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Mid-Year 2024 Alliance Report for APRN Member Organizations

Good afternoon to the Boards of our Member Organizations –

Welcome to the Mid-Year 2024 Report to the APRN Member Organizations! We are excited to share the work that has been completed on your behalf.

The legislative committee was busy this session. They coordinated the completion of nearly fifteen letters to support the patients of APRNs specific to federal and state legislation, regulations that did not cause undue restrictions, collaborations with partner organizations (AaNA, AHHA, AARP, State of Reform, and more), and work within government committees. We considered that 7 of those letters led to our requested response.

Dr. Sara Kozup-Evon, incoming 2025 Alliance President, is leading the process for hiring a new lobbyist for 2025. At this point, multiple interviews have been scheduled. Once the interviews have been completed, then a meeting will be coordinated to discuss each interviewees' qualifications and fees. This information will then be brought back to our member organizations for input and thoughts.

Other aspects that the Alliance has navigated included 1) providing a Wasilla pharmacist education on the scope of nurse practitioners in Alaska, 2) supporting AK Board of Nursing in updating regulations to account for retired certifications, 3) guiding the AK Board of Nursing in telehealth regulations that aligned with national recommendations, and 3) supporting local APRNs in working with the Board of Nursing concerning the ability for medical/nursing assistants to have oral medications delegated to them.

Federal Work for APRNs:

- FIVE APRNs went to D.C. to talk with the staff of Senators Sullivan & Murkowski & Representative Peltola. After Drs. Johnstone-Petty & Kozup-Evon, CRNA Whitney Willcut, NP-Student Holly Meyn, & NP Marisa Bune visited. The Alliance provided mentorship and support for these visits. **These were all personally funded trips.**
 - H.R. 2713 & S. 2418 ICAN Act: Obtained written support from the Alaska Hospital and Healthcare Association (AHHA) per the Alliance's request. This is an important statement from AHHA because this legislation is strongly opposed by the American Medical Association (AMA).
 - S.260/H.R.704 Diabetic Shoes
 - S.131/H.R.618 Federal Workers, Workplace Injury
 - H.R. 2538/S.3481 Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab Services
- H.R. 5796/S.3410 Protecting Rural Seniors' Access to Care Act: Coordinated Conversations between Alaska Nurses Association, Rep Peltola Leg Aid Shannon Lynch, and AHHA. Letter request replacing physician with provider-neutral language or to designate an APRN seat at the table.
- Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development, NINR or FAAN (S.3770, H.R. 7266). NP Marisa Bune spoke with legislators about this.



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State Legislative and Regulatory Work for AK APRNs:

- Alaska Board of Nursing, CRNA April Erickson is APRN representative
- HB 228 PASSED! Dr. Sara Kozup-Evon led the effort to have the AK APRN Alliance being named in AK Statute.
- Please see 33rd Legislative Successes for AK APRNs

Non-legislative work

- Workforce Survey & Reimbursement Equity Committee
 - Near completion of writing the report
 - Meeting monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (let Dr. Johnstone-Petty know if what to be invited)
 - Chair: Teresa Lyons, PMHNP
 - Primary authors: Dr. Lisa Jackson & Dr. Jill Janke
- Legislative Committee
 - Interviewing lobbyists
 - x2 Nurse Practitioner students joined the committee
 - Session ended May 11th. Have taken a break to enjoy the summer
 - Chairs: Chris Logan CRNA, Marieke Heatwole, PMHNP, & Stephanie Wrightsman-Birch, CNP
- Transparency, Board Transition, Succession Planning, & Fiscal Sustainability
 - Defined Roles & Responsibilities
 - Updating Website quarterly
 - Consideration for a fractional employee
 - Considering various ways to obtain financial sustainability which includes the cost of a lobbyist for our future
- Improving Educational Resources
 - Planning development of educational “folder” for when APRNs go to speak with legislators
 - Engaging APRN students
 - Supporting Member Organizations for their yearly conferences

Thank you for your dedication to our profession. If you have concerns, please reach out to me and please voice your concerns so we can grow stronger together.

Sincerely,

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President, AK APRN Alliance