

## **128th Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th, 2013  
DHHS Parklawn Building  
Rockville, Maryland**

The National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice was convened for its 128th meeting at 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. EST on November 7, 2013, and from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. EST on November 8, 2013 in the Department of Health and Human Services Parklawn Building in Rockville, Maryland.

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 92-463 the meeting was open to the public for the duration of the 2-day meeting.

### **Council Members Present**

Carol S. Brewer, PhD., RN, FAAN  
Mary Lou Brunell, MSN, RN  
Mary Burman, PhD, RN, FAANP  
Katherine Camacho Carr, PhD, ARNP, CNM, FACNM  
Sally Solomon Cohen, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Kathleen Gallo, PhD, MBA, RN, FAAN  
Rosa Gonzalez-Guarda, PhD, MPH, RN, CPH  
Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Doris Hill, PhD, RN, CNOR  
Gerardo Melendez-Torres, RN  
Sandra Nichols, MD, FAANP  
Sally Reel, PhD, RN, FNP, BC, FAAN, FAANP  
Linda Speranza, PhD, MS, MEd, ARNP-BC  
Arti Patel Varanasi, PhD, MPH, CPH  
Margaret Wilmoth, PhD, MSS, RN, FAAN  
David Vlahov, PhD, RN, FAAN

### **Council Members Absent**

Michael Bird, MSW., MPH  
Lenora Campbell, PhD, RN  
Marc Nivet, EdD  
Monica Rochman, PhD, RN  
Barbara Tobias, MD

### **Presenters**

Betty Bekemeier, PhD, MPH, FAAN – University of Washington  
Dawn Bleyenbug, MS, MCHES – Empire State Public Health Training Center/SUNY Albany  
Michelle Cravetz, MS, RN-BC, APHN – Empire State Public Health Training Center/SUNY Albany  
Carla Haddad, MPH – Office of Planning and Evaluation

Sue Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Shirley Orr, MHS, APRN, NEA-BC – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Irene Sandvold, DrPH, RN, FAAN – BHPPr/Division of Public Health and Interdisciplinary  
Education  
LCDR Nadra Tyus, DrPH, MPH – BHPPr/National Center for Health Workforce Analysis

### **Welcome Remarks**

Dr. Alexis Bakos provided the opening and welcome remarks to the council and public. She asked the council to remember to consider the new era of the healthcare delivery system that we currently exist under as a result of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) legislation. She reminded the council that we must approach a reengineering of the public health nursing workforce. Dr. Bakos provided an update on the change in leadership within the bureau. Effective two weeks prior, Dr. Janet Heinrich has moved on to join the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation or CMMI within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid or CMS. Dr. Bakos also extended a warm welcome to the new Associate Administrator of the Bureau of Health Professions (BHPPr), Ms. Rebecca Spitzgo. Ms. Spitzgo transitioned from the Associate Administrator role in the Bureau of Clinician Recruitment Services (BCRS) to BHPPr earlier this month. Dr. Bakos anticipates that she may be able to share her vision with the council at the next meeting in the spring of 2014.

### **Affordable Care Act (ACA) HRSA Update: Outreach and Enrollment Activities Presentation** – Presented by Carla Haddad, MPH

Miss Haddad provided valuable information and updates regarding the implementation of the ACA and Health Insurance Marketplace. She reviewed the Marketplace eligibility and application process, along with the various types of enrollment assistance available to consumers. She also discussed how provider organizations can become engaged in providing ACA outreach and education to their patients and communities. Miss Haddad's presentation included valuable links and resources for both the council and public's reference.

Following Miss Haddad's presentation, NACNEP council members offered several constructive comments. There appeared to be interest in utilizing Miss Haddad's powerpoint presentation as a standing resource for teaching and information sharing. The Division of Nursing will look into addressing this request.

### **Public Health Workforce Enumeration Report Presentation** – Presented by LCDR Nadra C. Tyus, DrPH

LCDR Tyus presented the findings and conclusion from the above mentioned report which was funded by the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office and the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) own National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA) in collaboration with the Public Health Foundation (PHF). The Public Health Foundation in turn funded the following entities to conduct the public health enumeration: A) The University of Michigan, Center of Excellence in Public Health, and B) The University of Kentucky, College of Public Health Center of Excellence in Public Health Workforce Research and Policy.

Information regarding the Public Health Foundation can be found via the following link:  
<http://www.phf.org/Pages/default.aspx>

NACNEP council members offered several constructive comments post LCDR Tyus' presentation.

**Public Health Nurse Ready Presentation** – Presented by Ms. Michelle Cravetz, MS, RN-BC, APHN-BC and Ms. Dawn Bleyenburgh, MS, MCHES

Dr. Irene Sandvold provided a synopsis of programs administered within the bureau's Division of Public Health and Interdisciplinary Education (DPHIE) with a focus on the public health training centers program. Following Dr. Sandvold's presentation, one of the public health training centers' grantees the Public Health Nurse Ready program, administered by the Empire State Public Health Training Center, gave a presentation on their program. The information regarding the program was well received by the council who then offered several constructive comments post Ms. Cravetz and Ms. Bleyenburgh's presentation.

