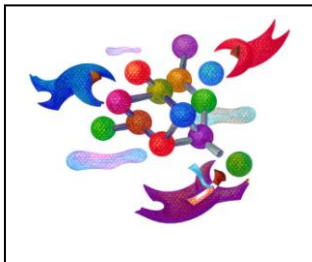


WAPNAP Newsletter



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President's Message

Accomplishments:

NAPNAP has more than 7500 members and 1500 attended the conference this year. Last year we discussed new ideas for a social event to connect with our members and eight of us gathered for a more affordable evening. We need members to give suggestions so we can improve participation at this event. Drop a note at the suggestion-box or email me.

Since we became unified our membership has increased. Also improved is the NAPNAP/WAPNAP member notification to us, in the past it took up to 3 months and now it takes about a little more than one month for us to receive their report. At the national NAPNAP conference in San Antonio all chapter presidents meet and it was very interesting to find out how different each state organization is structured. Some employ paid staff, rent an office and have a permanent location, others are more similar to our chapter: small and only with volunteers working and serving as board officers. NAPNAP then followed through with a survey to ask more specific information from each chapter. They want to know if we have liability insurance, what kind of fundraising we do, etc. This is all very new to me!

The Board met in June in Madison and October, February and April via phone call. We have accomplished several important goals this last year to include finishing the Strategic Plan goals and now that we have a "Time Line" we can demonstrate how to tract and report our progress in meeting each one of them. Also, our ByLaws needed to be in alignment with the NAPNAP guidelines, so we worked on the necessary changes. The members present at the annual meeting voted to approve the changes. Take a look at the revised ByLaws on our website.

Second, we invited PNP students to take advantage and apply for funding towards NAPNAP student memberships fees. Scholarships were awarded to 2 Marquette PNP students for funding their NAPNAP membership! Congratulations to Karen Wolf and Kaylan Stoner.

Challenges:

Improve our transparency and decrease lag time sending announcements of board meeting and minutes to members.

Our Strategic Plan now challenges us to consider our own contributions to research design, application and evaluation. WAPNAP board is starting to develop a formal process for establishing research/education grants to our members. NAPNAP offers support to us and has guidelines and protocols that we can utilize. I urge you to become more involved with your organization and to call any board member to be a part of this initiative.

President's Message Continued

Next Steps:

Our next steps include the following:

- 1) Strategic Plan monitoring
- 2) Form a Research Committee
- 3) Continue to recruit members
- 4) Promote participation at the board and committee positions
- 5) Continue to enhance board efficiency

Thanks everyone, Isa Chase
WAPNAP President

Program Committee Update

By: Susan Medd, MSN, RN, CPNP

Once again, we had an amazing clinical and pharmacology, this time in Lake Geneva. It seems that attendance continues to grow as we have had to close registration for the third year in a row ... hint for next year, GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN EARLY!

I would like to personally thank the entire planning committee for their work putting together an awesome array of speakers, and for additional help with the pediatric track ... Deb Bretl, Kristin Haglund, and Debi Rodriguez, I couldn't have done much this year without your help! Megan Leadholm and her team have done another fantastic job ... even the weather cooperated this year, until Saturday at least.

This year we focused a great deal of discussion on care of the adolescent and tried repetitive sessions to accommodate those attendees who appreciate attending sessions in various clinical tracts. Please let us know how you felt about the theme and choice of speakers this year. I do know we had many attendees in the pediatric sessions who are not PNPs and heard many positive comments! If you have ideas for speakers or topics, forward them to me or any WAPNAP Board member.

We look forward to your ongoing support and chances for collaboration in the future. Continue the excellent work you do to support pediatric health care in Wisconsin.

