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PRESIDENT MESSAGE



JoAnn Franklin, APRN, FAANP, AMNP President

I am excited to serve as AMNP president for 2019 and 2020. We have so much work to do and we are planning to make this year our best ever! I will pledge to you that we will continue to strive in improving practice in Missouri, being a resource to help APRNs and provide excellent education throughout Missouri. Some of the activity is on fixing the outdated laws that restrict access to healthcare for Missourians.

Representative Nick Schroer has filed **House Bill 301** and Senator Eric Burlison filed **Senate Bill 400** both would give us an APRN license in place of a certificate of recognition. This is important for several reasons. One is to have an RN license and an APRN license, which gives the Missouri Board of Nursing the ability to address licenses for issuance and discipline. It also is necessary if Missouri chooses to enter into an APRN compact so APRNs

could work in multiple states with a Missouri license. Consistent requirements are necessary to be included in an APRN compact. Representative Hannah Kelly has filed House **Bill 693** to allow APRNs to practice fully based on our education and training. Senator Cindy O'Laughlin will file a barrier reduction bill this week. We have champions in both the House and Senate.

Nationally in **2018, White House released** a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Treasury that **supports full practice authority for APRNs** to promote choice and competition in healthcare and eliminate politically driven Collaborative Practice Agreements. Missouri has plenty work for all providers considering our health ranking being low as compared to other states. According to AANP, nationally APRNs conduct over **1.2 billion annual patient visits** making APRNs essential providers.

As we begin the legislative session, I ask each of you to **recruit two APRNs to join AMNP**. It is essential so we can network and send legislative alerts because there is power in numbers.

I personally invite each of you to attend our **Advocacy Day April 17**, AMNP presence in the capital influences legislators to vote in favor of AMNP.

We also are planning our **Annual Conference in Branson in August 23 & 24 with lots of pharmacology credit so please plan to attend.**

I am always available to contact at franklinjb@missouri.edu

TAMMY BARTHOLOMEW, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC RECEIVES AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS® MISSOURI STATE AWARD FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER EXCELLENCE

DATELINE – Tammy Bartholomew, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC has been named recipient of the 2019 American Association of Nurse Practitioners® Missouri State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence. This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner (NP) and NP advocate in each state. Recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception held during the AANP 2019 National Conference, June 18—23, in Indianapolis.

The State Award for NP Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes an NP in each state who demonstrates excellence in practice. In 1993, the State Award for NP Advocate Excellence was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing awareness and recognition of the NP role.

Tammy Bartholomew, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC is a Family Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Bartholomew has been working as a rural health nurse practitioner for the past 12 years since receiving her Master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri, St. Louis in 2007. She has been employed with BJC Health System for 22 years. She received her Doctorate in Nursing Practice

(DNP) from Saint Louis University in 2014. She has been involved in local and statewide nurse practitioner groups. She has been the Vice-President of the Southeast Missouri Nurses of Advanced Practice for the last 10 years. She has also been involved with the Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners since 2016 acting in the roles of board member, southeast Missouri state representative, and advocacy committee member. Tammy has been involved on multiple committees in BJC including involvement with choosing systemwide electronic health records and being the advocacy chair on the BJC Advanced Practice Provider committee.

Patient satisfaction and quality measures scores are met by Tammy each month which shows dedication to her patients. She works with the local school district to ensure expedited appointments for teachers during their planning periods so a substitute teacher is not needed. Athletes in the community also have access to this so they are able to return to practice/ games as soon as possible. One of the most fulfilling aspects of her position is the ability to precept upcoming nurse practitioners every semester. Helping to guide others into

the best career imaginable is very rewarding. Tammy enjoys her love of scuba diving and when she isn't working, can often be found blowing bubbles under water. Whether it be with a youth scuba venturing crew in a pool or nearby quarry, or in her favorite clear blue waters of the Caribbean. Tammy has one son, Brent, who is a post-surgical nurse at another BJC facility.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the largest national professional membership organization for nurse practitioners (NPs) of all specialties, represents the interests of more than 248,000 licensed NPs practicing in the U. S. As The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner®, AANP provides legislative leadership at the local, state and national levels, advancing health policy; promoting excellence in practice, education and research; and establishing standards that best serve NP patients and other health care consumers. To locate a nurse practitioner, go to npfinder.com. For more information about NPs, visit aanp.org.

HB 301 APRN LICENSURE BRIEF

How are APRNs currently given authority to practice?

