Happy New Year! 2015 was a fun & productive year for our organization. I would like to thank our membership for participating in the process confirming the national affiliation agreement and passing an update to the bylaws of our chapter.

2016 will be an exciting year as the affiliation agreement provides us with new resources! We are currently in the process of transferring our chapter funds from Wells Fargo to an account with APNA; this new banking system will allow us to provide online registration for this year’s state conference. The APNA Florida Chapter website is also in the process of being refreshed including the updated bylaws, our meeting minutes, and pictures of our 2015 membership events! Please visit the website at www.apna.org/florida! The website has likely been underutilized due to our very active membership bridge. I would like your feedback on how to make this website more helpful. You can send me a message through Membership Bridge or email me directly at Emily.e.donelson@gmail.com.

Details are coming together for the APNA Florida Chapter’s annual spring conference. It will be held on Saturday April 2nd 2016 at Jacksonville University. A finalized brochure will be published soon! We plan on expanding the number of contact hours available this year including the new 2-hour Florida licensure renewal requirement for 2017 entitled “Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace.” We are also arranging a Friday evening pre-conference Meet & Greet for attendees, members and speakers to network. We will have onsite registration and early conference check-in available during this event. We look forward to seeing you there!!

My Regards,

Emily Bell
President
Important Dates

- **Substance Use Disorders: A Comprehensive Review and Update**
  February 14-16, 2016
  Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort and Spa
  Lake Buena Vista, Florida
  Use the code SUD and save $50 on conference tuition.

- **2016 NEI Synapse**
  March 4-6, 2016
  Jersey City, New Jersey

- **APNA Florida State Conference**
  April 2, 2016
  Jacksonville University
  Jacksonville, Florida

- **Psychiatric Nursing 2016**
  May 4-7, 2016
  Las Vegas, Nevada

- **GME Psychiatry Update**
  June 4, 2016
  JW Marriott Miami
  1109 Brickell Avenue
  Miami, Florida

- **APNA Annual Clinical Psychopharmacology Institute**
  June 9-12, 2016
  Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor
  Baltimore, Maryland

- **APNA 30TH Annual Conference**
  October 19-22, 2016
  Connecticut Convention Center
  Hartford, Connecticut

- **2016 NEI Psychopharmacology Congress**
  November 3-6, 2016
  Colorado Springs, Colorado
Legislative Update

Florida legislative session started on January 11th 2016 and there are many interesting bills filed related to nursing, mental health and ARNPs. There is no independent practice bill proposed this year. However, there is a high likelihood that one of the many DEA bills will pass because there is support from leadership in both chambers! The Florida Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses will be restarting Virtual Lobby Days this month. Please watch for these postings on Membership Bridge, they will provide you with education on how to contact your local legislators.

Senate Bill 676 entitled Access to Health Care Services from Senator Grimsley RN would allow Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to prescribe controlled substances with similar limitations from her bill last year. This includes a 7 day supply limitation for schedule II narcotics and schedule II psychostimulants to only “psychiatric nurses” (under new Baker Act definition). This bill passed favorable in the Health Policy committee on January 11th. Of note, the Florida Medical Association “waved in support” of the bill during public testimony something unheard of in years past! House Bill 423 Drug Prescription by ARNPs and PA from Representative Pigman MD would allow Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistant’s to prescribe controlled substances under their current protocols with a physician. This bill was passed favorably in the Health Quality subcommittee on December 1st and Health Care Appropriations subcommittee on January 12th. There are also “ordering” bills that would allow for Nurse Practitioners to order controlled substances in a facility under protocol; these bills include Senate Bill 152 Ordering of Medication from Senator Grimsley, House Bill 1241 Ordering of Medication from Representative Plascencia and Senate Bill Authorized Practice of ARNPs and PAs from Senator Grimsley.

There are numerous bills related to mental health care, behavioral health care, veteran/military mental health care, and forensic mental health care. The most pertinent to psychiatric nurses is House Bill 977 Behavioral Health Workforce and companion Senate Bill 1250 Behavioral Health Workforce. These bills would “expand the authority of psychiatric nurse to release a patient from receiving facility.” The same Baker Act bills have returned this year seeking to add Physician Assistants and all Nurse Practitioners to the list of providers able to initiate involuntary examination. There are also some new Baker Act bills related to privacy, involuntary commitment, capacity determinations, and involuntary admission to residential facilities. It’s going to be an exciting year and I will keep you up to date of all legislative activity through our newsletters. There will also be a presentation at our state conference on April 2nd by a nursing legislative expert!
Florida Chapter
2016 Spring Conference

2016: Transformations in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing

Please join us on Saturday April 2, 2016 at Jacksonville University for our annual Spring Conference. We will present the most updated information on important topics including:

- Legislative Updates
- Designer Drug Crisis
- Alzheimer’s Research and Treatment
- New CE Requirement for 2017 Renewals: Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace
- Poster Sessions
- Council Meetings
- And more........

