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Lehi, Utah
Utah Chapter

Candidate for Member-at-large

Strengths for Position

1. Engagement—As chair of the Immunization SIG, I strive to keep members involved and informed through weekly posts on TeamPeds. I encourage member engagement through participation in projects regarding immunization awareness. As an assistant teaching professor at Brigham Young University, I teach the pediatric course to NP students. In this capacity, I work to secure funding for students to attend the Utah NAPNAP chapter conference to actively increase awareness of NAPNAP membership benefits.
2. Advocacy—Recognizing that many NPs desire to be involved with policy but are unsure how, I created a Facebook page to increase awareness of state and federal advocacy opportunities. Additionally, I have shared my advocacy experience with NAPNAP’s CHPLC. As NAPNAP liaison to the Immunization Action Coalition, I recognize the importance of high-quality networking to expand the influence of NAPNAP and its members.
3. Professional Practice—I collaborate with colleagues on research projects and articles published in peer-reviewed journals. As an educator and practitioner, I understand the importance of gathering evidence, disseminating findings and implementing in clinical practice. I have contributed to PedsCE through collaboration on a webinar on the use of social media to promote immunizations.

NAPNAP Involvement

- 2018-present—Utah Chapter treasurer
- 2016-present—Immunization SIG chair
- 2017-present—NAPNAP Liaison for American Cancer HPV Roundtable Communications Committee
- 2017-present—NAPNAP Liaison for Immunization Action Coalition
- 2014-2016—Immunization SIG secretary

Professional Experience

- 2018-present—National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Education Review Team member
- 2014-2017—Utah Immunization Exemption Workgroup member
- 2014-2016—Utah County Immunization Coalition, Chair

Educational Background

- 2009—MS, Brigham Young University
- 2002—BS, Brigham Young University

From the Candidate

As a member of NAPNAP for the past four years, I feel excitement and dedication to serve and advance NAPNAP’s mission to empower nurse practitioners to collaborate with “interprofessional partners to enhance child and family health through leadership, advocacy, professional practice, education and research.” My personal and professional experiences and accomplishments have prepared me to be an effective NAPNAP member-at-large.

In 2009, I earned my master’s degree in the FNP program at Brigham Young University (BYU). I accomplished this while raising three small children and working part-time in a newborn intensive care unit. While this experience was difficult at best, I learned the importance of resilience and flexibility; two qualities I believe are vital to be a successful leader.

After graduating from BYU, I worked as a NP in an urgent care and a busy general pediatric clinic. From the many experiences gleaned in the pediatric clinic, educating parents about vaccines has grown into my passion. I have since pursued ways to serve the community to improve immunization rates in Utah. I was elected chair of the Utah County Immunization Coalition where I spearheaded a project to encourage vaccine compliance.

As an assistant teaching professor, I teach the pediatric course to NP students. My contribution to the nurse practitioner profession focuses on advocacy for immunizations. Over the past five years I have co-authored 15 articles published in peer-reviewed journals and presented seven posters at a variety of conferences. Additionally, I have co-authored two CEU and CME webinars for the Office of Clinical Quality and Safety.

I have written several immunization articles for NAPNAP’s Ready, Set, Grow parent consumer magazine and created a mobile application, Best for Baby, to inform parents about developmental milestones and immunizations for their children. My work on state legislation has led to several invitations to present at immunization coalition conferences, a NAPNAP chapter conference, and several local radio and TV news interviews. Child health advocacy is a growing passion as I work to encourage other NPs to become involved in the world of policy.

Eleven years ago I began working toward my goal to become a nurse practitioner. My personal and professional experiences and accomplishments have paved the way to many leadership opportunities and have given me the skills needed to be a successful NAPNAP member-at-large. I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for this important role.