

## President's Report July 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board Meeting

### SUMMARY

#### *Mission and Goals – 2015-2020*

*To advance the unique expertise and value the clinical nurse specialist contributes to health care.*

#### I. Promote the full scope of practice of the CNS (H)

##### i. LACE

Potential Face to Face meeting October in place to be determined. Melinda and I to attend.

Melinda and I attended the NCSBN APRN roundtable event on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. The focus of the meeting was diagnostic safety.

##### ii. NACNS Opioid/Pain Management - Task Force Work completed

Opioid/Pain Management task is hosting a webinar on April 19<sup>th</sup> "System Approaches to Improve Pain Management for Your Institution".

The board approved to open all 3 white papers for public comment during the 4/16/18 meeting:

- Clinician Approach to Abuse and Misuse of Opioids
- The role of the CNS in Addressing Opioid prescribing and Pain Management Concerns Related to the National Opioid Epidemic
- The Opioid Epidemic – A Universal Healthcare Concern

The Board voted to approve these documents at the 5/21 board meeting.

TF member to provide update at NACNS Summit.

##### iii. Legislative/Regulatory issues

- NACNS signed, with several other nursing organizations, on to a letter from the nursing community encouraging the department of homeland security and the overall administration to protect the health and wellness of the immigrant children.
- NACNS provided Testimony regarding fiscal year 2019 appropriations for **title VIII nursing workforce development programs**, urging subcommittee to fund the title VIII nursing workforce development programs for \$266 million in FY19.
- **CMS proposed Rule regarding short term, limited duration health insurance plans**  
NACNS requested withdrawal of proposed rule stating it would have adverse impacts on patients with chronic and complex health conditions, resulting in a higher rate of uninsured Americans, increased individual health insurance premiums and a divided individual insurance market.

- **Office of Management and Budget (OMB)** NACNS will keep this fight going for the next time the Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) is reviewed. NACNS submitted comments requesting CNSs be given their own classification and treated as other APRNs with stand-alone categories, within the Standard Occupational Classification System. Unfortunately this request was not granted. We issued a statement on the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) SOC System decision which was sent to media and membership, as well as the OMB. ANA Smartbrief featured the statement as the lead article in their daily newsletter.
- NACNS Released statement on 3/26/18 in support of the **Omnibus legislation** to provide additional funds to address nursing education, health research and opioid Misuse will improve health care workforce's capacity to serve patients and communities.
- **The ANA** requested public comment on their **proposed position statement**, "The nurses Role in Addressing Discrimination: Protecting and Promoting Inclusive Strategies in Practice Settings, Policy, and Advocacy". Melinda submitted comments on behalf of NACNS on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- After recommendations from Leg/Reg committee, NACNS to submitted a letter of support (as a member of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) for the **Gun Violence Research Act (HR 1478)** that would prevent limitations being imposed on the Department of Health and Human Services (including CDC) to promote Evidence based research to examine the causes of gun violence and identifies methods to reduce gun related fatalities and injuries.
- **Florida** Governor has signed legislation (HR1337) that provides **APRN title protection for CNSs!**
- **Guam Bill # 201-34** has now been signed into law granting **full practice authority for APRNs!**

**iv. MACRA subcommittees**

NACNS members representing on new subcommittees:

Susan Dresser (CV and PVD) new for Wave 2.

Cynthia Cox (CV) new for Wave 2.

Frances Wilson (GI, PVD, Urology) new for Wave 2.

Chet McCauley (Pulmonary) new for Wave 2.

Kathi Ellstrom (Pulmonary) new for Wave 2.

Peggy Knowles (CV) served in wave 1 and reappointed for wave 2.

Mary Shellnut (GI) served in wave 1 and reappointed for wave 2.

Julie Rogan (Pulmonary) Served in wave 1 and did not seek re-appointment.

2 New committees: Medicare Spending per Beneficiary (MSPB) Service Refinement Workgroups. Very short turnaround for volunteers (opened 5/23, closed 6/6).

**v. NACNS' Task Force working on the Cross Walk for the Family Across the Lifespan**

The FALS task force has completed its work. The board approved the FALS recommendations during the December meeting. The following was completed the first week of April:

- Issue Press Release and post on our website
- sent to key nursing organizations AACN Certification Corp, ANCC, NCSBN, etc.
- send to individual state boards of nursing.
- recommendation to the greater nursing community and release the Family Across the Lifespan competencies for public review.