Chapter 335, The Nursing Practice Act, gives statutory authority to the Board of Nursing to license and regulate nurses. Currently, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) may be issued a **Document of Recognition** from the Board of Nursing permitting them to practice at an advanced level based upon their educational preparation and national certification.

Previous Legislative History

House Bill 1502, filed in 2018, would give the Board authority to LICENSE APRNs.

HB 301, filed in 2019.

What does licensure mean?

Licensure is used when regulated activities are complex and requires specialized knowledge, skills, and independent decision-making. **It provides authority to take disciplinary action should the licensee violate provisions of the law or rules.** Licensure is applied to a profession when the practice of that profession could cause greater risk of harm to the public without a high level of accountability. This change will allow the board to license APRNs and

give the board authority to deny and discipline APRNs, which is the same authority the board has for RNs and LPNs.

Status of APRN Licensure in Other States

Currently only 10 states issue a recognition and not a license: Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

However, all those states can discipline the recognition except for Missouri and Georgia.

What is the benefit?

The board would be able to take disciplinary action on APRNs and publish that information. The number of APRNs that are disciplined and why could be useful information for policymakers when considering future legislation. It would also be useful to the board of nursing to see if any trends emerge that might warrant outreach.

It would decrease confusion and unlicensed practice. Currently an advanced practice nurse is required to renew their RN license by April 30th of every odd-numbered year and renew their

advanced practice nurse recognition prior to varied expiration dates throughout the year as dictated by national certification expiration dates. Advanced practice nurses would prefer to have one license with one expiration date thereby reducing the regulatory burden and the potential for an APRN to practice with an expired license. This is particularly problematic for nurses who have licenses in multiple states and don't realize they have to keep two practice authorities (RN license and APRN recognition) current.

This change would allow the state to more easily track APRN expiration dates and determine if an APRN is eligible for reimbursement by the state's Medicaid and Medicare system and for reimbursement by insurance companies. Right now, we logic built into the system to default the APRN expiration date to the earlier of the RN expiration date or APRN recognition date. This is very confusing to employers, nurses and payers.

The public would be able to more easily understand the status of an APRN using our national database, Nursys - www.nursys.com.

AMNP ADVOCACY DAY



ADVOCACY DAY

APRIL 17, 2019

Missouri State Capitol
201 W Capitol Ave.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

AGENDA

10:00 - Welcome/Introductions

10:05 - Bill Review

10:15 Advocacy In Action

10:45 Legislator Visits

12:30 Debrief Luncheon

Register at missourinp.org

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AMNP BOARD MEMBERS

MEET THE BOARD

AMNP had nominations in July for the 2019-2020 board members. We would like to introduce the board members so you know who is working to improve APRN practice in Missouri.

President:

JoAnn Franklin



Vice President:

Julie Long



Family Nurse Practitioner with expertise in diabetes, chronic disease education and management; well visits across the

lifespan; GYN; pediatrics; NICU Diabetes Shared Medical Visit program coordinator Expertise in patient engagement and PCMH implementation. Current Treasurer for the AMNP Board.

Treasurer:

Christopher Hemmer



Christopher Hemmer, DNP, ANP-BC, Assistant Professor Saint Louis University

Practice: Dr.

Hemmer has been board certified as an adult nurse practitioner since 1999. His area of specialty is in adult spinal disorders for the last 19 years. He currently evaluates new patients as well as established pre and post operative patients. Chris has spent over nine years moonlighting in the emergency department in the past as well.

Teaching: Dr. Hemmer started teaching as an adjunct for Saint Louis University in 2007. In the fall of 2013 Christopher accepted a full time position with the school of nursing as assistant professor for the graduate students. He has co-taught several graduate level courses over the years as well as performed as a guest lecturer during residency for the NP students. Chris has been receptive for several years teaching in the clinical setting as a preceptor for NP students interested in spinal diseases and wanting to increase their radiology knowledge. Dr. Hemmer chairs a cadaveric CNE course yearly for spine specialist. Chris has presented various spine topics on the local, state, and national level over the years.

Certifications/ Organizations: Dr. Hemmer is board certified by ANCC as an adult nurse practitioner. Member of American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Member of North American Spine Society. Member Saint Louis Spine Society. Shirley A. Martin Distinguished Nurse award. The association of Missouri Nurse Practitioner Excellence in APN leadership.

Research: Dr. Hemmer research area is in vertebral compression fractures and osteoporosis. Specifically, the identification and management of fractures and osteoporosis in the adult population is a strong area of interest.

