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**Candidate for
President-elect**

From the Candidate

I became a NAPNAP member during the last year of my MSN PNP program, in October of 2002. I am an ADN by initial licensure, getting my BSN and then daring to reach the dream of being a nurse practitioner. I was the first woman in my family to go to a university, and I remember feeling so honored to be a part of such an inspirational and motivational force in the world of advanced practice pediatric nursing.

My entire nursing career has been in pediatrics and in 2005, I began to enter the world of teaching. Education proved to be a challenging but rewarding endeavor as I filled my responsibilities as the Will Dean Bivens Singleton Pediatric Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, always aware of the significance of the task of guiding students entrusted to my care.

During this time, I had four children of my own, furthering my love of and devotion to the field of pediatrics. I completed my DNP degree from the University of Alabama and achieved certifications as a clinical nurse leader and a nurse educator. I served as a regional representative for Texas Nurse Practitioners and then began to focus my attention on serving NAPNAP. I was selected as a NIWI Policy Scholar in 2013 then became president of the Houston Chapter, and completed two consecutive terms on the Executive Board as secretary. During that time, I served on the Finance, By-Laws, Transition, and Policy Committees. I am on the Editorial Board for Ready, Set, Grow! and serve as co-department editor for JPHC Clinical Practice Guidelines.

Two years ago, I became the first chair of NAPNAP's visionary Alliance for Children in Trafficking, a bold endeavor to place NAPNAP at the forefront more than ever before, advocating on behalf of vulnerable children. This has resulted in collaborations with the Office of Trafficking in Persons, the McCain Institute, UnBound and other multi-disciplinary groups along with a comprehensive membership reach through the national conference. I have also accepted a seat on the board for NAPNAP's newly founded 501(c)3 NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth. Currently, I am serving as the AANP Texas State South Representative and work as an associate professor at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi while maintaining a clinical practice.

I have been privileged to witness dramatic transformation in NAPNAP's storied history as pediatric advocates. I served on the board during a time of significant transition, including a physical move to NYC, executive director changes, and a dramatic board structure transformation to become more strategically placed to be impactful. I have been mentored by the best NAPNAP leaders who have paved a brave path ahead of me. I feel my recent experience in NAPNAP's strategic initiatives leaves me well-positioned to lead with enthusiasm the most inspirational group of pediatric professionals I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

Goals for Position

1. Strengthen advocacy efforts to advance pediatric health, supporting full practice authority to ensure every child has direct access to affordable, high-quality, family-centered care.
2. Engage membership through NAPNAP's Partners for Vulnerable Youth initiative to increase chapter and SIG collaboration, recruiting and mentoring new members while developing new leaders to amplify projected outcomes.
3. Cultivate high-impact, innovative, interdisciplinary and diverse collaborative partnerships to positively impact pediatric outcomes.
4. Expand NAPNAP's awareness and influence through news and social media outlets to increase recognition as the Leader in Pediatric Education for Nurse Practitioners®.

NAPNAP Involvement

- 2017-present—Board of Directors, NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth
- 2017-present—Alliance for Children in Trafficking chair
- Present—Co-editor, JPHC Clinical Practice Guidelines Dept.
- 2013-2017—NAPNAP Executive Board secretary
- 2013-2017—Finance & Bylaws Committees, Transition Workgroup
- 2012-2013—Houston Chapter president

Professional Experience

- 2017-present—AANP, Texas State South Representative
- 2017-present—AANP Liaison to Texas Nurse Practitioners
- 2017-present—Consultant to the Office of Trafficking in Persons
- 2016-present—UnBound Houston Lead Medical Consultant
- 2018—Texas Nurse Practitioners Education Taskforce
- 2012-2014, 2017-present—Texas Nurse Practitioners, Government Action Committee Member

Educational Background

- 2012—DNP, University of Alabama
- 2011—Post-Master's, Nursing Education, University of Texas Medical Branch
- 2002—MSN in PNP Primary Care, University of Texas Medical Branch
- 2001—BSN, University of Texas Medical Branch