

The West Coast Chronicles

The Newsletter of the West Coast Council of Advanced Nursing Practice

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From the WCCANP Chairperson

Cathy R. Kessenich, DSN, ARNP

In July, I traveled to Orlando to represent the West Coast council at the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network 3rd Annual conference. The conference was attended by 170 Nurse Practitioners from all over the state of Florida. Twenty presidents of local NP chapters attended a presidents meeting during the conference and we had the opportunity to share information about our groups and the issues facing Nurse Practitioners in each of our local areas. It was a wonderful opportunity to network and I was pleased to represent the West Coast Council. I was joined by our illustrious past Chairperson Carol Clotfelter. You might be interested to know that our NP group has one of the largest memberships in the state.

Please consider supporting the FNP as they work to help us meet our goals.

The Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNP) is working hard to be sure that your autonomy to practice as a Nurse Practitioner is preserved. You may recall that the WCCANP is a group member of the FNP, and that earlier this year we contributed to the lobbying fund. I hope that next year we will vote to do that again as it is vital to support the lobbying efforts. I am an individual member of the FNP and I hope that many of you are as well. If you are not, I hope that you will consider joining the FNP. The annual dues are \$40.00 per year and you can join via their web site at FNP.org. I believe that the next legislative session will again provide challenges to our profession, our autonomy and our ability to provide quality care to our patients. The FNP is poised to meet the challenges and they need our help to assist them in the effort.

I know we all belong to many professional organizations and for many (including myself); politics is not a favorite subject. I believe that we must all work together now to preserve our professional rights and to protect our patient's access to our care. Please consider supporting the FNP as they work to help us meet our goals.

INTERESTED IN BEING A BOARD MEMBER FOR FNP?????

Positions available are: VP for Legislative Affairs; Secretary, and Membership.

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OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday, August 8, 2005

Place: Rusty Pelican Restaurant

2425 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, 33607

Sponsor: Kyphon

Speaker: To be announced

Subject: Kyphoplasty

Time:

6:00pm Cocktails

6:30pm Business meeting

7:00pm Dinner and Presentation

**RSVP: LOREDANA MURROW OF THE TAMPA
BAY NP GROUP: 813-335-3426**

July Meeting Minutes

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Duclon ARNP-BC

The meeting was held on Wednesday, July 20th at the Radisson, St. Petersburg. Dr. Leonard, Endocrinology, spoke about Byetta and Insulin Resistance.

Cathy Kessenich, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1835. Students and New Members were welcomed and introduced.

OLD BUSINESS: Jerry Buttleworth, ARNP has volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. 2006 Officer elections will be held in September. Open offices include: Vice Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Treasurer. Please contact Jerry if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or running for one of the offices.

Minutes from the last several meetings were approved without changes.

NEW BUSINESS: Cathy announced that she would be forwarding invitations to dinner meetings to members via email. She is often made aware of such opportunities and will share them with members. Please contact Kim VanderHeuvel, Treasurer, via the link on the Website with your correct email address if it has changed.

Newsletters are published on the Website. All members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter! Please contact Marie Povey, Newsletter Editor, with your news items, „Practice Pearls%o or articles of interest.

Cathy spoke about the FNP Conference and Annual Meeting she attended in Orlando on July 16 and 17th. 170 NPs from the state attended. FNP membership is strongly encouraged! The FNP works in support of NP practice and has hired a lobbyist to advance our efforts in Tallahassee. Membership fee is \$40 yearly and conference fee profits go directly to the lobbyist fund.

There will be another FNP Conference in Tampa on October 29th. The fee will be \$30. Please consider attending this worthwhile meeting!

Carol Clotfelter, ARNP, brought white wristbands supporting Nurse Practitioners for each member. Thank You Carol!

Employment Opportunities and other Continuing Education meetings were announced.

Mary Ellen Rogers, Education Chairperson, requests members RSVP for meetings by Sunday night before the Wednesday meetings. The Website will be updated to reflect this change.

Cathy thanked Mary Ellen for all her efforts in organizing the meetings and providing interesting and diverse topics and speakers.

Treasurer,s Report: There is \$6148.95 in our account.

Meeting was adjourned at 1850.

