



## **NASN State Director Report**

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*A part of the Nightingale Pledge tweaked to apply to school nurses:*

***“I shall do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession as a school nurse. I shall be loyal to my work and devoted towards the welfare of the students committed to my care.”***

*I have just returned from NASN Conference in San Diego and there are a lot of exciting things going on. I would like to take the time to share them with you (Toolkits are found under Resource).*

- 1) **Back-to-School Health Office Interactive Toolkit.** when you move your cursor over items in the health office it takes you to links to resources and programs.
- 2) **Naloxone in Schools Toolkit for School Nurses**
- 3) **Weekly Digests** you can receive by Email about updated issues and events
- 4) **SchoolNurseNet Let’s Connect – My Communities.** You can click on drop down box, All Communities and sign up for the ones you are interested in. Connect with other school nurses. 16,000+ use this forum to ask questions and share experiences with other school nurses.
- 5) **Volunteer Engagements** – Volunteer opportunities range from small tasks to leadership positions. If you have a skill, talent or special project go to Volunteer Pool and Opt in. You don’t have to be on the Board of Directors. Complete your profile.
- 6) **ConnectED** previously known as Regional Conference will be offering **upcoming:**
  - Live programs for Affiliates to use at their local conferences;
  - Will offer programs that members and non-NASN members can bring to their school districts;
  - New/Updated Live Program Offerings: School Nursing 101, SETT (School Emergency Triage Training) and Evidence-base Mini Bootcamp.
- 7) The following **Position Statements** have been updated and approved:
  - The Role of School Nursing in Telehealth
  - Students with Chronic Health Conditions: Role of School Nurse
  - Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child: Implications for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nurse
  - Sexual Health Education in Schools
  - Child Mortality in the School Setting

- 8) AASN as well as NASN has a **Facebook** page (NASN had 9137 likes last year)
- 9) NASN has ability to do **Twitter**: healthyschoolnurses; #schoolnurses; #healthycommunities; #4studenthealth; #BetterHealthBetterLearning; are just a few tweets. (NASN had 6215 followers)
- 10) **LinkedIn** (NASN has 2696 Members)
- 11) NASN has established a common language for NASN Position Documents regarding school nurse staffing that reads: To optimize student health, safety and learning, it is the position of the National Association of School Nursing that a professional registered nurse is present in every school all day, every day. (Reasoning for this is to go along with the AAP recommendation on full time school nurse in every school). <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/pages/AAP-Policy-Statement-Recommends-Full-Time-Nurse-in-Every-School>
- 12) Newly out for publication this year is the **Second Edition, Individualized Healthcare Plans For The School Nurse**. This August the new edition of the **Scope and Standards of School Nursing Practice** is available.
- 13) The updated textbook **School Nursing – Comprehensive Text** is in its final draft and will be available soon.

Beth Matthey shared with the Board information about the American Health Care Act (AHCA) and its being reworked. “This bill would dramatically change Medicaid’s structure through a per capita cap. A per capita cap meant that there is a fixed amount for each child, no matter how sick or disabled that child is, or what services would be necessary to ensure that child is healthy and ready to learn. These changes would impact the ability of students with disabilities and students in poverty to receive many critical health services in schools. This include services provided by the school nurse. Many schools are able to provide vision, hearing screenings and management of students with asthma, diabetes, seizures, etc. with Medicaid funding. **Call or email your Senator** to urge them to **vote NO** on the AHCA, that places arbitrary caps on how much Medicaid funding a child receives.” (See attachment for talking points).

**NASN 2018 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** will be at Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland June 30 – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. There are special plans in store for celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> years!

**Nina Fekaris** is the NASN new President and her theme is “Be A Voice” – “be clear, be authentic, be truthful” by John Grisham. Using the Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nurse Practice begin to tell WHY of what you do! Add “because” to our statements!

Sincerely yours,  
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