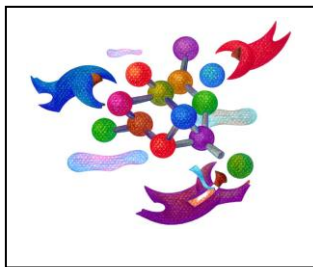


WAPNAP Newsletter



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President's Message: Isa Chase

The Board was very busy this past year with the implementation of our strategic plan goals. We met in October, January, March and April. This year priority was to complete our strategic plan goal regarding research and scholarship grants. In the Fall of 2012, Norah Johnson and Michele Polfus worked on the applications rules and forms. These were sent out to our members and we also posted them at our website. It is nice to see the result of this long planned task to come into fruition. I encourage you and all members to look at the qualifications and if you are working on advancing your education, to take the opportunity to apply for these funds. It is our mission to provide support for continuing education and research to our members.

WAPNAP board also thinks that students are very important part of this organization and provided funds for membership to students. This year several applications were submitted and the board chose Mary Spitzmeyler and Hailey Kobaza to receive reimbursement for becoming a NAPNAP/WAPNAP member.

I am very proud to inform you the Jayme Frank is our 2013 APN of Year! Congratulations! She was not present but we have plans to properly celebrate with her at a later date.

Transition: our current listserv will be disabled by June 1st. All email messages will go through the NAPNAP Member center Wisconsin chapter egroup. At our annual meeting Regina Dunst and Deb Bretl presented the plan for our Listserv to be phased out and our email group shifting gears and be a part of the NAPNAP community. To participate it will require members to log in into the main page: www.napnap.org then to find "My Community". I encourage you to joy in and participate.

Kathy Sawin and Allison Duey-Holtz worked on updating the poster with a new format and with the intent to provide for opportunity to be interchangeable, so it can be displayed at different functions and to also represent our diversity.

The board had long discussion on how to proceed with the APN award because every year we receive very few nominations. We need to hear your ideas for looking at different ways to highlight our APN colleague's accomplishments. After July, we will work a different strategy that can be more inclusive and diversified. Maybe, just one APN of the year is not enough and more professionals can be recognized throughout the year at frequent intervals. We are finding that our busy practices keeps us from having time to work on long applications, so we would like to propose a different way of honoring those who are making a positive contribution to our profession. More to come...

President's Message Cont.

I made it down south to Orlando to attend the NAPNAP conference. It was very educational and I had great opportunities too network with a variety of people from different parts of the country. President-Elect: Deb Bretl, Secretary: Allison Duey-Holtz, Treasurer: Kathleen Sawin and I attended the "Officers Meetings" to better understand our role and responsibilities as an officer. We had a chance to learn from other chapters different ways to conduct board meeting, ideas for formats that gives busy practitioners opportunities to be active within their organizations. It was also beneficial to learn the internal structural changes at the national level. NAPNAP has recently relocated their office to New York City and consequently needed to hire 16 new staff members. It continues to be a very strong organization with 7,538 members and maintaining 92% retention over the years.

Coming up in June 2013: A unique opportunity to align the chapters with a national initiative. NAPNAP will develop a "Chapter Toolkit" for *Decreasing Violence and Improving Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Your Community*. The toolkit will provide information and tools to help chapters plan and conduct a local Child/Adolescent Mental Health Roundtable or Education Summit. The goal is to provide all members with resources and materials related to mental health promotion and violence prevention. Then in August 2013: "Back-To- School" time, this campaign will

- Encourage all NAPNAP chapters to host a back to school event
- Outreach to media with tools/resources for back to school
- Offer a school pupil services professionals a webinar on mental health screening
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As our fiscal year ends and a new year begins July 1st, the work of the board will continue forward. There is always opportunity for you to be involved. Positions open now include: Member at Large, Student-rep, Legislative, School Health and Nominations. You will find descriptions of these on our website. I welcome you to contact anyone of us with your ideas, suggestions and to attend the board meetings. Look us up at the NAPNAP chapter website!

Conference Update

By: Susan Medd, MSN, RN, CPNP

Thanks to everyone for attending the 27th Annual Pharmacology & Clinical Update.

