Letter from the President

By Allison Anderson

To all our members, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. These continue to be uncertain and unsettling times. Since our last newsletter reached your inbox, we have faced unprecedented events that have rocked our world and forced us to change how we live, work, go to school, travel, and even how we buy toilet paper. Each and every one of us has been affected. Some of us, I’m sure, have known someone who has fallen ill to COVID-19. We have family and friends who have lost their jobs as we face the worst unemployment rate since the height of the Great Depression. Many of us are parents who have become teachers as schools have struggled to reopen in the midst of the global pandemic. Others may have marched in the rain to protest racial inequality. And some of us may be scrambling to prepare for evacuation as wildfires approach our neighborhoods (as of today, more than 500 fires are threatening our state). As we inch closer and closer to 2021, it seems surreal to reflect on all that has taken place in 2020 already.

The sad truth is that many of the incredibly challenging circumstances we face today have been prevented. Underfunding of public health inhibited the nation’s ability to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Systemic racism has left generations of people of color, particularly Black Americans, with disproportionate rates of poverty, chronic health conditions, imprisonment, and police brutality. Ignored warnings of unchecked climate change have amounted to more intense rainfall events and severe droughts, both of which exacerbate wildfire risks.
Letter From the President Continued

By Allison Anderson

These issues, among others, have collided and pushed us to our limits physically and emotionally. As members of a healthcare system stretched thin, we have all relied on resilience to navigate this extraordinary year. Resilience and healthcare provider wellbeing is one of several relevant and important topics we will be covering in this year’s Fall Conference. For the first time ever, we will be offering our full conference entirely virtually. In collaboration with other California NAPNAP chapters, pre-recorded presentations will be accessible to all California NAPNAP members for CE credit through the end of the year. Please join us to learn more about telemedicine, MIS-C, the effects of climate change on pediatric health, ethics in pediatric medicine and more and enjoy greatly reduced registration fees. Additionally, $15 of every ticket will be donated to various organizations such as Caring for Each Other, The National Cares Mentoring Movement, CASA and others to support COVID-19 responses, serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness, gang rehabilitation and re-entry programs, and supporting school districts to bring children safely back to school.

While this year has brought so many challenges, it has also opened opportunities for positive change. Thank you all for all the incredible work you are doing to help our Bay Area families survive this tumultuous year. Please take good care, find the roses among the thorns, and know that you are not alone. We will miss seeing you in person, but I look forward to building our broader California community, starting with this Fall Conference.

Sincerely,
Allison Anderson, MS, RN, CPNP-PC
SF Bay Area NAPNAP President

Membership Update
By Ashley Walker

Current Chapter Membership: 244

Membership benefits include local CE and networking events, job posting, and an invite to our national NAPNAP conferences.

Treasurer’s Report
By Harriott Greer Silliman

Current balance: $22,022.72
Continuing Education

By Megan Pugh, Rumi Yokota, and Claudine Cho

We are excited to announce a virtual conference to offer our colleagues this October. In lieu of our usual fall conference, we have collaborated with all of the California NAPNAP chapters to host an online event available to nurse practitioners, nurses, and students. Join us from October through December to learn about important, recent healthcare issues affecting our pediatric population. Our pre-recorded lectures will include professionals from across the state who will speak on topics such as COVID MIS-C, providing telehealth services, and provider well-being. Registration will be available from September 1 through October 31, with special early bird and student pricing. Lectures will be accessible for 8 CE credits at our attendees’ leisure through the end of the year. Included in this year’s registration fee is a fundraiser, where a portion of all ticket sales will be donated to a charity of your choice from a select list of local organizations across California. Visit our website at www.sfnapnap.org for more information.

Legislative Report

By Catie Cable and Onica Kuch

Greetings from your new 2020-2021 Legislative Co-Chairs, Catherine Cable and Onica Kuch! We’re very excited to be taking on this role. We also want to thank Colleen Surmay and Vanessa Puschendorg for the great work they have done for our chapter over the past few years.

Here is our update about what’s happening in the California state legislature, which is currently in session until August 31, 2020. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the CA state legislature has prioritized matters of budget and other essential legislation this summer due to the current global pandemic. The statewide shelter-in-place order has continued to be extended for many California counties.

Please see below for the most current standings of bills we are tracking:

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For more information about these bills or other bills of interest, please go to https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/.

We encourage you to create a free account on the website which enables you to set up a “Favorites” list and track bills of importance to your patient population.

On the national level, we wanted to make our members aware that NAPNAP’s Childhood Policy Learning Collaborative (CHPLC) is beginning on September 2, 2020.

CHPLC is open to all NAPNAP members and meets at 8 p.m. ET via conference call on the first Wednesday of every month from September through May to discuss policy trends and advocacy solutions on national, state and local levels. Guest speakers also address timely policy issues affecting NAPNAP members. The guest speaker for September 2 is former NAPNAP Health Policy Committee Chair and Executive Board Member-at-Large Nancy Cavanaugh, who will be discussing how to build long-term relationships with elected officials.

In addition to these monthly calls, there is an online community to share information on the topics that are discussed. To be invited to the CHPLC monthly call, please email healthpolicy@napnap.org.

To learn more about the Childhood Policy Learning Collaborative, please visit: https://www.napnap.org/child-health-policylearningcollaborative#:~:text=The%20Child%20Health%20Policy%20Learning,national%2C%20state%20and%20local%20levels.

And finally, as always, your advocacy efforts are essential to creating change for children and families. For more information on how you can get involved please visit the NAPNAP website at www.napnap.org/advocacy-cente

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CALIFORNIA NAPNAP CHAPTERS PRESENTS:

FALL 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

In Collaboration with Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area & San Joaquin Chapters

Registration opens September 1st, 2020
Attend on your own time through December 31, 2020

Topics included: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome, Procedural sedation, Pediatric Pain, and many more!

TICKET PRICES:

NAPNAP Members will be granted a $10 discount on prices below

Early Bird (September 1st - 30th)- $75
Regular (October 1st - 31st)- $85
Student (September 1st - October 31st)- $65

$15 of every tickets sale will be donated to a local organization of your choosing (options will be available at registration)

8 CE Contact Hours

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