Hopefully your year has settled into a great routine of helping students, parents, and staff, as specialists in school health!

This latest issue of the MASN newsletter will connect and update you with other school nurses from across our Great Lake state!

Rachel VanDenBrink
MASN Newsletter Editor

President’s Report: Continuing the Good Work

I have had a lot of fun during my first months as the President of MASN. I’ve had the opportunity to meet many great people and learn more about MASN. I am very thankful for dedicated board members and for those of you who are involved with MASN.

Here are some of the activities I’ve been involved with:

I’m excited about our monthly MASN Community of Practice webinar. A community of practice is a group of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion for
something they do, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis. At my school, I’m practicing in isolation so I enjoy any opportunity to network with other school nurses. I have learned so much and have become a better school nurse by talking to other nurses.

Our CoP meetings include about 20 minutes of input on a selected topic followed by a chance for attendees to comment, ask questions, etc. We are working to make discussion and attendee input as easy as possible.

The next Community of Practice meeting is happening on Thursday, December 7. We will be talking about stress and mindfulness – something to help us with the pre-Christmas break rush and the stress of the holidays. 😊 Check out the complete schedule here in the Communicator.

Information about the MASN School Nurse of the Year and School Nurse Administrator of the Year awards have been sent out to Michigan school superintendents. If you have someone to nominate for the awards, make sure you check the MASN website for award nomination forms and submit your nomination! These awards will be presented at our annual conference in May.

I attended the Upper Peninsula School Nurse Conference at the end of October. It was a beautiful drive and a wonderful conference. These nurses know how to put on a conference! We had excellent input from knowledgeable presenters. (And there was chocolate on the tables!) I was happy to meet my colleagues in the north and to hear how they are addressing issues Michigan school nurses are facing.

We are in the process of planning our annual conference. If any of you have suggestions for speakers, topics, etc., please let us know. We also welcome volunteers who would be willing to help contact a potential speaker, help with logistics at conference, paperwork, etc. MASN is ‘staffed’ by volunteers and we can always use more!

Another way you can become involved is by joining the board. We have two positions that will be opening up this summer – vice-president and treasurer. If you have any interest in filling one of these positions, I would love to hear from you. Becoming an MASN board member is one of the best things I did to improve my school nursing practice.

Here are some interesting links regarding issues that can impact school nursing:


MASN is here to serve its members and communication is key. Please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, school health issues, etc. My email is pyoder@huronisd.org

Phyllis Yoder, BSN, RN, NCSN
President Elect Report

As I’m sure has been true for you, it’s been a busy 2017-2018 school year so far! Despite this, I have had the opportunity in my new role as President-elect to represent MASN at a couple of different community events. The first was at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan’s Back to School Conference: Helping Students with Epilepsy Succeed. I participated in the Managing Medical Needs in the School panel discussion, during which I shared the supports that school nurses can provide to students with epilepsy through direct care, staff training, and advocacy. It was also an excellent professional development opportunity for me – both during conversations with parents, youth, and other health professionals, and while taking in the presentation on the Diagnosis & Treatment of Childhood Epilepsy by Dr. Alexandra Shaw, Pediatric Epileptologist from Beaumont Children’s Hospital.

More recently, in early November I had the opportunity to represent MASN at the Attendance Matters summit in Lansing. The goal of the summit was to explore ways to reduce chronic absenteeism in all Michigan schools. (Chronic absenteeism is an accountability measure in our state Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan). Partners from across the state representing foundations, school districts, elected officials, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, health care providers, etc. attended, presented, and exchanged ideas. While the causes of chronic absenteeism are broad, there were occasions to highlight the role that school nurses can play in helping to improve student attendance. To access a wealth of resources and research on the topic, I encourage you to visit http://www.attendanceworks.org/

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,

Terri Czerwinski

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MASN Community of Practice webinars

All webinars meet from 3:00pm-4:00pm

December 7 - Mindfulness & stress c/o Sue Putman

January 18 - Oral health in schools c/o Jill Moore

February 27 - Laws related to nursing care documentation c/o Vicki Taliaferro and Cheryl Resha

March 14 - Book study revisited ‘From Silence to Voice’ c/o Phyllis Yoder

April 26 - Asthma c/o Evilia

May 22 - Subject TBD
**Membership Report**

We currently are 153 members strong, with 21 new members since January. One of NASN’s strategic objectives is to increase the recruitment and retention of NASN/MASN members, because we know that a robust membership is needed to allow School Nursing to advocate for our state’s legacy; our children! Unfortunately, with state dollar reductions many nurses have lost their position and/or been replaced with non-licensed personnel!