Current Job Openings

TAMPA CARE CLINIC(HIV/AIDS): NP Needed(Will take new grad)

Contact Jan Nevard 519-1315 or 1-866-221-3222(press option #1) Part of the BayCare and works with federal grants.

ALL FLORIDA. Date July 1, 2005: NPs Needed throughout FL for Wound care work. \$70k base goes to \$75k upon passing national wound care exam. \$10k incentives first year and \$20k range second year. Full benefits package. Training provided. Must be FL licensed. Sites available include: Jax, GVL, St. Augustine, St. Pete, Tampa, Sarasota, Pt. St. Lucie, Sebring, Ocala, Ft. Meyers, Tallahassee and new sites opening soon. Call Marci Tromberg 1-888-637-3272, <mailto:marci@1888mdsearch.com>marci@1888mdsearch.com. Fax: 954 252 4277

ARNP, HIV SERVICES, TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL Full-time position providing primary care services to HIV-infected patients in progressive, university-affiliated clinic in downtown Tampa. Monday through Friday, days. No weekends, no call. Previous primary care experience preferred but new graduates will be considered. Client appointments every 30-60 minutes. Must be nationally certified (or eligible). FMI: Don Kurtyka, ARNP, 813-307-8015, x 6490 or kurtyka@aol.com.

Bayfront Convenient Care Clinic is looking for a part-time Adult/Family NP. If interested, send resume to Dr. Waldrep at (727) 528-2222 (fax) or send to Keith.Waldrep@bayfront.org

Geriatric Medical Associates is interested in hiring another NP or PA. Part time at first with the potential of full time in the future. Contact info Bill Cosner 800-241-7005

Evercare Locations in Florida: May 13, 2005. Available positions for NP's and PA's in Polk, Hillsborough, Citrus, Sarasota, Duval and Escambia counties. Interested persons may contact Marguerite Mauradian, Evercare Director of Clinical Services at the Tampa office @ 813-860-6327, or on the web site: www.unitedhealthgroup.com, and click on Careers button. By joining the Evercare team, you become a part of UnitedHealth Group, a growing, Fortune 100 company and proven leader in the health care industry.

Operation PAR, a substance abuse and mental health facility located in Pinellas County, Florida, is seeking a full time (32 hours) adult or family nurse practitioner. This position has full time benefits, including health insurance, paid time off, dental insurance and 401K. If interested, please call Linda Hill, ARNP, at 727-422-3165. Home Quality Management, Inc. We are owner/operators of 53 Skilled Nursing Facilities with 14 throughout the state of Florida and want to hire a full time Nurse Practitioner for each location. Having a Nurse Practitioner collaborating with the Medical Director/Physician will ensure that our residents receive the quality care

they deserve. Contact: Phil Sheldon, Home Quality Management, Inc., (561)-627-0664 ext. 159,

Fax: (561)-273-4575 or E-mail: phils@hqmmail.com

SEEKING CERTIFIED ARNP'S FULL TIME HOME VISITS IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA. PAY WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON EXPERIENCE

PLEASE FAX CV OR RESUME to 866-508-5819 Attn: Michelle Croxton, Breathe Easy Pulmonary Services

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North East Florida

-North East Council of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (Jacksonville)

Debbie Chastain, ARNP, President www.neflarnp.org

-Volusia/Flagler Advance Practice Nursing Council (Ormond Beach, Palm Coast, Daytona)

Meg Ramstead, ARNP www.vfapnc.org

-Lake County NP/PA Group (Eustis)

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North West Florida

-Council of Advance Practice Nurses (Tallahassee)

Deanna Epley, ARNP, Presidentwww.capntally.org

-Pensacola NP Group

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-West Coast Council of Advanced Practice Nurses (St. Pete)

Cathy Kessencih, ARNP Presidentwww.wccanp.com

-North Central Florida Advanced Practice Nurses (Gainesville)

Mary Thorkildson, ARNP Presidentwww.ncfapn.org

-Tampa Bay Advanced Practice Nursing Council (Tampa)

Deborah Oakes, ARNP Presidentwww.tbapnc.org

-Marion County Nurses Association-FNA district 3 (Ocala)

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East Central

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-Space Coast Clinicians – Rich Marino, ARNPrich.marino@mima.com