Secretary:

Carla Beckerle



Carla Beckerle, DNP, APRN-BC, has 40+ years of experience in a variety of health care settings. Early in her career, she managed critical care

patients in a staff nurse role before expanding to leadership roles which included director of critical care and emergency services at Christian Hospital, a member of the BJC Health System in St. Louis Missouri. She developed and implemented a clinical pathway program for chronic disease states and led the case management team to improve health outcomes and integrated the utilization review services in an integrated approach. She developed the first nurse practitioner staffed urgent care model in the emergency departments of Christian Hospital and as a result, decreased wait times and throughput for patient care in the ED.

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After 25 years in inpatient medicine, Carla transitioned to primary care at Esse Health as the first nurse practitioner in a north county internal medicine practice. She is committed to the model of excellence and precepts many nurse practitioner and DNP students during her clinical hours at a variety of universities in the St. Louis area. Beckerle is a member of the Diabetes Coalition between St. Louis Department of Health and the ADA and is currently the President of the American Diabetes Association's Community Leadership Board. Beckerle was selected as one of the St. Louis Business Journal's Health Care Heroes in the recent past and served as the Chair of the St. Louis Nurses Advanced Practice Association (StLNAP) from 2013-2015. She is currently co-chair for the 2019 Annual Symposium for StLNAP and newly elected to ANMP's position as webmaster/secretary for 2019.

Advocacy Chair:

Laura Kuensting



Dr. Kuensting has been practicing as a pediatric nurse in the emergency department for over 30 years in St. Louis. In

1994, she received a Master's degree in the Nursing of Children as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, then a post-master's certificate in 1997 as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Laura has practiced as an APRN in the emergency department at Mercy Children's Hospital in St. Louis for over 20 years. In 2011, Laura completed her Doctor of Nursing

Practice degree from St. Louis University. While maintaining her clinical practice part-time, she began a career in academic nursing as the Coordinator of the PNP program at the University of Missouri-Columbia. In 2015, Laura had the opportunity to serve as the first Director of the Institute for Emergency Nurses in Advanced Practice at the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) in Chicago, IL. In 2016, Laura was offered a position back in St. Louis as the Director of the MSN/DNP programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where she is currently employed.

Laura is a nationally known speaker, has numerous publications, is an expert witness, consultant, and item-writer for board certification exams. Laura is an active member of the St. Louis Chapter of the ENA, St. Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice, Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners and is the current President of the St. Louis Pediatric Nurse Practitioner group. She is politically active in advocating for full-practice authority in the State of Missouri and she committed to enhancing the education and practice of APRNs.

Laura Kuensting
DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, CPNP, CPEN

Membership Chair:

Beth Dalton



As your Membership Chair, I will be helping the organization to give NP's opportunity to network and grow.

Promoting the only Missouri State Professional Organization

dedicated specifically to nurse practitioners as well as working with other professional nursing organization gives voice that NP's are here to stay and give high quality care for residents of Missouri. Many NP's of Missouri have not yet heard of AMNP, to help eliminate this problem, it is one of my goals is to make face to face visits and other contact to various schools, events and meetings to promote membership, and involvement. I am a three year NP, with 28 years of RN experience in multiple roles. My primary role as an NP is home based Palliative Care-Advanced Disease Management, with Trade Winds Palliative Care and Safe Harbor Hospice. I work part time for Midwest Convenient Care walk in clinic and work part time for Beyer Medical Group. I am an AANP member, AMNP member and board member. I am also a member and secretary of the board my local NP organization, SNAP (Southeast Missouri Nurses of Advanced Practice) as well as I serve on my church board and on the board of our local domestic violence shelter.

Beth Dalton, FNP-BC

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Professional Development/Philanthropy Chair:

Tracy Clark



Tracy Clark, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ACHPN is active in the nurse practitioner professional community. She has been an RN for over 30 years,

practicing in various fields. She has been a nurse practitioner for over 10 years and completed her MSN and DNP at the University of Kansas. She works full time for the Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City as the palliative and hospice nurse practitioner. She also owns and runs a practice with her husband in Shawnee, Kansas and works prn in the Saint Luke's Health System retail clinics. Birth to bariatrics to Botox to bereavement describes her practice.

Tracy has been the Professional Development Chair for AMNP this past term. She has been involved in planning the 2nd – 4th annual conferences. She manages the CE activities to insure strict adherence to the AANP guidelines. Tracy is the chair of the Saint Luke's Health System APP Council, is the Secretary of the Northeast Kansas Nurse Practitioner Alliance and is on the steering committee for the Midwest Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. Tracy developed and implemented the Saint Luke's Health System APP OnBoarding for Success! program.

