Committee/SIG:  Education

Chair/Co-Chairs:  Laurie Kennedy-Malone / Barbara Harrison  Board Liaison:  Evelyn Duffy

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**Annual Report – July 2011 through July 2012**

**Progress & Achievements This Year:**

At the Conference, Laurie reported that she was entering in her final year as Chair of the Education Committee. At this time, she requested that a member serve as Co-chair of the Committee and that another member serve as Secretary. Barbara Harrison volunteered and then was elected as Co-Chair. Gail Prothe volunteer and then was elected to serve as Secretary.

In response to request by Education Committee members the following two activities were requested and responded to: Pharmacology Preconference on psychotropic and antibiotics at the 2012 Conference and the development and dissemination of a Preceptor Tool Kit. The Education Committee held monthly telephone conference calls (except during one month). The subcommittee developing the Preceptor Toolkit held additional phone calls to complete the work of the committee.

The Education Chair (Laurie Kennedy-Malone) participated as an active member of the Program Planning Committee. In response to the request of members present at the Education Committee meeting at the September 2011 GAPNA and the Pharmacology Preconference, ideas for two pharmacology topics were presented to the Program Planning Committee and approved. PHARMACOLOGY WORKSHOP Advances in Pharmacology for the Geriatric Nurse Practitioner – Richard Ron Finley, BS Pharm, RPh, CGP and Brett Heintz, PharmD, BCPS-ID, AAHIVE are the two presenters for the preconference that will offer 240 minutes of pharmacology credit.

A subcommittee of the Education committee was formed after the 2011 National GAPNA Conference to develop a preceptor Toolbox. This Toolbox subcommittee was formed in response to discussion between members that both clinicians and faculty need common resources to improve gerontological education of nurse practitioner students, especially in light of the integration of adult and gero curriculum in the APRN Consensus Model. Clinical preceptors for NP students in a gero course can improve education and older adult care through access to a single web based Toolbox with clinical standards and resources for APRNs.

The subcommittee was chaired by Barbara Harrison and members were Natalie Baker and Gail Prothe. The subcommittee met by phone call monthly and gathered advanced practice preceptor guidelines, and gerontological clinical standards and resources. The subcommittee asked the Education committee members to review the draft Toolbox for content, identify gaps, and make suggestions. The subcommittee received and utilized this feedback to form a final draft of the Toolbox, which was then sent to general membership in April for final feedback using Survey Monkey for both qualitative and quantitative responses.

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In response to a request from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) for a representative from GAPNA to attend a called meeting in February, 2012 pertaining to the preparation and employment of the acute versus the primary care nurse practitioner (in our case the Adult/Gerontology nurse practitioner), a survey was developed with input from the past president, president and president-elect from GAPNA and members of the Education Committee to be disseminated to select members in response to the document developed by NONPF on the acute versus primary care preparation. The survey was distributed and results analyzed for presentation by Laurie Kennedy-Malone who represented GAPNA at the meeting in February in Washington DC at NONPF. Since the meeting in February, Laurie has reported to the president’s group on any face to face meetings (April, 2012 at the NONPF meeting) and subsequent phone calls (June 4th and July 11th). Laurie, along with the president’s group prepared a report to NONPF as requested.

Future Plans: The subcommittee has prepared the Toolbox and member survey for a presentation at the 2012 National GAPNA conference and a poster for the ACNP conference in October 2012. The GAPNA Preceptor Tool Kit will be presented at one of the break-out sessions at the conference. The Preceptor Tool Kit subcommittee of the Education Committee will also be writing an article for the newsletter prior to the conference to introduce the Preceptor Toolkit to members. Information on the toolkit will be presented in poster format at the October meeting of the American College of Nurse Practitioners. After the presentation in September at GAPNA, the Education Committee is requesting that the toolkit be made available on the GAPNA web site and we voted to request that access to the toolkit be made free of charge.

The outgoing chair of the Education Committee (Laurie Kennedy-Malone) will work with the Research Committee on finalizing a survey to be distributed to members and other GNPs. This survey would be an update to the research that NCGNP conducted 10 years ago.

The Education Committee would like the Board to consider the development of a more formal NP educator group in GAPNA.

Laurie Kennedy-Malone will continue to represent GAPNA on the NONPF phone calls and report to the Board until further advised.

Budget Request or Possible Future Events:
- We would like the board to consider a means to disseminate information (Linkages) to the Preceptor toolkit to be distributed at conferences in the form of note pads, pens, and/or brochure.
- It may be beneficial for the Board to plan for future called meetings by NONPF for a GAPNA representative.
- Funding to conduct a survey similar but extended to the one conducted by NCGNP in 2002 should be considered when planning the upcoming GAPNA budget.

Identify Group Concerns (if any): The Education Committee members are very concerned about the acute versus primary care conversation. It may become essential for GAPNA leadership to develop our own position statement on this topic. We also remained concerned about the development of the gerontological specialty for APRNs.

Liaison’s Notes: The Education Committee has worked diligently this year under the leadership of Laurie Kennedy Malone and her co-chair, Barbara Harrison. Their primary objectives initially included the creation of a Preceptor Tool Kit and setting the ground work for certification process for experts in Gerontological Advanced Practice Nursing, "The top of the pyramid" of the Consensus Model. During the year Laurie was chosen to represent GAPNA to attend an expert panel called to provide input on the
NONPF document identifying the Scope of Practice for Adult-Gerontology Primary Care and Acute Care NPs. That conversation is ongoing. The board appreciates the expertise that Laurie provides to the NONPF committee as well as all of her hard work on the planning committee. We also want to thank Barbara Harrison who chaired the subcommittee on the Preceptor Toolkit and members, Natalie Baker and Gail Prothe.