Susan Medd, Program Committee Chair

Susan Medd is the Pediatric CNS at Waukesha Memorial Hospital and also works as the PNP in the NICU Developmental Follow-up Clinic

WAPNAP Member Accomplishments

By: *Stacey Lerret*

Michele Polfuss, Ph.D., R.N., CPNP-AC/PC

Michele Polfuss, a Medical College pediatric endocrine & diabetes nurse practitioner with the Medical College of Wisconsin has received funding from the Spina Bifida Association and the Society of Pediatric Nurses to study the body composition in children with spina bifida.

Through the Spina Bifida Association, Dr. Polfuss was awarded \$37,500.00 through the “Ashley Rose Advancement in Research Award.” The award supports projects in spina bifida research conducted by young investigators, under the mentorship of senior investigators. Kathleen J. Sawin, Ph.D., CPNP-PC, FAAA, Research Chair in the Nursing of Children will serve as her mentor. She also received \$2,500.00 through the Society of Pediatric Nurses Research and Evidence-Based Practice Grant Program. Michele looks forward to working with her interdisciplinary research team which includes professionals in nursing, medicine, physical therapy, and child life.

Kathy Sawin, PhD, CPNP-PC, FAAA

Kathy won the research poster award at the NAPNAP annual meeting. Her poster was titled, “Self-Management Age-Achievement Expectations Reported by Parents of Youth with Spina Bifida”

Norah Johnson, PhD, RN, CPNP

Norah received the following grants for her research on children with autism:

1. Awarded \$5,500 from Marquette University Summer Faculty Fellowship for development of radiology social script book.
2. Awarded \$5,756 from Marquette University committee on Research Regular Research Grant
3. Awarded \$3,000 from Autism Society of South Eastern Wisconsin

Darcie Hayden, BSN, RN

Darcie is the recipient of the 2012 NAPNAP *Acute Care SIG Student Scholar Award*. This award was given to **Darcie Hayden**, an Acute Care PNP Student SIG member, who is contributing to the advancement of AC PNPs in order to attend the NAPNAP Annual Conference.

Deb Bretl, MSN, RN, APNP

Deb received the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Annual Advanced Practice Nurse Excellence Award. She received her award during nurse’s week.



UW-Madison: May 2011 Graduates

By: Regina Dunst, MS, RN, CPNP

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

These are the final graduates of our Master's level PNP program

August 2011: Kristin Jones Renley

December 2011: Jolyne Check-Ostrowski, Dana Schwartz, Janis Hansen and Nicole Hunker

Post-Master's Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Pediatrics

May 2012: Laurie Newton

Fall 2012: Kathy Elertson, Kirstin Monroe and Vicky Carlson-Oehlers

In fall 2011 we admitted our first class of 25 post-BSN DNP students. Eight of these students aspire to be Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

*Regina Dunst is a
Clinical Associate
Professor at UW-
Madison School of
Nursing*



Marquette University: May 2012 Graduates

Submitted by: Maureen O'Brien, PhD

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

Hayley Byington
Jessica Dorlack
Jamie Harder
Krystal Kaminski
Kathleen Nunez
Nanette Palay
Jennifer Radtke
Erin Ross
Amy Schuldt
Nina Sebastian
Katherine Sheahan
Helene Stacy
Mary Wiesen

Post-Master's Certificate – Pediatric Prim

Dianna Langner

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Pe

Drew Koepl
Emily Oldenburg
Aimee Shumard

Post-Master's Certificate – Pediatric Acute Care

Darcie Hayden

Doctor of Nursing Practice – DNP

Sara Collins
Elizabeth Sedgwick



*Maureen O'Brien is a
Clinical Associate Professor
at Marquette University
College of Nursing*

*Kathleen Ludwikowski is
a Pediatric Nurse
Practitioner at Beloit
Area Community Health
Center in Beloit, WI*

NAPNAP Resources

By: Kathleen Ludwikowski

I recently moved to Wisconsin from Illinois where I had my own practice for 18 years and am a new member of WAPNAP. I wanted to take this opportunity to not only introduce myself but also make sure you are aware of the new streaming video that will be done by NAPNAP.

