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*Candidate for
President-elect*

From the Candidate

I have been a member of NAPNAP since 1996. NAPNAP has been a source of information, support, and guidance throughout my PNP career. My experience as a PNP includes working in general pediatrics, school health, ENT, and developmental, behavioral, and mental health. I appreciate the knowledge and expertise of my peers and turned to them as the experts in topics I needed to learn more about to provide the best care for my patients. I listened to NAPNAP's leaders as they provided the foundation for quality health care standards and health policies to benefit our children and their families.

It was through encouragement from my friends throughout NAPNAP that I went back to school to earn my PhD. My focus was on fathers and their experience of having a child with autism. Fathers are often overlooked, yet children with engaged fathers have better outcomes than children without actively engaged fathers. My research focused on their needs to help them engage and address their concerns to improve the outcome for the child and entire family.

I have served in a wide variety of roles with NAPNAP including serving on the Nominations Committee, Continuing Education Committee, and Conference Planning Committee. I also served as secretary, co-chair, and chair of the Developmental, Behavioral, and Mental Health SIG. I was elected secretary then president of the e-Chapter. I am also secretary of the Children in Disasters SIG. I was selected to represent NAPNAP as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics-National Advisory Board for Screening (AAP-NAB) for maternal depression, social determinants of health, and development. The purpose of the advisory board is enhancing child health by developing and advancing a national agenda on screening, which will include recommendations for cross-system collaboration, enhancing referral networks, practice transformation, and payment structure. I served on the committees to update NAPNAP's position statements on the PNP's role in supporting infant and family wellbeing during the first year of life and the integration of mental health care in pediatric primary care settings. I spoke at the national conference in Chicago and the specialty symposium in San Antonio on toxic stress and the developing brain and trauma informed care. I believe I have the experience developed in my practice as a PNP and serving NAPNAP in a wide variety of roles to serve as NAPNAP's president elect. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving NAPNAP and promoting the mental, social, and physical health and welfare of our children and their families.

Goals for Position

1. Advocating for children and their families by working to decrease the stigma associated with mental health conditions and insuring screening for maternal depression, social determinants of health, adverse childhood experiences, and mental health concerns to improve early identification and intervention.
2. Increasing the awareness and influence of NAPNAP and its members by working at the state and federal levels to be the voice for children and families, decreasing the limitations and barriers to full practice for APRNs.
3. Continued development of additional collaborative relationships with other professional organizations to provide a strong unified voice promoting the physical, social, emotional and mental health of children.

NAPNAP Involvement

- 2018-present—Children in Disasters SIG secretary
- 2017-present—e-Chapter president
- 2016-present—Continuing Education Committee member
- 2016-present—Represent NAPNAP on the AAP-NAB on screening
- 2016-2019—Developmental, Behavioral and Mental Health SIG chair
- 2009-2016—Conference Planning Committee member
- 2008-2012—Nominations Committee member

Professional Experience

- 2018-present—secretary of UTA CONHI's Faculty Council
- 2015-present—Cook Children's Medical Center Nurse Residency Advisor
- 2015-present—secretary of the University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation Faculty Assembly

Educational Background

- 2014—PhD, University of Texas at Arlington
- 1996—MSN, Georgia State University
- 1987—BSN, Marymount College of Kansas