

NASN Elections 2021

Candidate Data and Statement of View

President Elect

Lisa Ann Kern, MSN, RN, NCSN

Current NASN Affiliate: Florida Association of School Nurses (FASN)

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area: Administration/Management, Elementary School Nurse, and Secondary School Nurse

Education: Walden University, Leadership and Management, MSN/2010; College of New Rochelle, Biology, BSN/1984; Fordham University, Biology, BS/1981

Awards, Achievements, and Honors: Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN), 2002-Present; Florida School Health Association School Health Supervisor of the Year, 2015; Florida Nurses Foundation Olive Ramsey Memorial Scholarship, 2010; Teacher-of-the-Year Pasco County Schools, Student Services Department, 2009

Employment: Pasco County Schools, Supervisor, Student Support Programs and Services (Health), 2010-Present: School health program supervisor for 95+ schools/76,000 students; responsible for supervision of 45 school nurses and 17 LPNs (serving medically fragile); oversees training and coordination for all school clinic staff (86+); collaborates with district departments to create and/or revise policy and procedure; liaison to local department of health; coordinates with community partners to provide outreach services for students; coordinates health emergency management; mentors with a continual focus on building capacity within the school health program.

Other Significant Positions Held: School Nurse on Assignment-Acting Student Services Supervisor (Health), Pasco County Schools, 2007-2009; School Nurse, Pasco County Schools, 2001-2009; Practical Nursing Instructor, Pasco Hernando Community College, 1995-2000

Present NASN Offices/Appointments: Board of Directors Member, 2016-2020

Past NASN Offices/Appointments: Executive Committee Member, 2017-2019; Chair Strategic Committee for Advocacy Membership, 2018-2019; Chair Strategic Committee for Healthy Communities, 2017-2018; Professional Practice Document Advisory Committee (PPDAC) Member, 2019; Officer Task Force Committee Member, 2018-2019

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments: Advocacy Committee Co-Chair, 2016-Present

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments: Affiliate Director to NASN, 2016-Present; Recording Secretary, 2013-2015; Region 5: Pasco County Liaison, 2011-2013

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations: Florida Sexual Health Education Subcommittee Member, 2016-2020; Florida Partnership for School Health/Action for Healthy Kids, 2016-Present

Past Offices/Appointments in Other Associations: NA

Publications Significant to School Nursing:

Author: National Association of School Nurses. (2018). Human trafficking: Implications for 21st century school nurse (Position Brief). Silver Spring, MD

Lead author: National Association of School Nurses. (2017). Sexual health education in schools (Position Statement). Silver Spring, MD

Lead author: National Association of School Nurses. (2020). *Head lice management in schools* (Position Statement). Silver Spring, MD

Presentations Significant to School Nursing:

Presenter: FASN Conference 2020: *How Advocacy Can Change Your Practice*

NASN Podcast: School Nurse Chat: *Students with Chronic Health Conditions – The Importance of Parents and School Nurses Working Together* (2019)

Co-presenter: FASN Webinar 2018: *School Nurse Advocacy in Action: The Compelling Why*

Co-presenter: FASN Conference 2017: *Role of the School Nurse: Academic Support*

Panel presenter: Florida Educational Strategies and Student Engagement Institute (ESSEI), 12/2017 *Practical Strategies for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism*

Research Significant to School Nursing:

NASN/CDC Pilot, 9/2019 – 9/2021, “Feasibility Evaluation of a Nurse Led Active Surveillance Process”

USF College of Nursing, 12/19 – present, “Evaluation of Training to Aid School Nurses in Recognition and Referral of Military-Connected Children”

Department of Health, Pasco County, 10/2017 – 4/2018, “An Analysis of School-located Influenza Vaccination Data in Association with School Absenteeism”

Statement of View:

It's an honor to be considered for the President-elect position. I love a challenge and am very passionate and committed to this profession. Since I started as a school nurse in 1989, I've seen our work increase and become more intensively focused on case management, mental health and community outreach. As President-elect, I will advocate for and support the challenging professional practice of all school nurse leaders responsible for the health, safety and welfare of students across our nation.

As your President-elect, I will advance the implementation of the NASN Strategic Plan by commitment to engagement of school nurses, equity through shared leadership and securing evidence for school health; the three goals that form the foundation of our new strategic plan. I believe it is essential to the health and wellbeing of this organization to strive to connect with all practicing school nurses in an equitable and engaging manner, using data to support our essential role.

Advancing an accurate public narrative for the real work you do (using social media!), making connections to your critical role in improving student academic performance and providing you with tools, resources and educational programs that are relevant to your professional practice are some of the strategies that I would employ to advance engagement and increase membership. I also recognize how important it is for NASN to develop strong partnerships with other organizations who share our mission and vision. All of these efforts will ensure that NASN has a seat at the table, and that all school nurses will know their value in the educational setting and in the communities we serve.

Thank you for your attention, for your consideration of my nomination and for this amazing opportunity to serve NASN membership as your next President-elect.

This President Elect candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.