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Advanced practice nurses in our community have been on the forefront of key initiatives put in place to protect our colleagues, staff and patients. During the pandemic University of Miami advanced practice nurses came together to support Employee, Patient, Plasma donation hotlines and COVID tent screenings. These initiatives were led by our Immediate Past President, Jessica MacIntyre and Director at Large, Maritza Alencar. Immediate Past President, Jessica MacIntyre was featured on the Miami Herald discussing how nurses were coping with stress during COVID-19. See link for full article <https://www.miamiherald.com/living/health-fitness/article242351971.html>

Miami Beach Convention Center Training



Henry Henao, the FIU STAR Center staff and Mark Fonseca, President of NPCMD, drafted a program to determine educational goals and logistical needs to support implementation of the Airforce Reserve and Florida National Guard units tasked with the responsibility to staff the 450-Bed COVID-19 hospital, projected to treat and care for COVID-19 positive-only patients at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Florida Guard doctors, nurses, medics and FIU came together to combat COVID19.

Florida Legislative Update

Two important bills effective July 1, 2020, were passed during this legislative session that affect all Florida NPs: **HB 607** mandates that qualified nurse practitioners may provide primary care without physician supervision. Limited to family medicine, general pediatrics and general internal medicine, as defined by Board of Nursing (BON) rule; includes CNMs, however not CRNAs or specialty NPs. **HB 389** mandates that pharmacists may help patients manage their chronic conditions in collaboration with a physician, and may test and treat flu and strep throat, and treat other minor conditions.



Meet your Leaders: Mark Fonseca, NPCMD President



Mark Fonseca received his BSN and MSN from Florida International University. He is a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in Adult Gerontology. As the Assistant Director for the STAR Center, Mark Fonseca's focus is to make sure the day-to-day operations of the center are running as smoothly and organized as planned. He schedules and organizes the simulation and skills labs, OSCE's, other non-credit and credit courses, and encourages the engagement of the community in the STAR Center facilities by his involvement in AHA, HHS/AET and the FIU FAST Team.

Mark Fonseca is the current President of the NP Council of Miami-Dade and held the position of Treasurer for two years. During his involvement, he has participated in events, meetings and conferences on the NP Council's behalf to better the foundation and make decisions based on his findings. He has traveled to Washington DC and Tallahassee to lobby for support of laws for the benefit of Nurse Practitioners. He hopes that during his time as president of the NP Council, he will continue to grow the council's outreach and engagement with the community, the state and the country.