



# The NP Report

## Cynthia R. McCloskey, Editor

## Editor's message: Regional Conference Follow-up

Over 80 NPs from the Rochester area gathered in mid November for a well planned conference featuring a variety of current topics of interest. Participants earned 6.25 contact hours and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

As the Future of Nursing Finger Lakes Region Action Coalition co-lead, it was my pleasure to present the keynote address focused on our progress in achieving the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine Report on *The Future of Nursing*. As a follow-up to that event, I am pleased to **invite each of you** to join me and other members of the Finger Lakes Region Action Coalition team to a viewing party of the 2013 Rosenthal Lecture, to be held at **St. John Fisher College, Wegmans School of Nursing room 100**.

On **Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 5:00-7:30 p.m. ET**, the IOM's 2013 Rosenthal Lecture, "**Back to the Future of Nursing: A Look Ahead Based on a Landmark IOM Report**," will highlight the impact of the report through implementation of recommendations at both the national and state levels, discuss the ongoing work of the Campaign for Action, and chart future directions and priorities for the nursing profession. We feel this viewing party will provide an excellent opportunity to further engage you in support of our work toward making the IOM recommendations a reality in our state.

We are partnering with our colleagues in the **GVNA** to sponsor



# Public Relations, Erin Howe, Chair

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The NPAGR recognized NP week and the incredible work of nurse practitioners with half page ads in the City newspaper and The Genesee Valley Penny Saver. Furthermore, we submitted an article to the D & C on the increasing importance of NPs to provide care to the considerable number of people currently without health insurance who will be entering into the health care market due to the advent of the Affordable Care Act.

We have raised community awareness of the role and impact of NPs with our recent NP conference and will continue to spread the word through the winter months about the significance of advance practice nurses in bringing evidence based practice to the forefront in our rapidly changing healthcare landscape.

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## NPAGR Student of the Year: Candice Job



Candice is a graduate from SUNY Brockport School of Nursing, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, in 2006. She is currently enrolled in the FNP program at SJFC with an anticipated graduation date of December 2013. Her nursing career has included work in the MICU/CCU at RGH, the CCU at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC, and most recently Medical Assessment and Treatment Unit/ Medical Intensive Care Unit/ Coronary Care Unit, Clinical Nurse Leader/ Charge Nurse at RGH. She is a member of the Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State, Nurse Practitioner Association of Greater Rochester, and Sigma Theta Tau Omicron Beta Chapter and Delta Sigma Chapter.

# Fall Legislative Update

The state legislature does not go back into session until January so the status of the bills remains the same as when the 2013 session ended in June. However, there is exciting news for clinical nurse specialists - on September 27, the Governor signed the bill to add CNS language to the Nurse Practice Act. This is an example of what can be accomplished with grassroots advocacy.

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York *has not rested* in the interim before the January session. At the annual conference in Saratoga in October, the association's lobbyists provided an update. They were enthusiastic about some appointments made in the Governor's administration and they, and the association's leadership have already had meetings to discuss our legislative agenda.

The legislative agenda for 2014 will again include:

- Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act - ends the requirement for a written collaborative practice agreement. There are discussions about having the Governor include language in his budget bill that was consistent with the Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations to remove the mandated written agreement. More to come!!
- Valid Signature Bill - authorizing nurse practitioners to perform functions in conjunction with clinical services within their scope of practice.
- Mental Health Bill - authorizes nurse practitioners to admit patients to inpatient mental health units in a voluntary basis.

Please pay close attention to any action alerts from NPANY after the January legislative session begins. If we are to have any success with removing barriers to practice, it will require a concerted effort by all of us to make the phone calls and emails urging our representatives to support our bills.

