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## From The Office of the President ...



Greetings again MN NAPNAP members!

I hope you are having a wonderful fall and enjoying the start of the holiday season. As it is a time to reflect on what we are thankful for, I would like to send a huge thank you to our MN Board and our MN NAPNAP members who serve on the national NAPNAP Board. We are so blessed with the talent, passion, and expertise these board members have and bring to this organization.

As mentioned in my previous column, I obtained my master's degree in North Carolina. Moving back to MN, I barely knew any PNPs when I first started working here in the state. NAPNAP has really allowed me the opportunity to meet, connect, and now even work with PNPs from across the state.

I encourage all of you to attend our fall conference this year on December 9, 2010 at Crowne Plaza in St. Paul. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet other PNPs and learn more about legislative changes. Additionally, registration is now open for the National NAPNAP Conference March 23-26, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland. I look forward to meeting you all at one of these upcoming events! Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

*Lynnea Myers*

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**WEBSITE NEWS: Remodeling**Check it out at [www.mnnapnap.org](http://www.mnnapnap.org)**Thanks for Being Patient**

We want to thank you for being patient while we do a major overhaul to our website. Be sure to keep checking it periodically as we continue to add more and more information. We have been pleased to continue receiving requests to post job opportunities and conferences on the website even though we are now charging a fee to cover the costs for the upkeep to our website.

**NEW ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE:****NEW MN NAPNAP Logo**

We are in the process of replacing the MN NAPNAP Logo. The old one served us well but it is time to update it. (See Left) If you have any comments, please feel free to email either Lynnea Myers or Cindy Ahler

**OTHER RECENT ADDITIONS****UNDER "CURRENT NEWS" TAB**

**IMMUNIZATION RESOURCE:** Under this tab you will find a terrific resource for Vaccine Safety submitted by Immunization Guru Patsy Stinchfield. Take a Look!

**UNDER "CONFERENCES" TAB**

1. National NAPNAP Conference Information
2. Minnesota NAPNAP Fall/Winter Conference

**Annual Marketing Subscriptions**

(subscriber posts a description and links to their organizations website where they have postings for various conference workshops and trainings)

1. Minnesota Department of Health
2. Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare.

**For Primary Care Providers: Don't Miss This One!****A new free online course (AAP Approved) on Infant Developmental Assessments****New Online Opportunity****FREE Continuing Ed**

Pathways Awareness, in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), are proud to announce the availability of a new online continuing medical education (CME) course: *Recognizing Early Motor Delays at the 2-month Pediatric Well Visit*. The program, available at <http://www.pedialink.org/cme/hitemd> is being offered FREE for all by entering the code PATHWAYS at check out. Upon completion of the 20 minute course, eligible participants may earn a maximum of 0.50 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*, AAP, or **NAPNAP credits**.

The curriculum uses side-by-side video comparisons of infant observation to help health care professionals, students, parents, and caregivers recognize the signs of an early motor delay in children as early as 2 months of age and determine the most appropriate intervention if an early motor delay is observed.

Early detection and early intervention are key to ensuring the best for all children's physical development. For more information on early motor delays and the help available, visit [www.pathwaysawareness.org](http://www.pathwaysawareness.org) or call our toll free parent answered hotline at 1-800-955-CHILD (2445).

**Editor's Note:**

I wear 2 different hats in my professional life; one as developer and instructor of C&TC workshops and two, as primary care provider in a community clinic.

I have taken the course personally and can attest to its quality and utility. I have used the handout and videos and have found that they are useful references in clinical practice and excellent tools for teaching. It is extremely worthwhile AND THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

*Cindy Ahler CPNP*



Gretchen Moen

# Minnesota PNP Issues 2010 Legislative Update



Peggy Neubeck

## **UPDATES from the MN NAPNAP Legislative Committee Co-Chairs**

### **Greetings !**

I would like to introduce you to the NEW MN - APRN Coalition. This Coalition combines the Board of Nursing Consensus Model Task Force and the APRN Legislative Coalition into one group working with the Minnesota Board of Nursing to design a implementation process to bring the APRN Consensus Model to Minnesota. Our own Mary Chesney has been appointed as chair of this Coalition.