**vi. NACNS Appointments**

Nothing new to report. Keeping this on the report to remind you of individuals representing NACNS.

**Kathleen Vollman and Tracy Chamblee** represent NACNS on a work group led by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) in partnership with the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). They are working on a white paper "The CNS Role and Outcomes in Critical Care". Awaiting report on activity. Other members serving on the committee are Lisa Stolkis (SCCM) and Debbie Klien (AACN)

**Kathy Baker** represents NACNS on the AACN (east) work group for *Common APRN Doctoral-Level Competencies*. Work has concluded and AACN is asking for organizational endorsement of these competencies. These APRN competencies do not replace role-specific competencies. Please review documents on board site for agenda item discussion. The board voted not to endorse these competencies at this time. Kathy attended our February board meeting to discuss the competencies and answer any questions.

**Donna Bond** represents us on the Respiratory Compromise Institute.

- vii. **2018-2019 Committee members** have been selected for all committees. New charges are in process and will be communicated to each committee and the board by the end of the month in preparation for the next year.

## II. Serve as the national leader for CNS education. (H)

### i. **NACNS Annual Conference**

2019 planning is already underway. Committee is chaired by Sue Fowler and Linda Thurby-Haye as co-chair. New timeline is as follows:

- Abstract submission period: opened 3/12/18-5/21/18; goal for abstract review completion 6/30.
- Student poster abstract submission period: 10/1-12/4; goal review completed by
- Awards nominations: 6/25-9/17; review completed by 10/8
- **Candidate nominations 6/25-7/27; goal presentation of ballot to board on 9/17. OPEN**
- 2019 Prospectus should be completed by the end of April.

### ii. **NACNS Educator's forum and Summit July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, Washington, D.C.**

Tentative board meeting schedule: 7/16 1200-1700 and 7/17 all day.

All board members are encouraged to attend the educator's forum and summit.

Planning: Susan Dresser is the chair of the planning committee.

Committee members are: Linda Hoke, Pat Rosier, Terry Barclay, Theresa Ann Crowder, and Jeanne Ford  
The committee's first meeting was held on 4/24.

### iii. **ANA Subcontractor for CDC Infection Control Grant**

**Infection Control Task Force work Complete**

### iv. **NACNS Webinar Series**

Please let Laura know if you would like to introduce a speaker.

Melinda is currently working on the 2018-2019 webinar series.

### v. **NACNS Statement on CNS Practice and Education**

At the April Meeting the board decided to review all 4 sections with a deadline of 5/1/18. No significant comments that would warrant holding member comment. Member comment open from 5/1/18 to 6/12/18.

Validation panel being selected by invitation and in person meeting scheduled on 7/18/18 in conjunction with the NACNS Summit.

Webinar scheduled for 10/18/18, "The CNS Statement, a Critical CNS resource".

### vi. **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**

The CCNS announces completion of draft proposed Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs. They are now seeking input from the CCNS community and groups on interest. Document sent to Education Committee and key members of the CNS statement TF for review.

- VII. CNS DNP Competencies Revision/Review: Board voted to convene a Taskforce of the board to review for possible revision *Core Practice Doctorate Clinical Nursing Specialist Competencies*. Charges developed and approved by the executive committee in July. Call for volunteers vs. appointment by the end of summer.
- viii. NACNS position statement on the APRN Consensus Model: The board voted to convene a subgroup of the board to evaluate our position statement on the consensus model in preparation for its future revision. Carrie (lead), Jan, Anita, Anne and Tracy to participate.
- ix. Bridging the Expertise Gap Task Force was approved by the Board in May. Changes were developed by the Executive committee in July. Call for volunteers by the end of summer.
- x. The management of Population Health Task Force was approved by the board in May. Charges were developed by the Executive Committee in July. Call for volunteers by the end of summer.