In addition we will have a pre-conference reception and meet and greet with your Board of Directors on Friday night. Registration packets can be picked up at this time to avoid the day of conference lines! Registration information and conference brochure are available on the APNA Member Bridge.

Hotel: Marriott Courtyard Jacksonville
904-247-6782
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Rate: 109.00 + tax/night
Reserve by 3/12/16 to secure group rate.

Jacksonville University
2800 University Blvd. N.
Jacksonville, FL 32211
BROOKS REHABILITATION COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE SCIENCES

6.5 Contact Hours
State Conference Update

April 2, 2016

2016: Transformations in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

CALL FOR PODIUM PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

Deadline to submit: FEBRUARY 8, 2016 by 5:00PM

Acceptance Notification: MARCH 1, 2016

We invite students, psychiatric nurses and nurse researchers to submit abstracts for a podium presentation at our state conference. The purpose of the presentation is to communicate best practices on psychiatric mental health nursing clinical topics, innovative practice settings, research findings, and other topics related to psychiatric mental health nursing in primary care and/or acute care.

Submission of Abstracts

Electronically submit your abstract and submission form as an MS Word File attachment to:

Karen McNeely: karensmcneely@gmail.com

Guidelines and Information

Abstracts are limited to 250 words or less.

Abstract Guidelines: Abstracts must contain the following information:

• Presentation-Title

• Author(s)-Names and e-mail addresses

• Keywords-Identify the keywords applicable to the submission

• Brief content description:

List citations for evidence used (must have at least 1); provide the purpose statement for the presentation; identify the gap area to be addressed (knowledge, skill, practice, or other); provide a description of the current gap; and provide a description of the desired/achievable state.
Podium Presentation Abstract Submission

All presenters must be registered, fully-paid conference participants.

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Presenter Name: __________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________

Organization: ______________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________

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Please Indicate Your Presentation Category:

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April 2, 2016

2016: Transformations in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

Deadline to submit: February 15, 2016 by 5:00PM Acceptance Notification: March 1, 2016

We invite students, psychiatric nurses and nurse researchers to submit abstracts for the poster session. The purpose of the poster session is to communicate best practices on psychiatric mental health nursing clinical topics, innovative practice settings, research findings, and other topics related to psychiatric mental health nursing in primary care and/or acute care.

Submission of Abstracts

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Sandra J Cadena DrSJCadena@gmail.com

Guidelines and Information

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Poster Abstract Submission

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Presenter Name: ________________________________
Title: ________________________________

Organization: ________________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________

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Advanced Practice Update

The South Florida Advanced Practice Council met on November 5 and December 10, at Chrysalis Health in Oakland Park and Trulucks’s Seafood Restaurant in Boca Raton, Florida, respectively. The meeting in November was sponsored by Otsuka Pharmaceuticals, and the drug, Abilify Maintena was discussed. Elections for APNA South Florida Advanced Practice Council leadership roles were held. At that meeting details about the 'Stuffed Holiday Sox drive for the holidays were reviewed with members. This has been a “signature” project of the South Florida APN, where members fill Christmas stockings with toiletries, snacks, and/or small items of clothing, to be distributed to the homeless or needy with mental illness. The December meeting was sponsored by Assurex/Genesight where an interesting presentation on Psychiatric Pharmacogenomics was provided by Laurie Van Deventer, PharmD. Holiday Sox were delivered to Memorial Hospital Rebels Drop-In Center. Legislative updates were discussed. Election results for the following officers were announced, effective January 2016: Ruth Milstein becomes Chair; Paulette Perlowin becomes Immediate Past Chair, Keith Jones was elected Chair Elect, Valerie Kolbert remains Meeting Coordinator, Vanessa Long remains Membership Coordinator, Grace Stimpson elected as Education Coordinator, and Linda Mays elected as Secretary. For further information about the South Florida APC, feel free to contact Ruth Milstein at utopiapsych@yahoo.com

The Central Florida group is still in the process of trying to ascertain whether or not they will become an official Council group, with elected voters. There was a meeting held on January 14; to be discussed in next newsletter.

We want to hear from you! Please let us know what you are doing in your area so we can highlight your accomplishments in the newsletter. Some examples include:

- Unit Council Magnet Projects
- Professional Presentations
- Community Initiatives
- Research Projects
- Evidence based practice changes

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