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## Summary Report – November 2, 2013

### AANP Region 2 & 3 Invitational Leadership Meeting in Newark NJ Prepared by Jane Tuttle, PNP, Upstate Representative

Region 2 consists of New Jersey, New York, and Puerto Rico (rep from PR unable to attend). Joy Elwell is our Regional Director. She and Lorraine Reiser, Region 3 director moderated the meeting. I was the only representative from Upstate NY. Stephen Ferrara, Rebecca R. and Jeanne Martin were there as were several others from downstate. **Two members of the “splinter” organization NPs of NY were in attendance and joined our discussion of NYS specific strategies.**

Region 3 consists of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia – all were represented.

The day began with AANP executive updates led by Angela Golden and Ken Miller co-AANP presidents. Then a review of federal policies led by MaryAnne Sapio, AANP VP for Federal Government Affairs. AANP has numerous policy briefs available on their website.

For the rest of the morning, Tay Kopanos, AANP VP of State Government Affairs led representatives from each state in summarizing their issues and progress. Interestingly, **Delaware is trying to implement the consensus model.** Peg O'Donnell, our Downstate representative did a great job presenting about the situation in NYS.. Tammy Austin Ketch represents Upstate and was unable to attend.

Over lunch, people from each state met to come up with our major objective for this year, as well as a rationale and some ideas about strategy. Most of the states are working on getting full practice authority as are we. Some are farther ahead, and others like Virginia and Puerto Rico are where we were years ago. It was good to be able to talk to the two people from the splinter organization about the *need to work together and the importance of having the lobbyist that we do.* I think they heard us.

The highlight of the meeting was when Tay led the whole group in brainstorming about regional and global legislative strategies. In addition to mobilizing stakeholders, one big takeaway for me was Angela's strong suggestion to bring in small business when lobbying Republican legislators, particularly those that lean “tea” party. This includes NP small business, but also what we have to offer small businesses in the era of health care reform. This part took most of the afternoon and involved role playing “elevator speeches” and how best to respond to various



## Upcoming Programs January 2014 :Start the year off right

Join us on January 14, 2014 at Biaggi's 818 Eastview Mall Victor, NY  
Topic: **A Combination Approach For Managing Hyperlipidemia.**  
Registration is at 6 pm.

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**The NPA of Greater Rochester with Lifetime Care presents:**

*When and Where a Patient is Available for Hospice, A Collaborative Approach*

This activity has been submitted to PA State Nurses Association for approval to award 1.5 contact hours. PA State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. **The objective is to educate the NP**

**community about the Roles of the Hospice team: Medical Director, Social Work, Volunteers, Bereavement Coordinators**

The activity will feature a panel of Lifetime Care presenters.

When: Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 6-8pm .Where: Lifetime Care: Special Events Room.:3111 S Winton Road, Rochester, NY 14623 (585) 214-1000 **Cost** is \$10 for NPAGR members, \$20 for non-members.

**Register** Online by Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014: See the website <https://npagr.enpnetwork.com> for details about both of these events.





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## Elections!

**We have two elections for the 2014 year: President –Elect and Treasurer**

Candidate Bios:

**President –Elect:** David Goede is a board certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. He obtained his associate degree from Jamestown Community College, Bachelor of Nursing from University of Buffalo, Masters of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing in 1995 and his Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2013 from University of Rochester. His primary appointment is as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing at the University of Rochester School of Nursing and secondary appointment as a Hospitalist NP at Strong Memorial Hospital. He has been a member of NPA-GR for several years and has served as co-coordinator for the education committee for 2013 and will continue in this role during his president-elect year of 2014.

**Treasurer:** Laura Markwick is a Family Nurse Practitioner, certified through the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and worked many years in various capacities, mostly medicine and critical care. She received her Masters of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing in 2006 and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2010 from St John Fisher College. She has worked in Primary Care in private practice, telemedicine, and in a long-term care facility. Currently, she serves as the FNP Track Coordinator and Assistant Professor at St John Fisher College Wegman's School of Nursing. She has been a member of the NPAGR and NPANY for several years. She has previously served on the NPAGR Board of Directors in the capacity of Nominations Chair as well as the current Treasurer.

**Before December 31, 2013 please enter your vote online at:**

**<http://www.npagr.org/ChapterNominations.html> or see attached ballot.**