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Three Rivers Chapter

Candidate for Secretary

From the Candidate

I have been both a primary care PNP and a NAPNAP member since 2002. I earned my MSN from the University of Pittsburgh and my DNP from Robert Morris University. I currently work full time in clinical practice in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics at the Child Development Unit at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. Additionally, I have taught in the graduate nursing program at Robert Morris University and am an adjunct faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. I have precepted many APRN students throughout my career, and have recently worked on a preceptor development workshop and an innovative Preceptor Toolkit with my NAPNAP and AFPNP colleagues.

It has been my privilege to serve as both treasurer and president of the Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP. As chapter president, I served as liaison to the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and gained an appreciation for the importance of state advocacy in expanding the scope of practice for NPs. These opportunities only whetted my appetite for service to our organization and to pediatric health care initiatives. My love of developmental pediatrics led to my participation in NAPNAP’s DBMH SIG, where I served as secretary from 2014-2016. I became a member of the NAPNAP Professional Issues Committee in 2012, and was chosen to become committee chair in 2016. My work on this committee has expanded my understanding of quality improvement, workforce issues, reimbursement and billing, and continuing education requirements for PNPs. I have had the honor of contributing to NAPNAP’s Position Statements on Access to Care, Age Parameters, Doctor of Nursing Practice and NP Prescriptive Privileges. I have contributed articles to the Journal of Pediatric Health Care and also to ‘Ready, Set, Grow’ magazine. I have also served as a member of the Health Policy Committee and advocated for our profession and for child health care issues on the state and national level.

I am seeking election as secretary for NAPNAP to further contribute to the work of our organization. I’ve served in leadership positions in my local chapter and on both a national committee and a SIG. I’m an enthusiastic go-getter, a worker bee and an effective leader. I love to tackle difficult work with enthusiasm. I believe that my educational background, my “can-do” attitude and my professional experiences will make me an effective leader on the NAPNAP Executive Board. I would be honored to have the opportunity to ensure that our organization continues to move forward in enhancing the health of children and families as well as in supporting our PNPs in all aspects of their professional careers.

Strengths for Position

1. Focus—Throughout my career, I have worked on many individual and team professional projects with the focused goal of producing highest-quality materials. Executive Board members must remain focused on the Strategic Plan to make NAPNAP’s vision a reality. I will bring high energy, great organizational skills and sharp focus to be an effective team member and NAPNAP leader.
2. Clinical excellence—I have over 30 years of pediatric nursing experience, including 16+ years as a PNP. I am a clinician, educator, preceptor, author, research enthusiast and a certification board item-writer. NAPNAP requires strong leaders with clinical expertise to help shape its future. My clinical experience and passion for pediatric care will be a strong asset to organizational leadership if I am elected.
3. Nurturing warmth—Both personally and professionally, I bring genuine warmth and a trusting nature to everything I do. Whether it’s making a child feel less afraid during an office visit, developing relationships with colleagues or encouraging committee members to reach beyond their comfort zone, I will provide support and kindness. As a leader, I want to bring out the strengths in those around me and help everyone feel involved and valued. I will be a nurturing mentor, a passionate advocate and an asset to our organization.

NAPNAP Involvement

- 2016-present—Professional Issues Committee chair
- 2014-2016—DBMH SIG secretary
- 2009-2010—Three Rivers Chapter president
- 2006-2008—Three Rivers Chapter treasurer

Professional Experience

- 2016-present—University of Pittsburgh Medical Center APP Preceptor Academy secretary

Educational Background

- 2014—DNP, Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh
- 2002—MSN, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
- 1988—BSN, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing