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### Advocacy – An Update from CANP’s Lobbyist

#### Legislative Update

The 2018 California Legislative session is fully underway. The policy deadline was April 28, so most bills that have not been heard yet are dead for the year. This month, the focus will be on Appropriations Committee hearings, the house of origin deadline, and budget deliberations. Major healthcare themes this year in the Legislature include healthcare reform and the opioid epidemic. Many of the bills on these topics with a fiscal impact to the state will or have been placed on the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense files, which will be taken up on May 25. Bills that do not pass off of the Suspense files will die.

CANP is supporting several bills this year that have passed out of their respective policy committees and have been referred to Appropriations Committee. Those include:

[AB 2517 \(Wood\)](#), which will create the Advisory Panel on Health Care Delivery and Universal Coverage to work towards implementing universal healthcare in California.

[AB 2682 \(Burke\)](#), which will remove physician supervision of certified nurse midwives while preserving physician collaboration, thereby increasing access to women’s healthcare.

[AB 2965 \(Arambula\)](#) and [SB 974 \(Lara\)](#), which will make undocumented adults over the age of 19 eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits who would otherwise be eligible for those benefits, notwithstanding their immigration status.

#### State Budget Update

Budget hearings and negotiations are continuing into May. Through that process, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services passed a \$1 billion healthcare spending proposal on May 7<sup>th</sup> a party-line vote. The funding package, if enacted, will implement various reforms that were introduced as part of the legislative healthcare

reform package introduced over the past few months by Assembly Democrats. Assembly Health Committee chair Jim Wood and Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 chair Joaquin Arambula are behind the budget proposal, stating it is based on the work of the Assembly Select Committee on Healthcare Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage, which they both chaired and which concluded its hearings in February.

The \$1 billion proposal allocates \$330 million to expand coverage in the Medi-Cal program; \$50 million to increase healthcare cost transparency; \$114 million to expand the healthcare workforce; and \$500-\$550 million to provide healthcare premium assistance.

Some of the Key components of the spending package include:

**-\$30 million** to expand Medi-Cal enrollment for low-income seniors and disabled individuals (similar to Arambula's [AB 2430](#))

**-\$250 million** to extend Medi-Cal for uninsured and low-income undocumented youth between the ages of 19-25 (similar to Arambula's [AB 2965](#))

**-\$30 million** to establish an all-payer claims database (similar to Wood's [AB 2502](#))

**-\$300 million** to provide premium assistance in Covered California for low-income individuals and families (similar to Chiu's [AB 2565](#))

**-up to \$250 million** for a refundable tax credit for people in the individual market between 400%-600% of the federal poverty level (similar to Friedman's [AB 2459](#))

**-\$84 million** to expand the Song-Brown Program through 2021

**-\$30 million** to expand the UC Programs in Medical Education (PRIME) program over three years (similar to Arambula's [AB 2597](#))

The Governor is expected to release his revised budget ("May Revise") on Friday, May 11. These proposals will be considered as part of the budget process and via budget trailer bills after the May Revise and the Legislature will pass the Budget by June 15.

### Election Update

The Governor's race is in full swing. Governor Brown is termed out next year, and among the Democrats running to succeed him are Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, former Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, State Treasurer John Chiang, former Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, and former Hilary Clinton aide Amanda Renteria. The Republican candidates include Assemblyman Travis Allen and businessman John Cox. Gavin Newsom leads the pack in fundraising and is currently the frontrunner according to all the polls, followed by Republican John Cox, then Travis Allen. According to an April PPIC poll, Newsom leads by a wide margin (30%), following by Cox at 18%, then Allen at 16%. Villaraigosa was favored by only 9% of likely voters polled. All other candidates trail distantly, with polling in the single digits.

Under California's top-two primary system, there is a real possibility that two Democrats could end up facing off next November. If that happens, and as the numbers currently suggest, Newsom and Villaraigosa could end up in the top two slots. Newsom has name recognition and charisma, which gives him an edge. He is also the most progressive candidate and has come out in strong support of a single-payer healthcare system, gaining the endorsement of the California Nurses Association (CNA). Villaraigosa is less widely recognized outside of the Los Angeles area, but is more moderate on some issues than Newsom and more attractive to the business community.

Outside the statewide and legislative races, the ballot will be crowded in November. Although only a few initiatives have qualified for the ballot so far, dozens of others are in circulation. Pending ballot measures include a gas tax repeal, healthcare funding, teacher pay increases, a split roll measure and increased consumer privacy and property tax protections. Because the number of signatures needed to qualify a ballot measure is based on the state's last gubernatorial election, which saw record low turnout, voters will likely be faced with an onslaught of initiatives, similar to 2016.

