

Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Rhode Island (NPARI) Business Meeting

Date:3/10/2025 Time: 7pm

Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88999434538?pwd=an4iMlaVJsrIm7kjrtD4NkYZMHjfTw.1>

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
   1. Introductions- In attendance: Desirae Heys, Anne Neuville, Denise [Coppa](mailto:Coppa-dcoppa@uri.edu), Sharon Garber, Marianne Hurley, Virginia Pierce, Rebecca Carley, Janel Snowden, Olajumoke Adetunji, Maricelys Almonte., Julie Abramson.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from 11.4.2024- motion approved- Denise Coppa,

Second by Anne Neuville.

1. Old Business
   1. No follow-up currently
2. Treasurer's Report
   1. Financial update:

Virginia Pierce-Annual Symposium generated 37,590, and expenses 13,000 General account balance $54,212.46

Donna Policastro Lobbyist- Invoiced is pending, however the retainer was paid in December on the amount of $1500. She is the Pac Treasurer which invoice of $750 year will disappear.

* 1. the PAC and the general account moving forward would be the responsibility of the Treasurer when NPARI rewrites the bylaws at the end of Virginia Pierce term.
  2. Cd is set to mature in June to be re-invested- Virginia Pierce still doesn’t have all the details.
  3. Pac account is around $909

1. Committee Updates
   1. Membership (Nancy Harritos & Jackie Woodside)-unable to attend
      1. Update regarding current membership numbers
      2. Outreach initiatives and plans for member engagement-Desirae Heys connected with Rhode Island College. As well as salve collage connections where made.
      3. Sharon Stager, NP will share the Annual Symposium flyer with their program.
      4. Denise Propose the Group Membership-Club membership-a group pay a fee, and they could have certain benefits. Propose to the Board members.

* 1. Events and Planning Committee
     1. Events this year
        + 1. March 13th, 2025- PAC/social event:
          2. The tickets are $40 at the door and silent Auction, appetizer, access to cash bar. It is set up on ladder 133.
          3. Educational Symposium is March 22.2025
     2. For any upcoming events or projects, we need volunteers to help coordinate – please reach Maricelys Npari ADM Assistant-Email -[NPARIassistant@gmail.com](mailto:NPARIassistant@gmail.com) or Desirae NPARIpresident@gmail.com
  2. Education Committee (Mary Cabral)- unable to join the meeting.
     1. Overview of upcoming training sessions or workshops
        1. March 22nd Full-day NPARI Annual Conference:
        2. updates-Janel Showen share- all set on vendors they are about 22 the income is about 26,000.
        3. Materials are order, Food is all set and sitting is organized, the vendors will be organized.
        4. Remainder emails are sent out twice a week.
        5. The Registration income is about $9365
        6. 67 people are registered, 22 in skill session.
     2. Volunteers- please reach out to [Npariassistant@gmail.com](mailto:Npariassistant@gmail.com)
  3. Government Affairs Committee (Desirae Heys)
     1. Report on recent activities preparing for the 2025 legislative session more to come
     2. Next meeting March 11th
        1. Meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month
     3. See report attached:

# Appendix A 2025 NPARI Legislative Report

## Senate Bill 03 (Prior Authorization Reform)

Sponsors: Ujifusa, Lauria, Lawson, Tikoian, Euer, Pearson, Valverde, Bell, DiMario

Summary: Prohibits insurers from imposing prior authorization requirements for services ordered by in-network primary care providers.

Status: Introduced (1/23/25); Scheduled for hearing on 3/13/25.

## House Bill 5026 (Diabetes Supply Cap)

Sponsors: Kennedy, Diaz, Azzinaro, Donovan, Kazarian, Edwards, Serpa, O'Brien, Morales, Ackerman

Summary: Caps the monthly cost of insulin/glucose monitoring supplies at $25 with no deductible, effective 1/1/26.

Status: Introduced (1/10/25); Heard on 3/6/25; Held for further study.

## House Bill 5120 (Prior Authorization Reform)

Sponsors: Potter, Kislak, Donovan, Handy, Fogarty, Giraldo, Bennett, McGaw, Morales, Caldwell

Summary: Prohibits insurers from imposing prior authorization for in-network primary care provider services.

Status: Introduced (1/22/25).

## House Bill 5256 (Payer Parity)

Sponsors: Casimiro, Noret, Read, McEntee, Spears, Shanley, Morales

Summary: Ensures equal pay for healthcare providers.

Status: Introduced (1/31/25).

## House Bill 5351 (Medspa Safety Regulation)

Sponsors: Baginski, Bennett, Casey

Summary: Requires cosmetic medical procedures to be performed by or under the supervision of a physician, PA, or APRN.

Status: Introduced (2/7/25); Heard on 2/25/25; Held for further study.

## House Bill 5428 (CRNA Emergency Sedation)

Sponsors: McNamara, Corvese, Chippendale, Place, Craven, Bennett, Ackerman

Summary: Defines circumstances where RNs and APRNs may safely administer sedation in emergencies.

Status: Introduced (2/12/25); Heard on 2/25/25; Held for further study.

3. Denise Coppa to post an announcement with a template on how to write to your senator.

* Denise states-write to the secretary of the Committee of the bill that is being followed.
* On the website the template letter is under submitting letters to support or oppose letters to legislators.
  1. Secretary Report & /Public Relations/Newsletter
     1. Newsletter (Thank you, Jeanette Gourd)- agreed to do newsletter.
     2. We need to send her information for the newsletter-, Denise. Desirae, Olajumoke. Anne will be sending the update from the DC meeting.

1. New Business
   1. Elections positions and timeline
      1. Immediate special election-President Election for the next 4 weeks- potential candidates please apply.
      2. August open nomination, vote November 2025
         1. Treasurer (completion of Virginia Pierce year end 2025)- will be open in august
         2. Board Member Position (completion of Marianne Hurley year end 2025)-will be open in august.
         3. New Board Member Anne Neuville.
   2. Meetings
      1. May 5 Business meeting
      2. October 6 Business Meeting
      3. December 1 Business Meeting
2. Open Floor for Member Input:

* For San Diego conference their reimbursement for your registration only. There are members and student options-they should be active on the committees.
* The national awarded Is NPARI and AANP member Gino Paolucci, NP
* Olajumoke and Desirae will reach out To Gino for the awardee dinner.
* Desirae will reach out to Virginia for the Budget which is about $400.
* PR- Janel and Maricelys managing Website.

1. Announcements and Closing Remarks
   * 1. Next meeting date and location: May 6 Business meeting 7pm
     2. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88999434538?pwd=an4iMlaVJsrIm7kjrtD4NkYZMHjfTw.1>
2. Adjournment: 7:50pm

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