

Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (AFPNP)
Annual Report: 2003

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1. Goals Established for 2002-2003

A. Reconnect with our membership

Regular updates through e-mail were maintained with the membership.

B. Increase the size of our membership

A letter with information and membership application was mailed to all PNP program directors, courtesy of NAPNAP.

Membership has increased by 7 members since last year.

C. Increase AFPNP funds and establishing a more secure financial base

Aventis Pasteur provided a \$2,000 grant which enabled AFPNP to offer another grant award this year.

Initiatives to generate funds for AFPNP were developed and include:

A physical assessment video/CD that will be sold at the annual NAPNAP conference (complements of Dr. Shirley Menard).

A silent auction will be held at this year's NAPNAP conference.

A pre-conference workshop will be held at the 2004 Annual NAPNAP conference.

Another proposal was submitted to Aventis for funds to sponsor next year's grant award.

2. Preceptor Task Force Established

Dr. Cathie Burns spearheaded a preceptor task force comprised of Elaine O'Leary, Patricia Savage, Madelyn McMurtrie, Pat Budd, and Renee McLeod for the purpose of determining how AFPNP could attract the membership of more preceptors into the organization and what benefits we could offer them. Numerous suggestions were proposed. A preceptor survey was developed and will be conducted in order to gain more insights from preceptors themselves on this issue.

3. Research/Evidence-Based Practice Committee Established

A decision was made to focus on the teaching and implementation of EBP and for AFPNP to take a national leadership role in this initiative. Dr. Lois Sadler is chair of this committee with members Chandice Covington, Rita Pickler, and Leigh Small. A collaborative effort between AFPNP and the Center for Research & Evidence-Based Practice at the University of Rochester School of Nursing was initiated to develop and conduct an evidence-based practice teaching and evaluation survey of PNP program directors to assess the current state of what is taught regarding EBP in PNP curriculums. The survey has been developed and is ready for implementation. NONPF has also been approached as a potential partner and a proposal for a collaboration with them is under development. Results of the survey will lead to implementation strategies to develop competencies, core curriculum, and teaching strategies in this area.

Emphasis of the research/EBP award this year was placed on an EBP implementation project. A decision was made to have applicants be a team of an AFPNP faculty member, a preceptor, and a student. This year's award will be presented at the awards breakfast.

4. By-Laws Revised

Dr. Margaret Brady and Marsha Lorimer did an outstanding job of revising our by-laws. A vote to approve the revisions will occur at the annual meeting.

5. Implementation of New HRSA Competencies in the Review of PNP Programs

Dr. Cathie Burns and Dr. Pat Clinton are reviewing the content of the program review process to determine if the competencies are addressed and how programs can work to incorporate them.

6. Business/Educational Session Planned for AFPNP annual meeting

The educational session at this year's AFPNP annual meeting will focus on how programs can incorporate the new HRSA competencies into their curriculums and the state of acute care PNP programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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