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# THE MINNESOTA APRN COALITION

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **President's Message**



The MN APRN Coalition Board of Directors June meeting is June 12, 2024, from 630 to 8pm. You can register for the meeting about the week prior on the Coalition website and then you will get an email with the password and ZOOM link.

At the May meeting, the Board voted to add three Director positions which will be voting member. The Director positions are Communication, Legislative, and Education.

A call for nominations will be sent out during the early summer for these three positions and for those Directors who are rotating off. Please consider serving on the Board! You will be working with members who are passionate about removing barriers to APRN practice, offering the annual pharmacology conference, and networking with leaders in the APRN community.

I am passionate in my belief that becoming active in professional organizations helps to develop and strengthen leadership skills, communication skills, and of course with the Coalition political acumen! Start small by joining a committee as a member and build your confidence. Networking with other APRNs from other organizations, specialties and who have skill sets than you is a wonderful experience.

Our legislative agenda did not get us where we wanted to be although we are fired up and ready to return to the 2024-25 legislative session to advance the repeal of the transition to practice requirement for new graduate CNSs and CNPs. Hoping you all have a wonderful summer. Watch for updates from the Legislative Committee this summer as they develop and implement strategic plans for the 2024-25 legislative session.

## **Legislative Committee Update**

### **CERTIFIED MIDWIFE BILL UPDATE:**

We are nearing the end of the legislative session! The Certified Midwife bill was included in the Senate Health Omnibus bill, which passed a Senate vote unopposed on May 7. The next step is that the house and senate meet in conference committee to finalize the combined omnibus bill. We are flooding our supporters with energy and support with the goal that all their support will overshadow the one legislator who opposes (Rep Liebling, Rochester, Health Committee Chair). Session ends next week; so we should know mid-week (May 16ish).

### **TRANSITION TO PRACTICE UPDATE:**

As many of you know, the MN APRN Coalition was very busy this year with our Transition to Practice (TTP) bill. We spent significant time meeting with legislators and educating lawmakers on the need to remove the restriction limiting a new graduate CNP or CNS to work 2080 in a setting employing both physicians and APRNs. We gained many supporters on both sides of the aisle. Unfortunately, Representative Tina Liebling opposed our bill, and it was never heard in the House Health Finance and Policy committee to which it was referred, and which Rep. Liebling chairs. We worked diligently with the MN Medical Association and Minnesota Academy of Family Practice, both of whom opposed the bill as well. We offered compromise language but failed to hear back from them by the required committee deadline. Our chief authors are excited and committed to bring the bill back next year, and we have gained some interest from professional organizations who are going to offer their support. We will continue to get support from other community partners and will introduce it again in next year's session. Stay tuned!

## **2024 Workforce Survey**

Watch your emails for our 2024 Workforce Survey, which will open in June. The topics will include workplace satisfaction, employment climate, burnout as well as a survey of compensation, benefits, practice locations as well as other pertinent practice information. Participants will be eligible to win a drawing for several \$20 dollar gift cards. Please consider

completing the survey. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete and the results will be made available to you later this summer at NO COST.

The information is important to APRNs in negotiations as well as providing us with valuable information for our legislative efforts. We have utilized data from this survey at the Capitol on many occasions.

## **Listening Sessions**

On March 21, 2024, a telehealth clinic open forum was held via Zoom led by Kim Yung Pfuhl DNP, APRN, CNP owner of Dr. Kim CNP Virtual Wellness Clinic PLLC ([www.drkimwellness.org](http://www.drkimwellness.org)), attracting approximately 15 attendees from various states, including Minnesota. The hour-long session focused on essential insights for owning a telehealth clinic. Key topics included the legal and logistical requirements for establishing a telehealth practice, as well as valuable resources for setting up and managing such a clinic. The forum provided a platform for sharing practical advice and best practices, fostering a collaborative environment among current and prospective telehealth practitioners.

## **Annual Pharmacology Review recap**

Our annual Pharmacology Webinar was held on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and we recorded our highest virtual attendance for this all-day conference. 132 APRNs were in attendance. We covered some interesting topics and attendees asked some great questions. Featured were some former speakers and we welcomed some new ones. Attendees of the webinar earned 7 AANP approved pharmacology credits without leaving home.

We are planning new educational offerings on a wide variety of topics during the rest of the year in addition to our annual Pharmacology conference. Watch your email for our call for proposals for our 2025 conference.