The proposed initiative to fund single-payer is also in the qualification process. While the title and summary for the initiative doesn't actually reference single-payer, the measure would create a trust fund within the state treasury solely for funding healthcare and healthcare-related expenses to encourage the Legislature to enact healthcare policy and funding mechanisms. The Secretary of State will announce by June 28 whether the measure qualifies for the November ballot.

### Grassroots Update

Chapters continue to focus on grassroots advocacy efforts by meeting with their legislators and their district staff, attending legislator sponsored community events, and encouraging chapter members to also engage with legislators.

On the Grassroots Advocacy call in April, chapters not only discussed their grassroots advocacy efforts but also talked about Lobby Day. They discussed why Lobby Day is important, what they hope to learn and most importantly, what they hoped to take back to their chapters to increase interest and understanding of the importance of grassroots activities. All CANP members who attended Lobby Day should discuss their experience with their chapters. What can you do to make every day Lobby Day?

The Grassroots Advocacy Calls are scheduled for the third Monday of each month. The next Grassroots Advocacy Call is scheduled for Monday, May 21 at 7:00pm. On these calls, chapters discuss their grassroots advocacy experiences as well as challenges. The call provides a great venue for chapters to learn from each other as well as problem solve challenges since many chapters face the same challenges.

## Social Media

CANP continues to urge all chapter leaders and members to use social media, especially Twitter, as an efficient and effective way of keeping members updated on grassroots opportunities and ultimately engaging legislators.

## **Events**

### Annual Educational Conference

CANP's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Educational Conference, supported by NSO took place March 22-25, 2018 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina in San Diego. Many thanks to NSO and our other conference sponsors.

This year's conference generated over 750 participants including sponsors, exhibitors, attendees, and speakers which was record attendance for CANP. Some of the conference highlights were:

- The presentation of the Annual CANP Awards. Congratulations to Beth Haney, recipient of the NP of Distinction Award and Judy Harris, recipient of the Bridging Healthcare Needs Award.
- The Friday Night Event, a three-hour Hornblower Cruise that disembarked from the Sheraton's own marina and explored the city's majestic views from the vantage point of the San Diego Bay.
- A very successful PAC and Annual Raffle. Both raffles exceeded their goal. Thank you to everyone that contributed monetary donations, time as a volunteer or both.
- A record number of symposiums for additional learning opportunities.

The deadline to complete the online session evaluations to receive Continuing Education credits was May 1, 2018. Anyone who completed their online session evaluations by the deadline received their CE and Rx credits. Certificates may be accessed at [canpweb.org](http://canpweb.org) under My Account, My Continuing Education. Here you will see a list of sessions you participated in. Click print next to one of the sessions to print a certificate that will show the total number of CE and Rx credits earned. You do not need to print a certificate for each session/workshop attended.

### House of Delegates

The House of Delegates Meeting was held on Monday, April 30, 2018. 21 of 23 chapters were represented with a total of 87 delegates credentialed. The Redding and High Desert/Santa Clarita Chapter were not represented.

4 of 8 resolutions presented were presented by chapters. The resolutions were as follows:

- Resolution 2018-1 - The CANP Board of Directors Executive Committee shall appoint an ad hoc research committee advisory panel for the purpose of CANP's potential role in supporting the conduct of research by California nurse practitioners. The mission of the proposed panel will be to develop and pilot research committee tasks with an objective to facilitate and support research activities conducted by CANP members and affiliates. Upon panel presentation of recommendations and results to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may consider formal adoption of a research committee as either a subcommittee of Educational Affairs, or an independent committee for which a chairperson can be elected or appointed in the subsequent House of Delegates. The goal is to determine the relevance and potential value/impact of a CANP research committee to foster research generation by nurse practitioners.
  
- Resolution 2018-2 – Direct the CANP Board of Directors to sponsor legislation requiring national board certification in order to be certified as a nurse practitioner in the state of California, to become effective for all future NP graduates.
  
- Resolution 2018-3 – Direct CANP Board of Directors to make a statement endorsing the 2015 IOM Report on the Future of Nursing recommendation to implement nurse residency programs across all practice settings. CANP will promote their recommendation that health care organizations, HRSA, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, and philanthropic organizations should fund development and implementation of these transitions to practice program.
  
- Resolution 2018-8 – Direct the CANP Board of Directors to amend the CANP/CANP Chapter Alignment Agreement to include a section for prioritizing increasing underrepresented minorities in the Nurse Practitioner profession. In order to accomplish this, additional items shall be added to the non-mandatory section of the Quarterly Report, under Professional Development. These additions shall include the following criteria, to be valued at 5 points each:
  - Outreach to elementary/middle/high schools with minority populations to educate about the nurse practitioner role (e.g. career day, volunteer tutor in STEM, etc.). Include a space for details on the Alignment Agreement Report.
  
  - Outreach to NP Programs to support minority enrollment, scholarships, success (e.g. fundraisers, tutoring, etc.). Include a space for details on the Alignment Agreement Report.