This year we included physicians and psychologists with our APN colleagues. I have to say that the APNs had some of the best presentations that I attended, including:

- Rob Fox on allergies
- Allison Duey-Holtz on leg pain
- Barb Cuene on HIV disease – her session in particular was thoughtfully prepared and demonstrated family centered care at its best

Also, I would like to thank all of you who attended the annual meeting and contributed such thoughtful comments – what an energized and engaged group! As always, I appreciate your comments about the conference and suggestions for topics and speakers for 2014 – so if you have not, please complete the conference evaluation.

On a personal note, I so enjoy networking with each of you and love to catch up on our lives inside and outside of work!

*Susan Medd is a PNP in the
NICU Developmental Follow-up
Clinic at ProHealth Care*

WAPNAP Member Accomplishments

By: *Stacey Lerret*

Norah is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Marquette University. Congratulations on her publications for her research on children with autism:

1. **Johnson, N.,** & Rodriguez, D. (2013, in press May/June). Children with autism spectrum disorder at a pediatric hospital: A Systematic Review of the Literature. *Pediatric Nursing*.
2. **Johnson, N.** & Simpson, P. (2013). Lack of father involvement in research on children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Maternal parenting stress and family functioning. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 34(4), 220-228
3. **Johnson, N.,** Giarelli, E., Lewis, C. & Rice, C. (2013). Genomics and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Special Issue of *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 45(1), 69-78.
4. Bekhet, A., **Johnson, N.** & Zauszniewski, J. (2012). Effects on resilience of caregivers of persons with autism spectrum disorder: The role of positive cognitions. *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*, 18(6), 337 - 344.
5. Bekhet, A., **Johnson, N.** & Zauszniewski, J. (2012). Resilience indicators of caregivers of persons with autism: A review of the literature. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 33, 650-656.



Kathleen Ludwikowski is a PNP and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Family Health La Clinica in Wautoma

NAPNAP Website Resources

By: *Kathleen Ludwikowski*

Do you know about resources available to you on the NAPNAP website?

I would like to direct your attention to the NAPNAP site for a new resource! At the bottom of the home page, there is now a box entitled **Conversations about ADHD.**

I and another colleague can be seen discussing various aspects of ADHD with parents and an adolescent. This is not only a good resource for you as a provider but also refer parents to this site for further information on ADHD. I know the parents I have referred have shared this site with others including healthcare providers.

At the end there is a questionnaire we developed to collect data on who visited the site, why, etc. PNPs could also send or share this information with the schools in their areas, as they too have been referring their students/parents to this site.

2013-2014 Board Position Project

By: *JoAnn Wagner Novak*

Our goal this year is to get a job description for each member of the Board, as well as job descriptions for various groups which report to the Board periodically. We would like to post this info on the WAPNAP website via national (NAPNAP). Many of the various positions are interesting, and quite easy to accomplish with limited commitment.

So, if you have been a Chair or co-chair of a group (e.g. School Nurse Liason), and you have easy access to a position description, please email it to our Board: Wapnap Board

<wapnap_board@lists.wisc.edu

JoAnn Wagner Novak is a family nurse practitioner at UW Health System

[The Board plans to review and revise these before posting. We appreciate any help you can give!](#)

UW-Madison PNP Program Update

By: Regina Dunst

UW-Madison has just admitted its 4th class of post-MS students and 3rd class of post-BS students to our DNP program. We no longer offer a Master's option for NP preparation. The last PNP students enrolled in the Master's option graduated in December 2011.

Thank you to all of you who have served as preceptors for UW-Madison students in the past. Due to the closure of the Master's option, and initiation of the DNP program, there is a three-year gap in which we do not have any PNP students in the clinical portion of the program. Our Peds DNP students are mostly enrolled in a part-time option, and will start clinical in the 4th year of the 5-year part-time DNP program. The first class of DNP PNP students will begin the clinical portion in fall of 2014.

The type of clinical placements needed by students as they progress through the first year of the clinical portion of the program is nearly identical to what was needed in the Master's program. There is no requirement that community clinicians have a DNP degree in order to be effective and valued preceptors to these students. We hope that community preceptors with whom we've established relationships with in the past will consider precepting again in the future.

