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Advocacy

Legislative Update

After adjourning for summer recess, lawmakers returned to Sacramento on August 21st for the final month of the 2017 session. Much has occurred over the past four weeks, including the election of a new Assembly Republican leader. With just days remaining until the end of the 2017 legislative session, the fates of hundreds of bills have yet to be decided, including new proposals that surfaced as last minute deals were negotiated before the end of session. However, new transparency rules enacted by voters last year require all bills to be in print and accessible to the public for at least 72 hours before being acted upon, so legislators will have to be more deliberate about “gut and amend” bills during this final week of session.

On August 24th, Assembly Republicans elected Assemblyman Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) as Assembly Republican Leader, replacing Chad Mayes, who has led the minority caucus since early 2016. Mayes delivered seven Republican votes in favor of Governor Brown’s cap-and-trade extension in July. He immediately experienced blowback for those votes from the more conservative members of the Assembly Republican Caucus, in addition to California GOP leaders across the state. Several Assembly Republicans initially threw their hat into the ring to replace Mayes as leader, but after an unsuccessful vote to oust him on August 21st, Brian Dahle ultimately got the votes on August 24th. Dahle takes over as leader on September 15th.

On the legislative front, CANP continues to engage and support a number of priority bills. On September 11th, Governor Brown signed SB 554, which codifies in state law the recent changes in federal law, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA), that allow NPs and PAs to receive a waiver from the DEA and the authority to prescribe medication for opioid addiction treatment. SB 554 passed out of the Assembly on July 17th and is back in the Senate for concurrence before it goes to the Governor for signature. CANP actively supports this bill.

SB 799 by Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee chairman Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) passed out of the Legislature on September 13th and is en route to the Governor. The bill extends the sunset date of the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) until 2022. Every four years, boards operating under the Department of Consumer Affairs must undergo a “sunset review” process, by which the boards are evaluated by the Legislature and authorized to continue operating for another four years. Because the BRN protects patients while

safeguarding the integrity of the nursing profession, including scope of practice and continuing education, CANP is supporting SB 799.

AB 1368, the California Academy of Physician Assistants' (CAPA) bill that would allow PAs and NPs to sign any authorization form required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Medi-Cal benefits and services, is now a two-year bill. CANP successfully worked with CAPA to amend AB 1368 to include NPs in the same authority. Unfortunately, the Medi-Cal program within the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) raised implementation concerns about the bill and has adopted an oppose position. Without the agreement of the Department, the bill would have certainly faced a veto upon reaching the Governor's desk, so efforts must be made to resolve their concerns. The bill was placed on the Inactive File on September 5th, so work to resolve the department's concerns will likely resume next year.

AB 1560, CANP's sponsored bill to increase the physician to nurse practitioner supervision ratio to one physician to supervising twelve NPs, is also now a two-year bill. As we previously reported, the opposition was unwilling to come to a compromise that would preserve the usefulness of the bill, despite multiple amendments. Opponents wanted to further limit the physician to NP supervision ratio. AB 1560 is a two-year bill and CANP will continue to work with opponents to resolve their concerns. While it won't pass this year, it continues to help CANP educate legislators and staff about how NPs practice, how the supervision model actually works (i.e. no direct supervision), and is a way for us to advance our NP practice discussion.

Last but not least, AB 422 by Assemblyman Arambula cleared the Legislature and is on its way to the Governor. Without AB 422, the CSU's authority to enroll new students in the DNP program will expire on July 1, 2018. This authority is necessary for the CSU to grow its own nursing faculty and maintain critical industry partnerships while meeting California's healthcare workforce needs.

As we previously reported, the bill by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) to implement a single-payer healthcare system in California (SB 562) is dead for the year, having been tabled in June by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. Since then, Speaker Rendon announced the formation of the Assembly Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage, chaired by Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno) and Dr. Jim Wood (D-Healdsburg). The Committee will hold hearings this fall to examine single-payer and discuss expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and "hybrid systems."

As the 2017 Legislative Session comes to a close, the Governor's and Legislature's largest priority is affordable housing. Some of the housing bills moving through the Legislature require 2/3rds votes, so Democrats will likely need to flex their supermajority power to pass parts of the housing package. Legislators are also focusing on energy legislation, cap-and-trade funding, and immigration. All bills must be passed by September 15th, and any bill not sent to the Governor by that date is dead for the year. The Governor has until October 15th to act on all legislation.

Social Media

CANP continues to urge all chapter leaders to use social media, including [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Linked in](#) as efficient and effective ways of keeping members updated on grassroots opportunities and ultimately engaging legislators.

What's New

President's Message

Starting this year various editions of CANP's monthly newsletter *Connections* will feature a President's message from President Theresa Ullrich. You can find the most recent President's message in the August [edition](#).

Events

Leadership Summit

19 out of 24 chapters will be represented at the Leadership Summit, Saturday, September 30 in Sacramento. If your chapter has not registered your representative(s) please do so by Friday, September 22, 2017. For more information on the event, including the agenda and to register your participants, visit the [Leadership Summit](#) page on our website.

Annual Educational Conference

Save the dates and make plans to join us in San Diego March 22-25, 2018 for CANP's 41st Annual Educational Conference. Additional information on the Annual Educational Conference can be found via [this link](#).

House of Delegates

The CANP House of Delegates (HOD) will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Find out more about HOD and upcoming deadlines via [this link](#).

Lobby Day

Lobby Day 2018 takes place Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Lobby Day planning efforts are still being finalized. Check our [Lobby Day page](#) for further details as they emerge.

Operations

Bylaws

CANP is working with parliamentarian Scott Burns, Attorney to finalize the updated chapter bylaws. The updated bylaws will reflect changes made at the last HOD meeting and changes to the Corporate Code. Mr. Burns will review the changes and the bylaws will be presented to chapter leaders during the November 15, Leadership Teleconference.

Alignment Agreement

Thank you to all the chapters that returned their signed 2017-2018 Alignment Agreement.

Quarterly Reports

September 30, marks the end of Quarter 1 for CANP's 2017-2018 fiscal year. Quarter 1 Reports will be distributed to chapters no later than Friday, October 6 with a return deadline of Monday, October 16.

Website Instructions

CANP provides chapter leaders a set of tools to assist them in managing their chapter through the CANP website. Leaders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Chapter Leadership Toolset by reviewing the [Website Administration Guide](#).

Taxes

It is each chapter's responsibility to apply and maintain federal and state tax-exempt status. CANP offers the following resources to assist chapters with filing their taxes:

- [CANP Chapter Federal & State Filing Exemption Instruction Manual](#) - Provides direction in how to verify your chapter's status and other helpful resources
- [Ask a Tax Question](#) – Allows chapter leaders to ask questions about tax filings and other issues related to financial aspects of running a local chapter
- Twice yearly leadership calls focused on tax filings (January and August)

As a reminder: If your chapter tax year is *calendar year* (ending December 31st), please file your federal and California tax returns by March 15th. If you are on *fiscal year* (ending June 30th), please file your federal and California tax returns by September 15th. Please consult your chapter tax advisor for more detailed information.

Political Action Committee (PAC)

The current balance in the PAC account is \$43,892.93. CANP encourages chapters to raise funds for the CANP PAC. Information on how to do so may be found [online](#).

Membership

Membership Renewals

CANP renewal efforts are ongoing with members renewing on a monthly basis. Chapter leaders can find a list of their chapter's current and expiring members in the Chapter Leadership Toolset. Membership statistics are available via [this link](#).

Strategic Plan

CANP's Strategic Plan was adopted by the CANP Board of Directors on November 9, 2012 and can be found on the CANP [website](#).