### III. Promote the benefit the CNS brings to evidence-based quality, patient safety, and cost of healthcare delivery. (H)

#### i. Society of Pediatric Nursing

The Society of Pediatric Nursing has a CNS special interest group (SIG). The co-chairs of the SIG, Ashley Van Drunen and Chris Divens, reached out to NACNS. They are interested in developing initiatives targeted at promoting the role of the pediatric CNS. One possible outcome of the work would be a position statement or white paper on the importance and value of the pediatric CNS.

President of NANN approached me at the summit and would like to join NACNS and SPN in this work. This will be a good partnership. Vince attempted again to reach out to see if they still wanted to proceed.

#### ii. Chronic Conditions Task Force whitepaper

This paper has been released. The Task force hosted a forum to discuss white paper recommendations.

#### iii. National Student Nurses' Association

Annual Convention in Nashville the first week of April. We have 1 speaker slot on Friday for a clinical presentation. NACNS will not exhibit this year, but use the funds to pay for travel for speaker and send promotional materials. Susan Smith and Michelle Miller (Infection Control TF) will be presenting.

2 webinars being developed and provided to NSNA for free. I presented one in February which had over 150 attendees. Wayne Quashie will be presenting another in April.

I wrote an article in their journal highlighting the role of the CNS last fall.

#### iv. American Psychiatric Nurses Association

Vince attended the APNA meeting in January which evaluated and discussed current and future state. He shared concerns of the gap created by eliminating PMH CNSs. There are still several PMH CNSs that needed to transition to NPs. As this group decreases through retirement/attrition, the nursing sphere and system sphere will not be served. Who will mentor/train/coach/develop RNs to care for the mental health population? Who will create protocols for EDs and outpatient centers to follow EBP for the PMH population? We will be left with all Direct Care Practitioners (which is also projected to be at a large deficit).

#### v. CNS Census

2018 CNS Census is open June 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Promote CNS research to further define the value of CNS interventions. (M)

- i. 2016-2018 Research Agenda will be used to frame topics of interest for the 2019 Conference.
- ii. Research Committee trialed an Ad Hoc meeting structure for 2017-18. The committee will be a regular committee for the 2018-19 year.
- iii. Board voted to support doctoral research being conducted by Anne Muller. Her objectives are to establish consensus regarding the future of the CNS in healthcare reform, barriers to the CNS role and significant characteristics unique to the CNS role.

## IV. Strengthen our financial health (H)

- **Finance Committee**  
We will be working with DMG on improving the reporting process.
- **CNS Institute**  
CNS Institute has opened CNS fellows applications for inaugural induction year.  
Application open for advocacy grants.  
The CNS Institute announced the video contest and fellows' academy at the 2018 conference.  
Request for donations specifically to support state level leg/reg activity, ended January 31<sup>st</sup>. and raised approximately \$3000. Conference revenue totaled \$5700.
- **Partnership opportunities with Industry Partners:**
  - **Abbott Healthcare** Melanie Schuster and Mary Malone represented NACNS in review of the Strengthwise Modules. Tracy Chamblee and JoEllen Rust will represent NACNS to review an educational presentation regarding interventions for children at risk for malnutrition and/or failure to thrive. This agreement would be similar to the strengthwise module review. Melinda is pursuing this agreement.
  - **Cardinal Health** (Bill Nadeau) will host two workshops around their product lines:
    - enteral feeding: Vince Holly and Melaine Shuster
    - VTE prevention: 9 volunteers
  - **Sage Opportunity** to partner with Sage in the culture of safety. Progress has stalled.

## V. Enhance professional leadership skills (M)

- i. **Nursing Organizational Affiliate meeting**  
Vince Holly represented NACNS at the June meeting, report provided in Consent agenda.  
Anne Hysong provided a report and recommendations during December board meeting. Sean and Kathy Ream took one initiative and reported on NPI number report during January board meeting and Sean provided a report at the Face to Face meeting in Austin.
  - Consider sending more than 1 person to NALA and consider sending a representative to NIWI.
- ii. **2018-2019 call for Committee volunteers closed on 5/25.** Selection to be completed and all members notified in June. Charges sent out to committees for July.

## VI. Recruit and retain members (H)

- i. **Website and database**  
All work to improve the board site and site for committee/task forces is on hold due to lack of resources.
- ii. **Membership drive**  
This is an area we will continue to focus. Membership committee has started follow up phone calls. We have already addressed some issues with functionality of renewals.