Central Representative:

Scott Barnes



My name is Scott Barnes and I am proud to be your Central Region AMNP representative. I am a DNP graduate of the University of

Missouri and have lived in the Central Missouri region for over 25 years. I am a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and member of AANP. I have been a proud member of AMNP since its inception. One of my driving forces as an AMNP member and Central Region representative is to advocate for our profession in the legislature and to make sure that Missouri nurse practitioners have a voice. As your Central Region representative, I will continue to advocate for our profession while providing additional focus on nurse practitioner recruitment and education. My health care passions include spine, orthopedics, geriatric and bariatrics. My non-health care passions include family activities, sports, outdoor activities, and aviation. Thank you all and I look forward to working with everyone.

Dr. Scott Barnes, DNP, FNP-C

Kansas City Representative:

Karin Riepe



I have been a nurse for 35 years. I graduated from Avila University in 1983 with BSN in nursing. At the urging of

my twin sister who is also a nurse, I returned to obtain my MSN in 1997 and became a Family Nurse Practitioner. I worked for 4 years in a family practice setting and was forced to find a different job when my collaborative physician retired and his replacement made the restrictions to practice so miserable that I started a new career as Nurse Practitioner in the Emergency Department at North Kansas City Hospital. I also work in a school based clinic and serve as a resource regarding collaborative practice issues.

I became actively involved in the advocacy and the legislative process in 2008. I wanted to see the barriers removed that make it difficult for patients to have access to care and remove constraints on NP practice. As a nurse practitioner in the emergency department, it is critical to be able to provide pain relief which with the current legislation is difficult. I advocate for nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training. I also feel strongly that patients have a right to see the health care provider of their choice. As the Kansas City representative for AMNP, I have set up several meet and greets to introduce the organization to nurse practitioners. I have also coordinated a one day continuing education class in Kansas City area. I feel a strong grassroots effort will effect change in our profession.

Southeast Representative:

Anne Voss (no photo)

Worked as liaison for Advanced Practice Nurses at Mercy Four Rivers. Is a member of MONA and AANP in addition to AMNP.

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Southwest Representative:

Rosanne Johnson



With a passion for Emergency Medicine, the entirety of my career has been served in Emergency Services, in

which I started as a Registered Nurse nearly 20 years ago. These experiences have provided me with a strong foundation throughout my nursing career and encourage me to seek an Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) degree in 2012 through the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Currently, my practice includes services provided to patient throughout the Emergency Department and Urgent Care facilities at Cox Health Systems, Springfield, Missouri, where I have remain employed since 2001.

My greatest strength is the ability to effectively manage patients who have experienced acute trauma or severe life stressing events impacting their health. Throughout my career it has provided me with the critical thinking skills needed to focus and understand there is no single approach in delivering health-care needs to individualized patients. I have the determination and ambition to seek out opportunities which can help shape policy about how care should be delivered to all patients. Not only to improve their quality of life but to build the health, of not only the community, but our country.

Northeast Representative:

Kathy Haycraft



I am an advance practice nurse and am certified in family, dermatology and pediatrics as a nurse practitioner. I currently employed as a

dermatology nurse practitioner. I completed my doctorate in 2011. In addition to the above areas of clinical experience, my passion is health care policy. My experiences in administration, education, and in the clinical setting have led to a strong sense of what health care is and what it needs to be. Specialties: Dermatology, Family, and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Current Northeast Representative AMNP, Current Region 7 Representative AANP, MONA

Northwest Representative

Sarah Knorr



I am Family Nurse Practitioner and I work for a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in St. Joseph. I got my

Bachelor of Nursing from Missouri Western State University and my Master and Doctor in Nursing from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). I also am adjunct faculty at UMKC. I am currently in a Clinical Scholars program for Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center. For a little over a year in addition to family practice, I have been treating HIV, Hep C,

TB, Pre and Post Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV.

In 2010 I started Advanced Practice Nurses of Northwest Missouri and we continue to meet quarterly as a social group. I hope to transition my group to an AMNP group for Northwest Missouri.

St. Louis Representative:

Susan Dawson



Susan Dawson has been an Advanced Practice Nurse in adult psychiatry for 20 years, first a CNS, then an NP. She has

taught nursing at all degree levels for 30 years. Susan has been involved with AMNP since the first e-mail was sent. She has served on the state-wide informational monthly phone call at the invitation of David LaFever. She had served as an officer on the board of directors of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association both Missouri Chapter and Nationally.

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