If you know a school nurse who is not a member please encourage them to join. Remember, members receive VSP Sight for Students gift certificates, free or low cost CNE contact hours and “evidence based” resources to keep your practice up to date!

We currently have open positions within MASN and could use your special gifts to help us to continually move MASN forward. Let us know if you would like to be a part of our board or committees!!

Shout out to our newest members to MASN:

- Sherril Bailey
- Chrystie Cane
- Tara Cuti
- Tamisha Frontera
- Kevin Hackbarth
- Diane Hamilton
- Catherine Hanson
- Megan Holmes
- Karah Jarman
- Karen Kortebein
- Kelly Latimer
- Abigail Lorenz
- Wendy Maxwell
- Pamela Overly
- Jennifer Powelson
- Louann Rinke
- Lisa Thayer
- Marnie VanDam
- Kristen Vanderwater
- Gina Wright
- Kim Wright

**Legislative Report**

The Legislative Committee has a monthly conference call to discuss advocacy and legislative issues affecting MASN. Legislative committee members also meet monthly with the Director and Assistant Director of the Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health (MCMCH) as a follow-up to the State School Nurse Task Force Work to work on advocacy for the Michigan Association of School Nurses. The MASN president and the legislative chair meet throughout the year with the Parent Information Network Advocacy group to advocate for childhood immunizations. Below are other legislative committee activities:

Three new infographics will be posted on the MASN website that school nurses can share with stakeholders about school nursing in Michigan.

Continuous monitoring of bills that may affect MASN through the GONGWER Report and attendance at the monthly MCMCH meetings.

Participation in the stakeholder committee for the Michigan Endowment Fund that is exploring sustainable funding for school nursing in Michigan.

The Legislative Committee welcomes new members. Please contact Pat Bednarz at pat.bednarz@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted by the Legislative Chair, Pat Bednarz

**Treasurer’s Report**

MASN banking was switched from Marshall Credit Union to PNC for better access across the state. The financial report for the end of the 1st Quarter (September 30, 2017) includes expenses of $1,945.29 and revenue of $2,814.04. The total balance of checking and money market accounts is $72,407.11.

Jodi Gogolin

As a result of participating in this educational activity, learners will be able to

- Incorporate the principles of the Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice™ into daily practice to advance student and population health.
- Identify school nursing trends that have evolved over the last 50 years of NASN.
- Apply evidence-based best practices that promote student health, academic success and healthy school communities

eLearning:
Have you looked at the wealth of opportunities that are available online for school nurses from NASN? CNE Courses, Webinars, Podcasts, and Toolkits – check them all out at:
https://www.pathlms.com/nasn

Framework for 21st Century School Nurse:
NASN’s Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice™ creates an overarching structure that includes concepts integral to the complex clinical specialty practice of school nursing. The framework provides a graphic illustration of the key principles of professional school nursing practice, reflecting the organization’s stance for evidence-based best practice and providing focus to priority school nursing activities. The framework provides guidance for the practicing school nurse to reach the goal of supporting student health and academic success by contributing to a healthy and safe school environment. NASN believes it has a responsibility to its members and to the public they serve to develop a framework for professional school nursing practice.

Get access to all the valuable information at: https://www.nasn.org/nasn/nasn-resources/professional-topics/framework

Position Statements:
Position Statements are evidence-based papers summarizing the historical, political, and/or scientific aspects regarding a topic related to school nursing, school health services and/or NASN about which NASN should take a stance. It is the official position of the organization that can be shared with members, community media and legislators. Find the full list of position statements at:
https://www.nasn.org/advocacy/professional-practice-documents