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**Join the MN APRN Coalition to support MN APRN Practice
Dues will increase January 1st, 2024**

President's Message



Ring in the new year with an in-person event! Our Annual General Membership meeting will be held January 10, 2024, 5:30 – 7:45 PM at the **Ramsey County Library - Roseville - Community Room**, 2180 Hamline Avenue North. Roseville, MN 55113

Come to network with other APRNs and enjoy some refreshments while you learn about psychedelic-assisted therapies. We will also introduce our newly elected board members, provide a recap of Coalition accomplishments in 2023 and a sneak preview of planned initiatives for 2024.

We look forward to seeing you! [RSVP required.](#)

The Coalition continues to work on all APRNs behalf to remove barriers to APRN practice and ensure patient preference in choosing providers. The two legislative initiatives for 2024 are:

1. Passing of H1324, the [Certified Midwife Bill](#), and
2. Repeal or revision of the 2,080 hour post graduate practice requirement of new graduate CNS/CNPs. This would all new graduates to work in all APRN clinics.

Legislative Committee Update

Work on the repeal of MS [148.211 subd.1c](#) (postgraduate practice) is ongoing. Members of the legislative committee and our lobbyists have been meeting with legislators and have secured one author from the House and one from the Senate. A meeting with the Minnesota Medical Association is planned to hear their concerns. **Member involvement in moving this bill forward will be needed!**

The Coalition is in the planning phase of a MN APRN Coalition Day on the Hill in March, 2024. More information will be coming.

The CM group has worked with APRN president Julie Sabo and Legislative leads Brian Goodroad and Kerry Johnson to advance this bill further. The bill proposes licensure for the Certified Midwife in MN (a midwife with the same scope & organization as Certified Nurse Midwives). This will be the 4th session for this bill. We have never felt as prepared and as connected so early prior to the session. The bill does not need to be re-introduced this year. The bill has no opposition (including MN Medical Association and MN Academy of Family Practice). The bill has great support from the U of M Director of Midwifery, professors within the School of Public Health, Hennepin County, Hennepin Healthcare, and many more. The MN Section of ACOG (obstetricians) has named this bill their #1 legislation priority.

We met with Senator Wiklund and Representative Liebling, health committee chairs of the Senate and House. Neither Chair committed to a bill hearing yet. Senator Wiklund has been an author in the past and we have met multiple times. Her Committee Aide was very knowledgeable and intuitive discussing role legislation and regulation. This is the first meeting we met with Rep Liebling. She had many questions but was very engaged. ACNM and ACOG sent follow-up thank you messages. The vice-chair of ACOG is a constituent of Representative Liebling's and an OB at the Mayo and will reach out to Rep Liebling for follow up. We continue to update colleague professional organizations to build support, and other legislators to request the bill be heard in committee.

Listening Sessions

The Coalition hosted the first Listening Session on November 16. The topic was owning your own APRN practice. We had a lively discussion and have planned the next Listening Session for January 18, 6-7 PM. The topic will be **telehealth**.

These sessions are designed for sharing challenges, learnings, and success between members. There is no cost, and they are held via Zoom. A link to the Listening Session will be sent out close to the date. Please join us and share your tips and challenges with telehealth!

Save the Date! Annual Pharmacology Review will be Friday, April 19, 2024