice Act, requiring that nurse practitioners be certified by a nationally recognized certifying body approved by the Board of Registered Nursing. As of 1/30/2008, the current version was finally passed (all ayes) and read for the first time by the Senate.

SCHIP: On Jan 23rd the House failed to override President Bush's veto of legislation to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (HR 3963), falling 14 votes short of the 2/3s majority required. Democrats have been pushing for this expansion arguing, "Worsening economic conditions will increase demand for SCHIP and Medicaid. A million more children a year may need public health insurance." (New York Times 1/24). Despite their efforts to persuade Republicans to agree with this legislation, they have failed to garner the support necessary. Per Rep. Joe Barton (Texas) the unwavering "Republicans' position is: Continue the existing program, perhaps expand coverage somewhat for families above 200% of poverty and cover every child in the country under 200% of poverty" (Congressional Quarterly Today, 1/23/08).

Lucky for our low-income kids, the House approved legislation (S 2499) to extend funding for SCHIP through March 2009. This funding will cover children who are already enrolled, and who are below the 250% of poverty level.

State Dental Checkup Law: A new state law requires all children entering public schools' kindergartens to have had at least one dental checkup.

Bye-bye California Healthcare Reform... Although passed by the Assembly, Governor Schwarzenegger's health care reform legislation (ABX1 1) did not pass the Senate on 1/28/08. While the bill would have been funded by employers, employees, a hospital fee, and a \$1.75 tobacco tax, Democrats who voted against the legislation cited a financial report that found the state could actually be greatly indebted by the bill if costs exceeded expectations (California Healthline, 1/29/08). It is interesting to note that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama's health care reform plans are very similar in scope to ABX1 1. It is hopeful that national support of this type of reform would provide the resources to diminish some of the Democrat's financial fears.

Meanwhile, Senate President Don Perata is suggesting that lawmakers work to adopt some of ABX1 1's individual components (California Healthline, 1/29/08).

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Legislative Update

The following is an update of the federal and state legislation mentioned in August's newsletter, plus some other legislation of interest.

Bill	Title/Description	Sponsor (#cosponsor)	Latest Major Action	NAPNAPs Position
S. 1572	<u>Child Health Care Crisis Relief Act of 2007</u> : A bill to increase the number of well trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes	Sen Jeff Bingaman (15)	Introduced 6/7/2007 Referred to Senate Committee Status: Read twice and referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	Not stated
H.R. 2073	<u>Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act</u> : Requires equity in the provision of health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans	House Patrick Kennedy (273)	Introduced 6/6/07 Read twice and referred to the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 10/16/07 Ordered to be amended	Support
S. 558	<u>Mental Health Parity Act of 2007</u> : Provides parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical ser-	Sen Pete Dominici (57)	10/17/07 referred to House Subcommittee and Subcommittee on Health Education, Labor and Pensions	Support
H.R. 2677	Improved Nutrition and Physical Activity Act (IMPACT) To establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity and eating disorder prevention, and for other purposes.	House Mary Bono (48)	6/12/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	Support
H.R. 2260	The Healthcare Truth and Transparency Act: Prohibits misleading and deceptive advertising or representation in the provision of healthcare services, and requires the identification of the license of certain healthcare providers.	House John Sullivan (34)	5/10/07 Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce	Oppose
A.B. 1436	Defines nurse practitioners scope of practice for the state of California	Hernandez and Nielo	1/30/08 Read by Senate	Support

S. 600	<u>School Health Clinic Establishment Act:</u> Provides grants for the establishment of school based health clinics and provides funding for infrastructure and salaries.	Sen Gordon Smith (20)	2/14/07 Referred to the Committee on Support Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	Support
H.R. 1244		House Eddie Johnson (9)	3/1/07 Referred to House Subcommittee on Health	
S. 60	<u>The Wakefield Act: Improving Emergency Care for Children:</u>	Sen Daniel Inouye (10)	No change	Support
H.R. 2464	To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children	House Jim Matheson (71)	5/23/07 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	
S. 446	To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.	Sen Richard Durbin (5)	1/31/07 Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	Support
H.R. 772		House Nita Lowey (11)	2/2/07 Referred to House Subcommittee on Health	
S. 59	Amends Title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program	Sen Daniel Inouye (2)	1/4/07 Referred to Senate Committee on Finance	Support
H.R. 2066		House John Olver (48)	4/30/07 Referred to House Subcommittee on Health	



Committee Updates

Membership: We currently have 91 members. Renewal letters/forms will go in the mail in May. We will snail mail AND email them this year. Any new joiners or renewals done after March 1st will be current for 2008-09. Starting in March, we will be offering a FREE one year membership to students and new grads.

