

# School Nurse Advocate



October 2018



Welcome Back to School!

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## President's Greeting

Welcome SNANC members to a new school year! I hope the super busyness of checking immunizations and writing emergency health plans has quieted down a little bit for you and you have moved into the routine of your “normal day at the office”. We have a long legislative session this year and would like to keep school nurses and their importance in school safety and mental health awareness in the forefront of our legislator’s minds as they set a budget. We have made tremendous strides in getting the Study Bill passed and performed and read; our focus now moves to, what can be done about it? I would invite you to attend a couple important events this year in addition to your Regional SNANC meetings and those are the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual School Nurse Conference, December 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and the Nurses Night at the Legislature in February. I urge you to get involved and be not only a member but an active participant in the work we are doing to promote and support the role of School Nurses.

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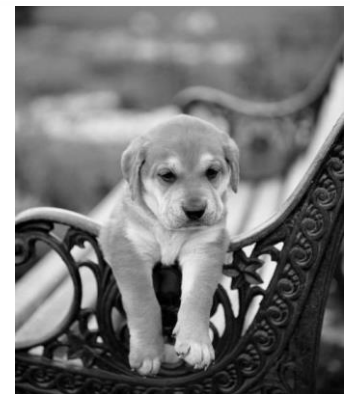
## Regional Reports

- a. Central Donna Daughtry
- b. North East Cindy Ferry
- c. Southeast Karla Cooper
- d. Southwest Pam Duncan

SW Regional meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup> in Taylorsville, NC. We will be covering Type1 Diabetes management and Case management.

- e. Northwest Tracy via email report
- f. West: Windy McGalliard

The West Region of SNANC will hold their fall meeting Thursday October 18, 2018 at MAHEC in Asheville NC. Our CE topic will be “Female Traumatic Brain Injuries, What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You!” Board Chairs remain the same with the exception of open Membership/Marketing, and Professional Practice and Standards up for nominations. Updated board member list will be provided after the fall meeting with the election of new members.



Relax, You've got this!

## September 2018 State Consultant Report: Ann Nichols

### Consultant Team Staff Changes

On July 11th Elizabeth Shook filled the previously vacant West Region Consultant position. Elizabeth (Beth) comes to us from Avery County. For the next few months she will be in the orientation process. During this interim period those seeking assistance should continue to contact their assigned consultant team member who has been providing coverage.

A new team position was added this summer –School Health Chronic Disease Nurse Consultant. That position has been filled by Donna Daughtry who recently retired as the Wake County School Health Program Manager. The position is funded through a CDC grant that includes working with school districts on helping students manage chronic health issues.

We sadly say goodbye to Sonya Dunn on August 24th, the Central Region Consultant. Sonya has accepted an exciting opportunity as the State Health Plan Nurse Consultant with the NC Department of the State Treasurer. We will miss her but wish her the best. Ann.Nichols@dhhs.nc.gov, State Consultant, will cover the central region during the interim period. Her phone number is 919-707-5667.

35th Annual School Nurse Conference-21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing: Evidence, Outcomes and Standards The conference will be held at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on Dec 6& 7, 2018

School Nurse Orientation Modules The target audience for this online course includes all new school nurses who have not taken School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities and is a required component for School Nurse Funding Initiative (SNFI) and Program 351 school nurse orientation. The orientation course is an introduction and prerequisite to future offerings of School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities. To register please contact your Regional School Health Consultant. 5.0 contact hours will be awarded upon completion of all modules.

Annual -Health-Assessment-Report-and-Immunization-Report. For ease of completion, the immunization and health assessment reports are once again combined. The delayed report closure date is included in the September 25<sup>th</sup> Order of the State Health Director regarding the temporary suspension of immunization school entry requirements from September 21 until November 1, 2018.

Health Assessment and Immunization Special Circumstances Students who are homeless or considered displaced for a variety of reasons such as natural disasters, turmoil in another country, or inadequate family finances, should not be held subject to the school entry requirements for Immunization or Health Assessment compliance. Please keep in mind that the above circumstances serve as examples although there is no official list that qualifies a student or family as homeless. Information regarding homelessness can be found on the DPI Homeless Program webpage or from your local school district Homeless Liaison. Students who are facing such situations, and thus initially exempt from rules, should receive services that will connect them with an area provider and enable them to receive needed services and/or records in a timely manner as fits the situation.

### Epinephrine Auto-Injector Programs

This is the annual reminder that the training for § 115C-375.2A. School supply of epinephrine auto-injectors is required to include annual re-training. These requirements are applicable to both charter and LEA schools. In addition, the expiration dates for the injectors should be noted. The FDA has provided some guidance on extended expiration dates for some dose lots in response to the current shortage. The Food Allergy Research & Education's (FARE) emergency care plan has been revised to include patient instructions for epinephrine auto- injectors. You can download the care plan here: FARE: Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan

## SNANC Membership Report: Amy Phillips

Membership for SNANC is the highest it has been since I have taken over membership in August 2016. Way to go Central Region with an increase of 28 members since April 2018! Below is the breakdown:

August 2016	December 2016	February 2017	April 2017	September 2017	November 2017	September 2017
489	526	537	528	555	548	616

## NBCSN Representative: Rebecca Smith

Window for the next Certification Exam (Nov 1-14) closes on Monday, Oct 1st. The next testing window will be Mar 7-19, 2019. The registration for this will open Nov 15th and close Feb 7th. Northwest AHEC is offering a Certification Review Course Oct 18th and 19th

## Marilyn Asay Scholarship: Wendy Harsch

We had 6 applicants for the Marilyn Asay Scholarship. The scholarship recipients are: Cheryl Herberg from Waxhaw, NC who is pursuing her MSN, and Elizabeth Shook of Burnsville, NC who is pursuing her MSN. Recipients have been contacted with the good news and both are so appreciative. Both ladies have been invited to join us at the 35th Annual School Nurse Conference to be formally recognized. The (6) Marilyn Assay regional reps have been notified of the recipients. We will begin planning and communication for the Regional baskets and Purses for Nurses fund raising at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual NC SN Conference.

## Communications Chair Report: Dallas Picard

SchoolNurse.Net continues to be our main source of communications.

It is being utilized to communicate in real time and reaches all members. Currently 533 members 289 discussions

