A Message from the President

It is my honor to take over as CANP-Central president. I am looking forward to having an eventful year, representing our vital profession and increasing our visibility throughout the community. We will come together as a team to powerfully promote our strengths and abilities, as well as our compassion for those individuals we serve.

I am excited to learn about the ins and outs of this position from our past presidents: Barbara Lome, Freddy Espinoza, and Terry Hollowell. All have such varying and vital perspectives, it will be sure to enhance my learning experience within this role.

Please feel free to come to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions!

Sincerely,
Courtney Thompson, DNP, FNP-BC, AAHIVS, PCCN

LET’S WORK TOGETHER AND GET INVOLVED!

Looking for an exciting way to get more involved and raise awareness for your profession at the same time? Think about running for office!

Nominations for the following 2-year chair positions are due by May 15th. Please submit names to Courtney Thompson.

1) Education Coordinator
2) Secretary
3) Marketing & Communications
4) Health Policy & Practice
5) President Elect (1-yr commitment, followed by 1-yr commitment as President)
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<th>Time to Renew?</th>
<th>Voting will take place shortly after nominations are submitted via a Survey Monkey link sent out to all CANP-Central members and the new office leaders will be announced at our May dinner meeting.</th>
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<td>Start Networking!</td>
<td>Be sure to join our <a href="http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full">Linkedin profile page</a> named: CANP - Central Chapter. This is a great way to network with others in your field, search for preceptorship, and seek out new and exciting career opportunities. As with the <a href="http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full">Facebook website</a>, this site will be advertising CANP meetings and fun local healthcare related events. A new addition to our Central Chapter social network is <a href="http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full">Twitter</a> … so let’s get tweeting!</td>
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<td>For all of you new to the social media world, please refer to our basic “how-to” guide about the following sites: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Click <a href="http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full">here</a> to view these tips.</td>
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**Nurse Practitioners in the News**

Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants play a major role in the early diagnosis of COPD. Click [here](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full) for the full link.

Nurse Practitioners and Primary Care Physicians are successful in treating patients with hepatitis C. Click [here](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full) for the full article link.

Learn why some do not care for the word “provider” within healthcare. Click [here](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full) for the full article link.

**Keeping up with Healthcare**

There is a countless number of articles related to healthcare, disease, and medical management. Below are just a few of these fun health highlights:

Danish researchers have shown a correlation between losing a loved one and the development of atrial fibrillation, especially if the death occurred suddenly. Click [here](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full) for full article.

As nurses, we have to take care of ourselves. Data shows that those that are “short sleepers,” or people receiving five or less hours of sleep per night, are more likely to have a cold or other infection. Click [here](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full) for full article.

Those that work longer hours are placing themselves at risk for heart disease. This risk increases by 1% for each extra hour worked per week over 10+ years. Click [here](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full) for full article.
**Legislative Highlights**

The most influential way to impact your community and nursing practice is to [contact your elected officials](#). [Click here for tips on how to talk to your legislator](#).

CANP follows bills that:
1. Affect NP’s scope of practice, or that of other advanced practice nurses
2. List who may be reimbursed for a medical procedure or services
3. Define the practice of medicine or nursing
4. Deal with prescribing of drugs
5. Use the term “physician” instead of “provider”
6. Impact our patient population

**AB 73**  

**Current Text**: Amended: 1/5/2016  
**Status**: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.  
**Location**: 2/4/2016-S. HEALTH  
**Summary**: Would, to the extent permitted by federal law, provide that if medically necessary antiretroviral drugs used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS is prescribed by a Medi-Cal beneficiary’s treating provider for that purpose, and coverage for that prescribed drug is denied by a Medi-Cal managed care plan in which the beneficiary is enrolled, that denial shall be reviewed in accordance with the bill.

**AB 366**  
**Bonta D** Medi-Cal: annual access monitoring report.

**Current Text**: Amended: 7/7/2015  
**Status**: 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)  
**Location**: 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR  
**Summary**: Would require the State Department of Health Care Services, by March 15, 2016, and annually thereafter by February 1, to submit to the Legislature, and post on the department’s Internet Web site, a Medi-Cal access monitoring report providing an assessment
of access to care in Medi-Cal and identifying a basis to evaluate the adequacy of Medi-Cal reimbursement rates and the existence of other barriers to access to care, as specified. The bill would require the department to hold a public meeting to present and discuss the access monitoring report at least once annually, and would require the department to accept public comment from stakeholders at the public meeting.

**SB 137**  Hernandez D  Health care coverage: provider directories.

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2015

**Status:** 10/8/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 649, Statutes of 2015.

**Location:** 10/8/2015-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Would, commencing July 1, 2016, require a health care service plan, and a health insurer that contracts with providers for alternative rates of payment, to publish and maintain a provider directory or directories with information on contracting providers that deliver health care services to the plan’s enrollees or the health insurer's insureds, and would require the plan or health insurer to make an online provider directory or directories available on the plan or health insurer's Internet Web site, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 299**  Monning D  Medi-Cal: provider enrollment.

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/4/2015

**Status:** 9/4/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 271, Statutes of 2015.

**Location:** 9/4/2015-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law, under the Medi-Cal program, requires an applicant or provider, as defined, to submit a complete application package for enrollment, continued enrollment, or enrollment at a new location or a change in location, and generally requires the application package for enrollment, the provider agreement, and all attachments or changes to either that are submitted by specified applicants or providers to be notarized. This bill would exempt from these notarization requirements any provider that chooses to enroll electronically. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 466**  Hill D  Registered nurses: Board of Registered Nursing.

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/4/2015
**Summary:** The Nursing Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of registered nurses by the Board of Registered Nursing within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Current law requires the board to appoint an executive officer to perform duties delegated by the board. Current law repeals those provisions establishing the board and the executive officer position on January 1, 2016. This bill would extend the repeal date to January 1, 2018. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Please visit the [CANP’s Advocacy page](#) for a full list of highlighted bills.

**Education Committee wanted!**

The BOD is currently looking for anyone interested in assisting the Membership Chair in educating NP students about CANP or ideas for fun fundraising events. This could include presentations at local NP programs, mentoring student CANP members, and/or finding ways to increase student involvement in CANP events. If you are interested please contact [Pam Sikes](mailto:).

**Call for Preceptors**

We have many enthusiastic and motivated students who are working hard to build their career path towards that of a nurse practitioner - but they need your help! While some graduate programs have clinical coordinators to arrange preceptorship, many do not. Please email [Courtney Thompson](mailto:) if you, or someone you know, is willing to work as a preceptor!

Elizabeth Howland is a Family Nurse Practitioner student at Vanderbilt University looking for a clinical preceptor beginning January 2017 for the spring and summer semesters. She has work experience in elder care, physical therapy, and neonatology research. Please contact [Elizabeth](mailto:) if you are available for preceptorship.

**Concerned About Your Financial Future?**

Our friends at WestPac Wealth Partners can help! Please email either [Nemanja Selezan](mailto:) or [Djoko Radunovic](mailto:) if you would like to be included in private email alerts, inviting you to monthly FUN TOPIC meetings.
Monthly meetings will discuss such items as rollovers, debt management, budgeting, asset protection, and investing. This company works with the nursing industry frequently, and is well-versed in the specific financial needs and concerns with this profession.

**Connections Newsletter**
Connections is the California Association for Nurse Practitioners’ monthly electronic newsletter, delivering news about what's going on at every level of the organization, from individual chapters to statewide administration. It also includes items gleaned from the news media on topics of interest to CANP members. [Link to recent Connections Newsletters](#)