Medical Missions: Upcoming medical missions dates are pending. They had a successful trip in January 2008. American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach is still handling this. For more informations, please contact Mariela Nava at Mariela.C.Nava@kp.org.

Social/Awards Dinner: The annual awards luncheon will be held at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne, California on Saturday May 31st. We will be saying goodbye to the outgoing board and welcoming the incoming board. We will also be presenting the Pal of the Year and One of Our Own as well as honoring 3 student scholarships.

Community Outreach: We will be voting at the next board meeting where to donate our annual \$1000 and where to donate the donated books to NAPNAP-LA.

Scholarship: Myra is busy contacting CSULB, CSULA, APU and UCLA. We will be offering 3 scholarships this year. The deadline for the scholarship return applications is April 15th. Please contact Myra with any questions and for more information at myracleary@yahoo.com.

Treasurer:

As of January 24, 2008:

Interest Checking; \$ 11,104.21

CD # 1 : \$13,662.24

CD # 2: \$ 11,482.95

For more information, please contact Mimie Lorca at mlorca@earthlink.net.

*Please don't forget
to bring a new
hard cover or soft
cover book to any
NAPNAP-LA
function.*

3rd Annual PNP Conference, Soaring to Expertise

It is on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles in the Saban Auditorium. We have a very exciting program that includes: Pediatric Asthma Update, Challenges of MRSA, Depression in Children and Adolescents, Pediatric Lab Interpretation, Minor Traumatic Injuries, and Contraceptive Technology. Please join us for a day of education and networking. Contact Cathy Goodhue CPNP for any questions: cgoodhue@chla.usc.edu or (323) 361-4566



Directions to Conference

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
 Saban Research Auditorium
 4661 Sunset Boulevard
 Los Angeles, CA 90027
 (323) 660-2450

Parking Instructions:

Parking Structure at
 4601 Sunset Boulevard
 Please park on the 4th level or above

Entrance is off Rodney Drive.
 Please bring a new soft or hard cover book suitable for children as part of NAPNAP's Community Outreach Program



Saturday,
 February 23rd, 2008

Soaring to Expertise

Sponsored by:
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Soaring to Expertise Program

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Welcome/Announcements
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Asthma Update
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Challenges in Managing MRSA Infections
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Break/Exhibits
11:00-12:00 p.m.	Depression in Children and Adolescents
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch/Exhibits
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Pediatric Lab Interpretation
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Minor Traumatic Injuries
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-4:15 p.m.	The Birds and Plan B: Contraceptive Technology

Faculty

- Ronald M. Ferdman, MD, ME
Division of Immunology and Allergy, CHLA
- Larry Ross, MD
Division of Infectious Disease, CHLA
- Julienne Jacobson, MD
Division of Child Psychiatry, CHLA
- Karin Reuter-Rice, PhD, CPNP-AC
Pediatric Intensive Care
Rady Children's Hospital San Diego
- Kyra Tatman, ACNP
- Karla Haynes, CPNP
Division of Craniofacial Surgery, CHLA

Learning Objectives

- 1) Describe updated NHLBI asthma guidelines and current therapy for the pediatric patient
- 2) Identify appropriate pharmacotherapeutic interventions for MRSA infections in 2008
- 3) Recognize signs and symptoms of depression in children and adolescents
- 4) Incorporate a stepwise approach to laboratory interpretation into pediatric practice
- 5) Identify appropriate management of minor traumatic injuries in pediatric patients
- 6) Understand risks/benefits of current con-

Registration Form

Sign up for: (6 CEU's)	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Health Care Professional	\$85.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Bring ID)	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Conference Rate NAPNAP and CHLA Staff	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Site Registration	\$90.00
	TOTAL _____
Name _____	
Address _____	
E-mail _____	
License No. _____	

Make Check Payable to
 NAPNAP-LA and mail to:
 Cathy Goodhue, CPNP
 400 Richmond St. #1
 El Segundo, CA 90245

Saturday,
 February
 23rd, 2008

Registration Deadline
 January 31, 2008

Register Early!
 Registration forms
 Available on-line
www.lanapnap.org

For questions please contact:
 Cathy Goodhue cgoodhue@ch1a.usc.edu
 323-361-4566

Our Mission is directed toward the future in caring for the health and wellness of our children and providing support for the dedicated Pediatric Nurse Practitioners who care for children in a variety of settings.

Goals:

- *Provide leadership at the local level to promote professional development and respond to the needs of our membership*
- *Provide a forum for clinically relevant continuing education programs*
- *Facilitate a proactive voice and representation in legislative and health policy issues affecting Pediatric Nurse Practitioners*
- *Promote collaboration with other professional nursing and health care organizations to address critical practice issues*
- *Encourage and support Pediatric Nurse Practitioner students through scholarship, research grants and mentorship*

We're on the web!!

www.lanapnap.org