The Coalition is made of APRNs from all four groups: CNM, CRNA, CNS, and CNP, that represent APRNs from across the state as well as different practice and educational settings. This Coalition can see change in our future as APRNs and as Health Care providers in Minnesota. The coalition would like to be a part of that change for Minnesota APRNs.

We also see change on the national level with the the recent Institute of Medicine report *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.

### **If you have not looked at this report**

**PLEASE DO!!** You can find it at [http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record\\_id=12956&page=R1](http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12956&page=R1)

If you have questions about the coalition or other legislative news please contact me at [peggyneubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:peggyneubeck@yahoo.com)

Make plans to attend the Fall/Winter Conference December 9th to learn more about changes that are coming!!!

*Peggy*

## Health Care Home (HCH) Certification Committee

Health Care Homes certification is moving forward throughout Minnesota. Individual providers and health systems have been certified.

It is important to note that Health Care Homes certification is not required for Minnesota health care providers or systems at this time. However, those health systems or providers, including nurse practitioners, who become certified are recognized for their commitment to patient centered care.

In addition, **certification allows providers or health systems to bill for care coordination services.**

Find more information about Health Care Homes, certification requirements and patient centered care coordination on the Minnesota Department of Health website at

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/homes/index.html>

*Gretchen*



**Attention !  
To all Minnesota PNPs  
Change is Coming ...  
What You as APRNs Need to Know**

MN NAPNAP invites you to join us at our **FALL/WINTER CONFERENCE 2010** featuring a Legislative update with speaker Mary Chesney, PhD, RN, CNP.

Hot hors d'oeuvres and a delicious dessert will be served, along with a cash bar, as we gather to learn about the impact of legislation on our APRN role.

We will have the opportunity to meet our newly elected state officials and introduce them to our association of MN Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

An Evite has been sent to all current members of MN NAPNAP whose email addresses have been registered with our system, however if this invitation did not arrive to your inbox, we encourage you to join us

**Date:** December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Time:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Paul.

**Cost:** Members is \$25,

Non-Members is \$30

Please consider an optional opportunity to “sponsor a legislator” for an additional \$25. As a sponsor, you will be assisting us in being able to offer conferences at an affordable price.

Join your colleagues and get informed. Don't put this off. Mail your check today!

Make checks payable to “MN NAPNAP” and send to Kirsten Morse at 15513 Garnet Way, Apple Valley, MN, 55124 by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Advance registration is important in the planning and execution of this event. We look forward to seeing you in December!

*Cheri Friedrich and Kirsten Morse*

*For Your Information*

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

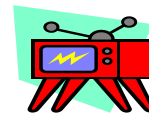
**Minnesota Membership News**

from Peggy Neubeck

MN NAPNAP currently has 198 members. If you know any PNPs that have not been a part of NAPNAP or MN NAPNAP have them visit the national website at [www.napnap.org](http://www.napnap.org) and click Minnesota as the local chapter or go to our website at [www.mnnapnap.org](http://www.mnnapnap.org). If you have any questions or concerns you can contact [peggyneubeck@yahoo.com](mailto:peggyneubeck@yahoo.com).

Additionally, if you haven't signed up on the national website for email, I would encourage you to do so as we are trying to get all our members to do this and make communications easier. The directions are easy to follow and listed below.

Stayed Tuned In  
And In Touch!



**NEWER FEATURE ON  
NATIONAL NAPNAP WEBSITE**

The National NAPNAP is enhancing the capabilities of their website to provide more avenues of communication between members and the National organization as well within the local chapter organizations. If you have not discovered the Minnesota e-group, the following information is the step-by-step instructions on how to sign up. Please take the few minutes it will require to get connected as this will be our primary mode of communication in the near future. The national site is very secure, so do not worry.

