

JAAPRN

JACKSONVILLE ASSOCIATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

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ABOUT US

We are the Jacksonville Association of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. Our group was founded with the vision of building a strong nursing community in Jacksonville that ensures best patient outcomes and quality of care. We strive to do this through promotion of Nursing Advocacy, Leadership, Education, Research, and Multidisciplinary Collaboration. Through these efforts we hope to help build a healthcare system where nurses work as partners with physicians and other healthcare professionals, to ensure high quality of care and that the needs of our patients are always placed first.

-JAAPRN, eNP Network

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- 1) To be the voice for nursing in Jacksonville and provide leadership in healthcare policy and legislative action to ensure that:
 - Nurses are able to practice to the full extent of their education and training
 - Nurses are full partners, with physicians and other healthcare professionals, working in a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to redesign health care in the United States
- 2) Encourage networking and community building between members throughout the city of Jacksonville and its surrounding areas.
- 3) Provide educational and professional development for APRNs, nurses, and other health professionals.
- 4) Promote excellence in practice, education, policy, and research to ensure all patients in our community receive the highest quality of care and best health outcomes.

*Promoting Nursing Advocacy, Leadership,
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PLATFORM

1. Full prescriptive authority with DEA credentialing for APRNs.
2. Full Practice Authority for APRNs, allowing practice to the fullest extent of their education and training
3. Authorize APRNs to sign Baker Acts.
4. Authorize APRNs to determine Maximum Medical Improvement and Permanent Impairment Rating for workers' compensation claims.
5. Authorize APRNs to prescribe home health and hospice care.
6. Empanelment of APRNs to all third-party payers for full scope of practice services.
7. Authorize APRNs to sign death certificates.
8. Authorize APRNs to sign fetal demise and birth certificates.
9. Define APRNs as Licensed Health Professionals to sign all designated health forms.
10. Designate APRNs as Medicaid PCPs.
11. Full reimbursement for APRNs under Medicare/Medicaid repayment.
12. Designate APRNs to act as directors for Florida Health Care Homes.
13. Place all control of Florida APRNs, RNs, and LPNs solely under the auspices and control of the Florida Board of Nursing. Remove all aspects of professional nursing practice regulation from any other authority agency of government.
14. Adopt the National Council of State Boards of Nursing consensus model for APRN regulation.



BOARD MEMBERS

Chair	Dr. Brad Briscoe, DNP, APRN, CNS, CEN
Co-Chair	Dr. Sean Molloy, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Membership Chair/ Treasurer	Dr. Veronica Tyle, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CEN
Events Coordinator	Dr. Marites (Marti) Acampora, DNP

ABOUT OUR GROUP

JAAPRN was originally named Jacksonville Association of Nursing and Healthcare Professionals or JANHP. When [House Bill \(HB\) 1337/Senate Bill \(SB\) 1594](#) was approved in late March 2018, the organization's name was revisited. The statewide adoption of the term "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" or APRN in place of "Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner" (ARNP) compelled our board members to change JANHP's name to reflect the most current term as a proactive step for our new organization, thus JANHP became JAAPRN.

JAAPRN MEETINGS RECAP

January 2018: Our first official meet-and-greet was held at Seven Bridges Grill and Bar, Jacksonville, on Jan 24, 2018. Our guest speaker was Stan Whittaker, MSN, NP-C, chair of [Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners \(FLANP\)](#), who is a major proponent for NPs in the sunshine state. He introduced names of representatives and future political candidates in the Jacksonville area and discussed ways of becoming more involved in local nurse advocacy issues.

April 2018: April's meeting was held at Chamberlain College of Nursing, with many thanks to the Jacksonville Campus President, [Dr. Beverly Bonaparte](#). Longtime nursing advocate and American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Region 11 Director, [Dr. Jean Aertker](#), was our guest speaker. She discussed the history of APRN legislation at state and national levels and encouraged attendees to become familiar with local representatives and lobbyists who can positively impact nursing and NP practice in our state and beyond.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 30, 2018, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Chamberlain University College of Nursing [5200 Belfort Road Jacksonville, FL, 32256](#).