Marquette University: May 2013 Graduates

Submitted by: Maureen O'Brien, PhD

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Pediatric Primary Care

Abby Adams
Emily Arthur
Anna Bennett
Elizabeth Hauerwas
Holly Meier
Catherine Mickel
Colleen Milford
Alyssa Pollow
Mary Spitzmueller



Post-Master's Certificate – Pediatric Primary Care

Rhonda Werner

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Pediatric Acute Care

Cristina Clawson
Jennifer Pfister
Rachel Wantz

Post-Master's Certificate – Pediatric Acute Care

Cheryl Bauer

Doctor of Nursing Practice – DNP

Rita Kadamian

Regina Dunst is a Clinical Associate Professor and PNP Program Coordinator at UW-Madison School of Nursing

Maureen O'Brien is Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Clinical Associate Professor at Marquette University College of Nursing

Deb Bretl is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin



Regina Dunst is a Clinical Associate Professor and PNP Program Coordinator at UW-Madison School of Nursing

2013 School Nursing Administrator of the Year

By: Deb Bretl

The Wisconsin Association of School Nurses announced Isa Chase as the 2013 School Nursing Administrator of the Year Award t. A selection committee of four school nursing administrators evaluated the applications for this award based on the National Association of School Nurses' Scope and Standard. Competition for this award is rigorous. To commemorate this award, the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses presented Isa with a clock.

Isa has utilized her nurse practitioner skills to provide evidence - based school nursing practice. Executing her own research regarding the transitioning of student with diabetes, Isa has used this information to better prepare students with diabetes to address their needs at the high school level. Ms. Chase has mentored other school nurses by providing instruction at the Department of Public Instruction New School Nurse Orientation. Also, Isa has supported school nurses providing active mentorship and support. Administratively, Isa has provided technical support and guidance with assistances, secretaries and other school nurse in safe and effective nursing care for the Franklin students.

Congratulations to Isa Chase!!!!

PNP Educator Position

By: Regina Dunst

Are you interested in a position as a PNP educator?

I will be retiring at the end of the spring 2014 semester. UW-Madison is seeking applicants to a clinical track position in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program, to transition to assume responsibility for the PNP program upon my retirement. This person would join the faculty starting fall 2013 to allow for a transition period during my last year at UW. The UW School of Nursing has a Clinical Faculty ladder with promotion opportunities up to full Clinical Professor. A Position Vacancy Listing (PVL) has recently been posted. You can access the PVL at

http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_076522.html

This is an exciting time for the UW School of Nursing. A new state-of-the-art School of Nursing, Signe Scott Cooper Hall, is in the process of being built with planned opening for fall 2014. The School of Nursing is part of an academic health sciences center on the western portion of the UW campus, which includes the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, the American Family Children's Hospital, the Waisman Center for Developmental Disabilities, the School of Medicine and Public Health, and the School of Pharmacy. You can learn more about the School of Nursing and the new Signe Scott Cooper Hall at <http://www.son.wisc.edu/>

Please email me at rmdunst@wisc.edu if you have any questions about this position opening.

2013 PNP of the Year: Jayme Frank

Submitted by: Deb Bretl

Jayme has been a Pediatric Cardiology PNP for many years. She initiated this role at the American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, WI. She is very knowledgeable in the field of pediatric cardiology and works well and independently with the families and patients she cares for. Many patients ask for her by name. Her expertise is in working patients with pacemakers and defibrillators. She goes to great lengths to assure the patient and families are doing well. Her dedication to her patients and team members goes above and beyond. She is always willing to teach and be a resource to other team members. Frequently the physicians in our cardiology group consult with her as well.

Jayme is a recognized leader of Advanced Practice Nursing at the American Family Children's Hospital. She has constant involvement in practice improvement efforts, as exemplified by her willingness to contribute to and take leadership in hospital-wide efforts.

Jayme's commitment to mentoring the next generation of Pediatric Nurse Practitioner students is exemplified by her ongoing willingness to contribute to education and mentoring of future Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. Jayme has precepted countless PNP students. In addition, she is a frequent guest lecturer for the UW-Madison PNP program and yearly meets with the PNP students to review case studies related to Pediatric Cardiology. She also contributes her expertise to the undergraduate program at the school of nursing.