Four additional resolutions were presented by the Board of Directors. These resolutions were as follows:

- Resolution 2018-4 – Amend Article VI, Sections 4 (b) and 4 (c) to reflect CANP's current practice of having the Educational Affairs Committee Co-Chairs serve staggered terms, as the Bylaws currently specify for the Co-Chairs of the Health Policy and Practice Committee. One Co-Chair is appointed in even years and the other in odd years.

- Resolution 2018-5 – Amend Article VI, Section 4 by adding a new subdivision (f) to provide that only members who have previously served at least one full term on the Board of Directors are eligible to be nominated for the office of President Elect.
- Resolution 2018-6 – Amend Article V, Section 16 to change the Speaker’s term from three (3) to four (4) years.
- Resolution 2018-7 – Amend Article VI, Section 4 (d) to include a requirement that the nominees for Membership Chair and Education Affairs Committee Co-Chairs must have served at least one (1) year on their respective committees before applying for the role of committee Chair/Co-Chair on the Board of Directors.

The passing of resolutions 2018-4, 2018-5, 2018-6 and 2018-7 all require updates to the Association [Bylaws](#). CANP is in the process of making the necessary updates and will be posting the updated bylaws and HOD meeting minutes online shortly.

### Lobby Day

Lobby Day took place on Tuesday, May 1 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, in Sacramento. We had record attendance this year with over 170 registered attendees.

The four bills below and as outlined on page 1, are prominent on CANP’s radar this legislative year and were the focus of Lobby Day attendees:

- [Assembly Bill 2517 \(Wood\)](#), which would establish the Advisory Panel on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage in the California Health and Human Services to appoint members to the advisory panel, as provided, and would require the advisory panel to convene public meetings at least quarterly.
- [Assembly Bill 2682 \(Burke\)](#), which would authorize a nurse or midwife to practice in a variety of settings without supervision by a physician and surgeon subject to certain situations requiring consultations or co-management with, or referral or transfer to, a physician and surgeon. The bill would also require all emergencies to be referred to a physician and surgeon immediately. By imposing new requirements, the violation of which would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
- [Assembly Bill 2965 \(Arambula\)](#), which would make technical, non-substantive changes to the current provision of the existing law that provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. Existing law provides that health care granted under the Medi-Cal program is subject to laws amending, repealing, or supplementing provisions affecting the Medi-Cal program, and subject to the rules and regulations of the department. Existing law provides that an individual receiving health care from the Medi-Cal program shall not have a claim for compensation or otherwise because his or her service is affected by those changes.

- [Senate Bill 974 \(Lara\)](#), which would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of all ages who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status. The bill would delete provisions delaying eligibility and enrollment until the director makes the determination described above. The bill would require the department to provide, indefinitely, the above-described monthly updates to the legislative committees. Because counties are required to make Medi-Cal eligibility determinations and this bill would expand Medi-Cal eligibility, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Preparations for Lobby Day 2019 are in development, please check our Lobby Day page of [canpweb.org](http://canpweb.org) for more details as they emerge.

### Lobby Day Debrief

Attendees received an electronic debrief survey to provide us with information about their legislative visits and overall Lobby Day experience. Participants feedback is vital for CANP's follow up with legislators, and for planning future events. If you participated in Lobby Day and have not already done so please complete the debrief by Tuesday, May 15. Since each attendee visited multiple legislators, we ask that you complete a debrief form for each legislative visit you attended by clicking 'submit' at the end of the debrief and opening a new debrief using [this link](#).

### Leadership Summit

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Leadership Summit on Saturday, September 29 in Sacramento.

Be on the lookout for details as they evolve. Additional information on the Leadership Summit can be found via [this link](#).

### NP Week

Mark your calendars for NP Week 2018 from November 11-17. More details to come soon.

## **Operations**

### Quarterly Reports

March 31, 2018 marked the end of the third quarter for CANP's 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Quarter 3 Report was due April 28 and chapters will receive their quarter 3 payment in early May.

Below is a list of remaining quarters and due dates in the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

### **2017-2018**

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Report Due Date</b>
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### 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 31), please file your federal and California tax returns by March 15. If you are on a *fiscal year* (ending June 30), please file your federal and California tax returns by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consult your chapter tax advisor for more detailed information.

## **Political Action Committee (PAC)**

The current balance in the PAC account is \$55,402 not including donations from the Annual Education Conference or Lobby Day. CANP encourages chapters to continue to raise funds for the CANP PAC, which is a critical part of the Association's political efforts. PAC funds help show strength in numbers and a commitment to engage in the legislative process.

Note: PAC donations must be submitted via personal check or credit card. Donations via cash or cashier's check are not permitted.



## **Membership**

### Membership Renewals

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

## **Strategic Plan**

CANP's 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan was adopted by the CANP Board of Directors on January 20, 2018 and can be found on the CANP [website](#).