Special guest: Former Northeast Florida AANP representative and current FLANP board member [Susan Lynch, MSN, NP](#), will be our guest speaker. Learn about some of the upcoming legislative changes affecting nursing practice and how you can get involved and make a difference locally to support changes at the state and national levels for APRNs. [Register HERE now](#), if you haven't already.

OTHER STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS



[The AANP 2018 National Conference was held June 26-July 1 in Denver at the Colorado Convention Center.](#)



[The FNP Annual 16th Conference 2018 is being held August 16-18 at the Orlando World Center Marriott.](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



We want to acknowledge fellow JAAPRN members who have published or are in the process of publishing:

- **Dr. Brad Briscoe, DNP, APRN, CNS**, is preparing to publish an analysis paper in the [Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#) advocating for state-wide changes expanding the prescriptive privileges for Florida NPs and PAs.
- **Dr. Marti Acampora, DNP**, developed a [white paper](#) advocating education on medical marijuana for nurse practitioners. It has been well received by Susan Lynch of FLANP and Dr. Anna McDaniel, Dean of Nursing at the University of Florida. Follow the link above to review it

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WHAT'S NEXT?

In coming months, we will begin collecting membership dues in order to accomplish organizational goals, some of which include securing meeting venues and guest speakers, providing CME activities, and other administrative related fees. We pledge to be transparent and will make financial statements available to our members. At this time, dues will not be used for political campaigns or lobbying. We are still a young, grassroots group taking small steps to build our momentum. JAAPRN encourages current and future members to additionally join other national and state professional nurse organizations (ie. ANA, AANP, FLANP, FNP, etc.) to have access to conference and continuing education discounts or other benefits that we are not yet able to offer. By joining us in our initial stages, members will be able to grow with us and be part of Jacksonville's own efforts to support APRN advancements state- and nationwide.



MEET SOME OF OUR PAST GUEST SPEAKERS

**Stan Whittaker, ARNP, FNP**

Stan Whittaker is a Family Nurse Practitioner and the current Chairman of the Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners (FLANP) also President of the Florida Panhandle Nurse Practitioner Coalition.

Stan has a total of 40 years in the medical field of which 12 years were spent in Independent Practice in Bush Alaska. Stan's experience has been shaped by his progression through health care beginning as a founding EMT of the new (at that time) Emergency Service. Years of service as a Paramedic, Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner has shaped his dedication to providing care for all people.

Stan has preferred to work in areas of high need such as Rural Health Care, Emergency Room and Critical Care Flights. He currently works in rural health care setting providing urgent and emergency care to citizens of rural Florida.



Jean Aertker, DNP, ARNP-BC, COHN-S, FAANP

AANP Region 11 - AL, FL, GA, MS & U.S. Virgin Islands

Jean H. Aertker, DNP, ARNP, COHN-S, FAANP is Owner and Director of clinical services for Tampa Occupational Health Services in Tampa, Florida. As a business owner, she has created a successful private practice over the past 15 years. She is board certified as a family nurse practitioner and occupational health nurse specialist with over 28 years in the NP role. As the first director of occupational health at Tampa General Hospital, she developed four Nurse Practitioner managed workers compensation urgent care clinics in Hillsborough County. Building coalitions has been a career passion, and in 1999 she was selected by the ANA-F to develop and coordinate a 2-year coalition building project of free medical clinics in Florida. Dr. Aertker has taught at the university level in nursing and clinical medicine programs. She was

instrumental in the development of the faculty primary care ARNP role for the University of South Florida Public Sector Medicine Program. She continues to serve as a preceptor and lecturer for several NP programs. Jean received the AANP Florida Advanced Practice Award in 1999, the University of Tampa's Nursing Outstanding Community Service Award and the FNA Barbara Lumpkin Legislative Advocate Award for her effective work on behalf of all ARNP's in Florida. Jean continues to be involved by connecting, visiting and encouraging Florida NP grassroots groups (*like JAAPRN*) and would like to extend that effort to all the states in the Region. Her experience and coalition building efforts will bring successful strategies for advancing our AANP goals in Region 11. (AANP, 2018)

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