South East Central

-Advanced Practice council of Palm Beach County (Palm Beach)

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-South Florida Council of Advanced Practice Nurses (Ft. Lauderdale)

Vicky Stone Gale, ARNP Presidentwww.sfcapn.org

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2005

ANCC APPROVED CONTACT HOURS

Oct. 8, 2005: Palm Beach/FNPN Clinical Conference \$30 for members by Sept. 16
Marriott Hotel Palm Beach Gardens/4000 RCA Blvd.
9:00: Breakfast Program on Breast Cancer – Rica Supnet, ARNP
11:00: Representative Yolly Roberson (invited)
12:00: Lunch Program: Chronic Anemia – Gail Fox, ARNP
Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: (1:30-5:15pm)
4.0 ce on HIV, Domestic Violence, Med Error
Or Clinical skills work shop – MRSA, Dermatology, Peds

Oct. 29, 2005: Tampa/West Coast Council/FNPN Clinical Conference- \$30 for members
Marriott Tampa Airport – Tampa International Airport
9:00: Breakfast Program on HVP Update
11:00: STD update – Dr. Roger Green/Mimi Secor, ARNP
12:00: Lunch Program on Hepatitis Update
Afternoon concurrent Sessions: (1:30-5:15pm)
4.0 ce on HIV, Domestic Violence, Med Error
Or Clinical skills work shop – Reflux, diabetes, financial issues for ARNP's

4th Annual FNPN Membership Meeting/Conference for 2006 – July 22-23, 2006
at the Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel – Tampa International Airport \$89/night

REGISTRATION

__ Oct. 8, 2005 Palm Beach NP Conf
__ track 1 or __ track 2

Name:

Home Address

Home Tel

Employed by/type practice

__\$30 __\$40 FNPN membership __\$50 non members

Check payable to Florida Nurse Practitioner Network

Mail to: Veronica Griffith 4491 S.W. 101 Dr. Gainesville, Fl. 32608

\$30 by Sept. 16, 2005 for members

__ Oct. 29, 2005 Tampa/West Coast
__ track 1 or __ track 2

ARNP license#

Email

2005 Florida Nurse Practitioner Network Inc. www.fnpn.org
Membership Application & Renewal Form (membership runs
Jan-Dec.)

FNP, Inc. is a non-profit professional organization for education, networking and legislative causes. Membership fee is due every January.

*Full Member \$40.00. Any RN who has graduated from an ARNP program or who maintains certification as an ARNP. Includes full voting, office and committee privileges.

*Student Member \$30. Any RN currently enrolled in an ARNP program. Enclose proof of student status. Includes full voting, office and committee privileges.

*Group member \$100. Provides FNP networking with other existing ARNP groups.

Information, meetings and networking opportunities. No office holding privileges, one vote per group in annual elections of officers.

Check one: New Renewal

New member demographics or renewal member changes

Name:

Address:

County:

Home Tel #:

Work#

Fax#

Email:

ARNP State License#

Local ARNP Group:

*NP Certifications: AANP ANCC NCBPNP NCC Other:

*Degree Level: Doctorate Masters Bachelors Certificate

*NP Practice Settings: private NP private physician outpatient clinic

college health school health home health correctional facility

hospice NP faculty other nursing school HMO

occupational health inpatient hospital extended care facility

*NP Preparation: acute care adult emergency family gerontology neonatal

occupational health oncology pediatric psychiatric school women's health

midwifery anesthesiology

*Committee Interests: nomination newsletter website

media & public relations education practice & research membership

health policy fund raising awards legislative traveling

*I am available to speak on the following topics:

Please make check payable to Florida Nurse Practitioner Network, Inc. Please consider making a donation for legislative causes (\$100 recommended). ALL FUNDS RECEIVED GOES toward legislative causes and cannot be claimed for tax purposes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18-19, 2005 Pri-Med Updates Tampa Convention Center, Contact: www.prime-med.com for more info.

March 30 - April 2, 2006 NAPNAP's 27 th Annual Conference: Politics, Policies and Priorities in Children's Health Care Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. Contact Maureen Ervin at mirvin@napnap.org or go to www.napnap.org for more info on Pediatric NP issues.

June 20-25, 2006 National AANP Conference at Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention, Contact www.aanpfoundation.org for more info.

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