1. Go to [www.napnap.org](http://www.napnap.org)
2. Sign in with your NAPNAP member # from your membership card and password (for those who have not signed on before you will need to set up a password)
3. Click on the Member Center in the blue line.
4. Click on the e-groups on the lighter blue line
5. On the left side of the page click on My Subscriptions
6. Choose how often you want to receive messages and hit save. This will set you up for the MN NAPNAP email.

## In The Spotlight: Andrea Bushaw

Announcing the new  
Minnesota Chapter of  
NAPNAP President-Elect:  
ANDREA BUSHAW



Andrea Bushaw  
President-Elect



### Profile:

The Minnesota Chapter of NAPNAP Board of directors is pleased to announce that Andrea Bushaw has agreed to become our new President Elect. Andrea has been attending the board meetings and has certainly been a quick study.

Andrea is originally from Minnesota but received her undergraduate degree from Loyola University in Chicago and her graduate degree from the University of Missouri. She lived in Chicago for several years and worked as a PNP in the NICU at Children's Memorial managing the NICU step-down unit. She also worked in the NICU developmental follow-up clinic.

Andrea is married and has 2 children; a 3 year-old daughter (Claire) and an 18 month-old son (Oliver).

In December 2009, her husband's job at Cargill, Inc necessitated a move to Minnesota. And aren't we lucky!

Currently, Andrea is employed at Pediatric Surgical Associates, Ltd. (on staff at Children's of MN) in the pediatric urology practice. Her focus is primarily on incontinence and restorative elimination. She has been there since March of 2010.

Andrea has lots of energy to devote to MN NAPNAP and we welcome her commitment and professionalism as the newest member of our Board! So come to our Fall/Winter conference and greet Andrea along with the new legislators.

## Important Practice Information: Minnesota's Early Intervention System

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### Minnesota Help Me Grow

#### *New Statewide Toll-Free Number and On-Line Referral Form for Early Intervention Services*

Help Me Grow is a statewide initiative for public awareness about child development and the availability of early intervention services for eligible children birth to kindergarten entrance.

Help Me Grow includes two programs for eligible children. Help Me Grow: Infant and Toddler Intervention are special services and supports for children birth through age two and their families. Help Me Grow: Preschool Special Education is for eligible children ages three to five years. Minnesota children eligible for Help Me Grow can receive services in their home, child care setting or school. Help Me Grow services are free to eligible families regardless of income or immigrant status.

Extensive information about Help Me Grow services and child development is available on the state of Minnesota parent Website — [www.MNParentsKnow.info](http://www.MNParentsKnow.info). The new Help Me Grow section features brief videos about developmental stages, a Watch Me Grow scrapbook, and detailed child development information. There are two new options for parents, family members, caregivers, health care providers and other professionals to use in making a referral for a child they have developmental concerns about. The **new online referral form** is available on the [www.MNParentsKnow.info](http://www.MNParentsKnow.info) website on the Newborn, Ages 1-2 and Ages 3-5 web pages in the Help Me Grow section. There is also a new toll-free phone number for referrals **1-866-693-4769 (GROW)**.

Early childhood specialists will work with eligible children and families to plan the services and supports they need. These may include: special instruction and other services, including speech, physical and occupational therapy; ways that a family can support their child's development at home; and connections to community services and programs. Early childhood specialists can help find other community resources and early childhood programs for those children not eligible for Help Me Grow.

**Have any comments or questions, Please connect with Shawn Holmes, Help Me Grow contact at MDH**

**Shawn Holmes**

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[MNParentsKnow.info](http://MNParentsKnow.info)

The MNParentsKnow website provides Minnesota parents a convenient source for trusted information on child learning, development, health and safety.

This resource was developed by the Minnesota Department of Education in partnership with state and national leaders and researchers in early childhood education and health.

With research-based information and extensive input from Minnesota parents, this Website is designed to address specific parent needs, provide up-to-date information about child development, learning, health and safety, and information for parents of children with special needs.