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April Meeting

“The Role of the LPN”

Wednesday, April 20th
Board Meeting 6-7 pm
Program 7-8 pm

[DNA 20 meeting link](#)

Do you have questions about the LPN practice?

Did you know that LPNs are practicing in acute care environments in partnership with staff RNs?

Do you want to know more about this model for nursing care?

Nursing leaders in LPN education will join together to share interesting information about their programs, discuss challenges and joys they have encountered in LPN education, and the future of the LPN in the greater metropolitan area, as well as their programs. They'll answer your questions about the changing practice roles for the LPN, the opportunities and the challenges.

Panel Speakers:

Jennifer Vandermeer, MSN, MBA, RN – Pima Medical Institute
Jodi Larson, MSN, RN – FRCC, Larimer Campus
Amy Simons, MSN, RN – Pickens Technical College
Kathy Trummer, PMC, MS, CNS – FRCC, Westminster Campus

President's Message

Spring has sprung - Yeah! I wait for this moment every year and especially since my alma mater University of Kansas (KU) is in the final four of the NCAA tournaments - don't want to jinx them. I hope you did well in your brackets if you participated in that fun as we watched devoted fans cheer on their teams in person for the first time in two years. We have now moved into an endemic as we wait for the flu to hit and maybe another variant (I look forward to getting my booster finally on April 1st - the joy of being allergic to the vaccine having to wait until November to get my second dose - 5 months is finally here). Thanks to all of you for being there when the times were really tough and thanks to all of you when the times were tough for a different reason as you battled still those who did not accept the virus still. Now you will continue to face challenges - the substance abuse addiction rages on, incivility in the workplace, the nursing shortage and inequality in pay. So much for ANA and CNA to continue to work on for nurses. Take care of each other as you are all angels and have a wonderful spring - take time to admire the flowers popping up under the crazy spring snow.

Jean Schroeder PhD, MA, MSN, RN



Annette Cannon is seeking re-election!

Our long time DNA 20 member and Colorado Nurses Association leader, Annette, currently seeks re-election to the office of Jefferson County Coroner. Annette brings a broad background of clinical education and experiences, including Forensic Nursing. Her leadership and accomplishments in the Coroner's office have brought state and national recognition. We are so proud to call her our own! For more information, please check the link [here](#).

CNA News: Are Colorado Hospitals Safe? – A Call to Action

A message from Colleen Casper, RN, MS, DNP, CNA Director of Practice and Government Affairs

Colleagues,

It is our intent to bring much greater awareness to all legislators of the need to address safe staffing in hospitals. The message will go to all Senators and Representatives with the title, "Are Colorado Hospitals Safe?" We want the Legislators to know that Nurses care immensely about this issues and are prepared to stay on this issue. Please share this message with your colleagues.

[Call to Action Link](#)

We are writing to you today with an urgent call to action to request that the Colorado State Legislator address the prolonged nurse staffing crisis.

Without action, Colorado hospitals will continue to lose nurses as a result of inadequate numbers of staff as well as inadequately prepared nursing staff to care for patients.

You have shared your stories with Colorado Nurses Association, Colorado State surveyors and multiple national surveyors and we are now asking you to reach out to you respective Colorado Senators and Representatives and respectfully request that Colorado come out of denial of the extent of this problem and address it.

Sure, Federal action could be helpful. We cannot wait.

Please take the time to share this message and consider adding in your own personal stories of your work environment today. There are some that want to implore that this is all COVID-related. We know that is disingenuous at best.

ANA Nurses Month Free Live Virtual Event: YOU Make a Difference

Let's agree that the world can't survive these trying times without Nurses like you. Join ANA's FREE celebration/story jam/FREE CNE event for you and a few thousand of your nurse friends and colleagues. Nurses like you make a difference day in and day out. ANA wants to recognize that and shout your stories everywhere possible. This virtual event will be aired on May 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

CNE Details

- Earn 4.0 CNE
- Please note that you will receive instructions on registering for and claiming your CNE no earlier than May 31, 2022, to allow for editing of the live event recording.

[Register Here](#)



For more details on Nurses Month, please click here <https://nursesmonth.org/>

Leadership for DNA 20 – Ballots are in your email box

Annual voting by email ballot for all DNA 20 members is going on now! Please watch for the email ballot sent from CNA. The results of the new board members will be announced at the May 18, 2022 meeting.

Healthcare Appreciation Night at the Rockies is Back – Yay!!

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 @ 1:10 PM**

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