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Greater Kansas City Chapter

Candidate for Secretary

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am seeking re-election as NAPNAP secretary, fueled by my unwavering passion to empower our pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who are dedicated to improving the lives of children. My pediatric nursing journey began with a master of science in nursing (MSN) from Yale University's pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) program in 2005. I began working in primary pediatrics (five years), then in the pediatric emergency department (13 years) and now work in pediatric urgent care. In 2022, I began teaching as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Missouri-Kansas City's MSN PNP program, sharing my expertise with future leaders in our field.

I started my NAPNAP journey 18 years ago by joining my local Greater Kansas City NAPNAP Chapter in 2006, where I demonstrated my commitment through various leadership roles, including secretary and president. Throughout my tenure with NAPNAP, I have actively engaged in initiatives that address critical issues. I have served as an Alliance for Children in Trafficking advocate, served as secretary for the Pediatric Emergency Care Special Interest Group and hosted a special episode series on NAPNAP's TeamPeds Talks podcast focused on human trafficking. As secretary of the Executive Board, I also serve on the NAPNAP Partners board and the Finance Committee. In 2023, I helped launch NAPNAP's first book club to actively meet and engage our wonderful members.

My vision for NAPNAP is ambitious yet attainable: to actively support and empower our members, strengthen NAPNAP and its initiatives while promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. I understand the unique challenges faced by those working in underserved areas and will continue advocating for policies that reflect NAPNAP's core values. My extensive experience allows me to foster collaboration and keep our organization at the forefront of pediatric health care.

If re-elected, I will uphold NAPNAP's strong tradition of excellence in APRN practice. I will advance our strategic priorities by focusing on child well-being, enhancing member engagement and supporting diversity across all levels. Together, we can continue to innovate and grow, maintaining NAPNAP as the cornerstone for pediatric health care professionals!

NAPNAP INVOLVEMENT

2023-Present: NAPNAP Executive Board, Secretary
2023-Present: NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth, Board Member
2023-Present: NAPNAP Finance Committee, Board Member
2021- 2023: NAPNAP 50th Anniversary Advisory Committee, Member
2020-2023: Pediatric Emergency Care SIG, Secretary
2018-2023: NAPNAP Greater Kansas City Chapter, Secretary
2012-2014: NAPNAP Greater Kansas City Chapter, President
2006-2009: NAPNAP Greater Kansas City Chapter, Membership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-Present: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Children's Mercy Kansas City
2022-Present: Lead Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor - UMKC School of Nursing & Health Studies
2009-2022: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Children's Mercy Kansas City
2005-2009: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Kansas University Physicians Incorporated, Dept of Pediatrics at the University of Kansas
2004-2005: Nursing: Registered Nurse - Yale New Haven Children's Hospital
2003-2004: Teacher's Assistant - Yale University School of Nursing
2001-2002: Personal Care Assistant - "My House"

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2005: MSN - Yale School of Nursing
2003: Certificate, Nursing - Yale University
2002: Bachelors, Chemistry - Agnes Scott College