Information Regarding WNA APRN Roundtable

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Overview of the Wisconsin Nurses Association

WNA's purpose is to be a catalyst for transforming health care and advancing the nursing profession to improve health for all in Wisconsin. Our goals are to provide advocacy and professional development services to the member using the following programmatic pillars:

- Legislation and Regulation
- Workplace and workforce
- Practice, Quality, and Research
- Education
- Leadership

WNA is a 110-year constituent member of the American Nurses Association (ANA). ANA provides tools and resources to support the ability of State Nurses Associations to achieve their functional goals and relevancy at the state and national level for nurses.

Overview of the WNA Nurse Practitioner Forum Mutual Interest Group

WNA Mutual Interest Groups (MIGs) are comprised of members who have common interests and needs who meet together for educational advancement, networking, and dissemination of information in their area of nursing interest.

The purposes and goals of the WNA NP Forum Mutual Interest Group are to:

- Support the 25 percent of the WNA membership who are Nurse Practitioners.
- Serve as the recognized voice for Nurse Practitioners in Wisconsin.
- Protect and advance the role and practice of Nurse Practitioners through active membership involvement in WNA's structure and functions.
- Influence the quality and quantity of continuing education.
- Provide a forum for Nurse Practitioners to organize and act around professional, educational, economic and legislative issues, within the guidelines of the WNA.
- Collaborate with other Advanced Practice Registered Nurse associations.
- Serve as resource to the WNA Board of Directors, structural units, and/or other MIGs.

Purpose: WNA will provide a roundtable format mechanism that presents an opportunity for APRNs from across the state to formally meet to dialogue and develop reports related to issues and trends that impact the practice, education, research, workforce and leadership of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Background: There are professional nursing associations that provide membership related to the four APRN roles. There are also numerous Nurse Practitioner (NP) networks and groups across the state that meet primarily for education-related functions. Consistent communication across these groups is of value; however, critical gaps and fragmentation exist that can impact practice, reimbursement, autonomy and patient access to quality APRN care and service.

Mission: WNA supports providing an active platform to address APRN issues in Wisconsin across the spectrum of practice, education, research, workforce and leadership in the format of an APRN Roundtable.

Vision: Wisconsin APRNs will function at their highest level of education and licensure to provide access to quality care and services for patients with minimal disruptions by having critical communication among the APRN colleagues.

Key Stakeholders/Members: The WNA APRN Roundtable will consist of nursing related groups/individuals that interact or interface with APRNs. These include but are not limited to:

- CNM, CNS, CRNA nursing associations/regional groups
- NP associations
- Nine in-state advanced practice registered nurse educational programs
- Regional APRN associations
- Employer sponsored internal APRN groups, i.e. councils, advisory groups etc.
- Administrators of Nursing Education in Wisconsin (ANEW)
- Wisconsin Center for Nursing
- Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Leaders
- Other nursing-related associations that include APRN membership

WNA Role and Responsibility: Assume a leadership role as sponsor, convener, facilitator and provide the infrastructure. More specific responsibilities are as follows:

1. Identify schedule of meetings through polling
2. Procure meeting space and arrange for food/beverages
3. Maintain member listing
4. Collect annual membership fees
5. Provide a website platform
6. Record and maintain proceedings of meetings
7. Provide an Annual Report
8. Support white paper development.

Operational Guidelines:

1. The membership of the WNA APRN Roundtable will be open to all formally incorporated advanced practice nursing associations, regional APRN associations that support the continuing education of APRNs, schools of nursing that prepare RNs to earn national board certification in one of the four APRN roles, and employers of APRNs who allocate resources to support a formal structure within their health system(s) that allow for meetings to discuss practice, reimbursement, regulatory policies and/or quality improvement strategies.

2. Membership allows for two representatives from your organization to attend meetings.

3. Establish and adhere to ground rules:
   - Limited mobile phone usage
   - No external interruptions
   - Open, frank and fruitful discussions in a polite manner
   - Listen to others, no interruption of speeches
   - No peer-to-peer discussions while one is talking
   - Respect of the agreed time schedule and speak time
   - Consensus-oriented meeting (no domination)
   - Active participation of everyone
   - Differences in opinions will not be taken personally
   - Voluntary participation

Annual membership dues (January 1 – December 31) with the following levels:

a. Employer organizations of APRNs - $500.00
b. Established APRN Associations - $250.00
c. Regional APRN associations - $150.00
d. Schools of nursing offering a graduate degree as APRN - $150.00
e. Other state nursing associations - $250.00