Jayme has embraced research and evidence-based practice as part of her Advanced Practice Nursing role, and serves as a role model to other APN's and Registered Nurses in this regard. Examples of her efforts in this area include the following:

- She developed, in collaboration with two colleagues, a behavioral pain scale for preverbal and non-verbal children. She received a grant from Pediatric Nursing to research the validity and reliability of the pain assessment tool. The results of this study were published in the November/December 1999 issue of Pediatric Nursing.
- She served as study coordinator for Study of Safety and Efficacy of Palivizumab in preventing RSV infection in children with cardiac disease
- Jayme served as study coordinator for Amiodorone Use in Children

Jayme has contributed to the profession by serving on the WAPNAP Board. She is a past President of WAPNAP. It was during her tenure as WAPNAP President that WAPNAP received a "Chapter of the Year" award.

In summary, we believe that, Jayme is one of the most deserving Pediatric Advanced Practice candidates for this award. She is diligent, dedicated, creative, and committed to her profession. She constantly "gives back" to the profession by mentoring the next generation of pediatric APN's. She is a wonderful resource to nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians in American Family Children's Hospital.



*Deb Bretl is a
Pediatric Nurse
Practitioner at
Children's Hospital of
Wisconsin*

Re-evaluating APN of the Year Award

Submitted by: JoAnn Wagner Novak

This upcoming year the WAPNAP Board has decided to reconsider whether or not to continue the practice of nominating and voting a Pediatric Advanced Practice Nurse each year. Originally, the core group of WAPNAP and Board members wanted to recognize skills of PNP's. At first, the award was called Pediatric Nurse Practitioner of the Year. Once we had gained prescriptive authority, the Board re-named it "Advanced Practice Pediatric Nurse Practitioner" (APNP) of the year.

Criteria for candidates includes that the APNP candidate must :

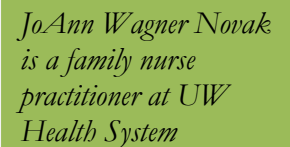
- Contribute to nursing, pediatrics and/or health care at the local, state or national level
- Contribute to the profession of Pediatric APN's
- Provide Leadership and service in the Community (Volunteer services)
- Maintain a membership with WAPNAP

Benefits outlined by older Board Members include

- Recognizes, in a public venue, the work of an outstanding APN
 - We recognize the winner at their place of business, in their own community
- Engineers personal recognition via a Plaque, which is usually presented at the annual WAPNAP Board meeting in the spring.
 - The winner also receives \$100.00 to be given to the charity of her/his choice.
- Provides motivation within our Chapter, as we (hear) recognize the outstanding work done by our colleagues on behalf of children.
- Has served as a method to stay in touch/network with other APNP colleagues

Finally, the Board is looking at the Chapter re-organization with NAPNAP. It is recognized that the APNP award tends to be more clinically focused, as opposed to a research-based award. In addition, the challenge has been to receive nominations from locations other than Milwaukee or Madison over the last few years.

Please consider options for recognizing nurses, for staying in touch with your NP colleagues, and give us your feedback about this award and plaque.



*JoAnn Wagner Novak
is a family nurse
practitioner at UW
Health System*

*Tammy Langhoff is a
PNP working in the
Psychiatry
Department at
Children's Hospital of
Wisconsin*

Membership Committee Update

By: Tammy Langhoff

According to recent data we are 158 members strong!

Membership Type	Number
DNP Student	6
Student	16
Active Member	130
New Graduate	4
Retired	2
	Total: 158

We would like to continue to grow our organization. Please share with other nurse practitioners the benefits of being a WAPNAP member. As membership chair, I would welcome thoughts, ideas, suggestions and participation.

Annual NAPNAP Conference: Save the Date

Make plans to attend the 35th Annual NAPNAP Conference in Boston, MA
March 11-14, 2014

WAPNAP Newsletter Update

By: Stacey Lerret

I hope you have enjoyed the annual WAPNAP Newsletter!

I certainly enjoy putting this newsletter together every year and in a small way helping all of us stay connected. I encourage you to send me newsletter submissions throughout the course of the year so that you can share updates, accomplishments, conference information, etc with your fellow WAPNAP members.

You may contact me at any time by phone 414-266-3944 or email at slerret@chw.org with any thoughts or ideas about the newsletter or any submissions.

Thanks so much! Stacey

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