This project will include streaming video vignettes hosted and archived on NAPNAP's website for two years for access by practitioners and consumers. The program will be entitled : *NAPNAP Conversations About ADHD Management and Treatment Options* and will consist of 10-20, one-two minute streaming videos of ADHD treatment-related questions asked by parents and adolescents, and answered by HCPs in a conversational setting. The *Conversations About ADHD Management and Treatment Options* will be produced by a video production company and hosted on NAPNAP's website.

I am one of two faculty, the other being Dr. Amy Vierhile from URMC who will be writing the scripts and then being videoed discussing the topics with parents and a teenager. This is similar to the one that was produced on Immunizations.

I look forward to meeting the members of WAPNAP now that I am a Wisconsinite!



2012 PNP of the Year: Allison Duey-Holtz

Submitted by: Deb Bretl

Allison is an APN in the Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery Department at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. She has many accomplishments, some of which are highlighted below:

Allison spearheaded and helped organize our other advance practice providers to help create a Well Child Lower Extremity Development Clinic. This clinic was the culmination of both Allison's concern for the best care that could be provided to a specific patient population in our practice, in addition to who she felt could provide it. Creating and piloting the program was no small feat, trying to organize providers as well as have the physician providers of the Orthopaedic division come on board.

In terms of the current drive at Children's to increase outcomes research and data collection, she has been integral in helping develop and implement a scoliosis database. Her insight into workflow intricacies have helped create the data collection sheet and made it possible to make it a useful clinical tool. This will enable us over time to showcase the care that we provide for scoliosis and spine patients here at Children's.

Allison is also involved on the national level of NAPNAP as the President of the Orthopedic SIG for which she has taken a leadership role in the development of.

She is currently a member on the Medical College of Wisconsin's Nurse Practitioner Advisory Board. She is also a clinical preceptor for students Marquette, UWM Madison and other programs throughout the state. She also serves as a Marquette Nursing Alumni Board member and provided education to high school students who were considering entering the nursing field.

Allison is a resource for other APN's in our organization. She is a co-chairperson and founder of our APN mentoring program, which was established to assist new APNs to merge smoothly into their new role in our large organization.

Allison is a well known speaker and presenter on orthopedic care of the pediatric patient. She has presented multiple workshops on splinting and casting, including twice at NAPNAP. She has also presented at Best Practice conferences for Health Care providers on Back pain in Children and Adolescents.

She is the lead author, of a 3 part series on Acute and Non-acute Lower Extremity Pain in the Pediatric Population, which the first part was published in Journal of Pediatric Health Care, January/February 2012 issue. She is also co-author on three other publications involving nursing and medical sites.

Allison became involved on the WAPNAP board 2 years ago as the secretary. She has reorganized the minutes to assist in clear and concise documentation of the work the board has been involved in including our strategic plan. She sends out the minutes in a timely fashion along with meeting notices.

Allison balances her busy work schedule, meetings, and other volunteer obligations with family responsibilities she shares with her husband, and raising 2 small children.



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Pediatric Nurse
Practitioner at
Children's Hospital of
Wisconsin*

*Linn Duga is a PNP
working in the
Neurodevelopment
Center in Pediatric
Specialties at
Gundersen Clinic in
La Crosse, WI.*

Membership Committee Update

By: Linn Duga

Our numbers appear to be holding steady in the last year. According to recent data we are 176 members strong!

Membership Type	Number
DNP Student	6
Student	18
Member	7
Fellow	136
New Graduate	6
Retired	3
	Total: 176

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.

Linn Duga

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Annual NAPNAP Conference: Save the Date

Make plans to attend the 34th Annual NAPNAP Conference in Orlando, Florida
Wednesday, April 17 - Saturday, April 20, 2013

WAPNAP Newsletter Update

By: Stacey Lerret

I hope you have enjoyed your 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 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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