The website for the Public Health Nurse Ready program is: [www.phnready.org](http://www.phnready.org)

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Future of Public Health Nursing** – Presented by Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN and Shirley Orr, MHS, APRN, NEA-BC

Dr. Hassmiller and Ms. Orr presented on the above mentioned report which was released in 2011. The report is basically a blueprint for providing the nursing workforce and all members of the nursing workforce a way to meet the increasing demands facing our health and our healthcare system. Both Dr. Hassmiller and Ms. Orr provided a background discussion of activities leading up to publishing the report, and after actions intended for this particular audience, the council.

NACNEP council members offered several constructive comments post Dr. Hassmiller and Ms. Orr's presentation.

### **Public Comment**

The public comment session was opened at 3:30 P.M. EST with the reading of one comment that was submitted prior to the meeting:

“Although I am not able to participate in the NACNEP meeting, I would like to suggest that one focus of the discussion be about the need to develop and test programs/strategies to improve the ability of nurses to provide sensitive and high quality care to people with disabilities. This would be very consistent with addressing strategies to promote the health of the general population since 20%-25% of the U.S. population...or 53,000,000 to 60,000,000 people in the U.S have a disability and the issue is largely ignored in nursing education. This issue is particularly of concern related to undergraduate nursing education that prepares the largest group of health professionals in the country. No doubt you are aware of the fact that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) identifies the need for training of health professionals...including nurses...to improve care for people with disabilities. Unfortunately, funding for this initiative was stripped from the ACA.

HRSA would be an appropriate agency to take on this issue.”

Suzanne Smeltzer, EdD, RN, FAAN  
President, Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education, Inc.

Day #1 of this 2-day meeting concluded at 3:35 P.M. EST.

### **Adjournment**

CDR Hunter-Thomas adjourned the meeting of Day #1 (November 7, 2013) at 3:40 P.M. EST

### **November 8, 2013 – Day #2**

Day #2 of the 128<sup>th</sup> NACNEP Council meeting was initiated by CDR Serina Hunter-Thomas with roll-call and a review of the agenda for the second day.

### **11<sup>th</sup> NACNEP Report Status Update: Achieving Health Equity through Nursing Workforce Diversity**

Dr. Alexis Bakos, along with Dr. Lisa Vandemark provided a brief synopsis on the status and process to date on finalizing this report. The council had the opportunity to provide final comments as the intent is to publish the report by the middle of next month and send it out to the Secretary and Congress. NACNEP Council members provided final comments regarding the report.

### **The Critical Need for “Assurance” in a Rapidly Changing Public Health System – Presented by Betty Bekemeier, PhD, MPH, FAAN**

Dr. Bekemeier gave a presentation to the council of the public health system in the context of the assurance role, meaning that we Public Health Nurses are stepping up as leaders in assuring that, for example, disadvantaged populations are not being left out. With a concern about changes in both hospital and community benefit programs, as well as changes among the health departments in shifting direct services to community clinics and such, what can we do to alleviate increasing disparities on some indicators? Further, under the climate of the Affordable Care Act, Dr. Bekemeier shared her thoughts on what we can do better and what is needed for public health nurses to be able to better play that role.

NACNEP council members offered several constructive comments post Dr. Bekemeier’s presentation.

### **NACNEP Breakout Session – Topic Development and Draft Recommendation for 12<sup>th</sup> Report**

NACNEP Council members had the opportunity to participate in a breakout session the afternoon of the second day of the council meeting. The purpose of the breakout session was for council members to come up with topics or themes that may be further developed into recommendations for the 12<sup>th</sup> NACNEP report. A working draft title for the 12<sup>th</sup> report is: “The Public Health Nurse in the Changing Healthcare Delivery System”. NACNEP council members

were divided into three subgroups to participate in the breakouts. At the conclusion of this activity, everyone reconvened back into the main meeting site (webinar) and a council member from each of the breakouts presented to the group a summary of their deliberations.

### **Public Comment**

The public comment session was opened at 3:30 P.M. EST and concluded at 3:35 P.M. EST.

### **Adjournment**

A meeting is being planned for the spring of 2014. A set of dates will be sent out to the council seeking a majority vote on a date and once finalized will be announced in an upcoming federal register notice.

CDR Hunter-Thomas adjourned the meeting of Day #2 (November 8, 2013) at 4:30 pm EST

These minutes will be formally considered by the Council, and any corrections or notations will thus be incorporated.

Approval of the Minutes by the Bureau of Health Professions/Division of Nursing Staff:

Alexis Bakos, PhD, MPH, RN, Chair/NACNEP  
CDR Serina Hunter-Thomas, DFO/NACNEP