
NEWS BLAST!

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November Meeting

“Second Wind Fund: Colorado’s Youth Suicide Prevention Efforts”

Wednesday, September 21st
Board Meeting 6- 7pm; Program 7-8
pm Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88353500498>

Suicide is the leading cause of death for youth in Colorado. Effective suicide prevention programs, like Second Wind Fund, bring hope and support to youth struggling with thoughts of suicide.

Second Wind Fund exists to help youth at risk for suicide access professional counseling services by removing financial and social barriers.

Bill Heaston, MSW and Program Director at Second Wind Fund will share the story of the Second Wind Fund rising from humble beginnings. Now celebrating 20 years, he will provide a real time update to this work and new ways it is engaging with parents and families across Colorado.



President's Message

Fall has truly arrived and I have become a passionate football fan. I think about how sports can be such a release for nurses, be it participating or watching and having the joy of winning and the sadness of losing but knowing there is just another game around the corner. I think about the nursing students at their colleges and starting their journey to become a nurse - they are our future. I reflect on how they are coping with living in a post-COVID world and now flu season is approaching. I reflect on how we get them involved in our organization at the national, state and local level to continue the torch of being an advocate for themselves and nursing.

As the membership meeting for the year was happening (see my summary report) but only a small group attended out of the 2000+ members we have at CNA - where is the disconnect? So as we continue this new year of DNA 20 and plan a wonderful, informative program schedule I again am reaching out all of you receiving this NewsBlast! to please find the time to join us on zoom on the third Wednesday of each month to participate in our meetings and think about how you can become active in the future.

Jean Schroeder PhD, MA, MSN, RN

Just Some of What We're Planning this Year...

The Use of Virtual Simulation in the Nurse Refresher Program
Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence – Virtual Dementia Tour
Exploring new models for urgent care at home – Dispatch Health
Benefits of ANA and CNA membership
Being a Patient with Sjogren's Syndrome
Colorado Action Coalition, Moving the Future of Nursing Recommendations
Graduate Nurse Residency Programs

CNA Election results and Advisory Groups

Congratulations and welcome to our new CNA Board members.

- President-Elect: Mary Satre Kerwin
- Vice President: Carol O'Meara
- Treasurer: Angela Mills
- Region Director 2: Cristina Winchester
- Region Director 4: Glenda Jackson
- Region Director 6: Debra Bailey
- Region Director SIG Representative: Linda Kottmann
- CNA Nominating Committee: JoAnn Crownover

In an effort to bring more value to CNA membership, increase member engagement, and bring a larger voice to the nursing profession in Colorado, CNA has created 5 new Advisory Groups.

The goal of these groups is to provide space for our members to connect with other like-minded members in the area that most fits their passion for nursing. These groups will serve as advisors for GAPP, the Board of Directors and others when determining position statements, legislative priorities, public comment, future legislative drafts, upcoming events, social media content, continued education and strategic initiatives of the organization.

Based on the results of the survey, the following **new Advisory Groups** have been created:

- **New Graduate** (Recently graduated nurses who are in the first 3 years of their nursing career.)
- **Rural Nursing** (Nurses who work in sparsely populated and underserved geographical locations, including support for the unique challenges of rural care.)
- **Nurse Educators/Professional Development** (Ensuring the delivery of quality care to citizens by fostering and advancing the professional and educational development of nurses to the end that all people may have better nursing care.)
- **Workplace Advocacy** (Nurses interested in improving the workplace environment including areas such as violence, safe staffing and risk management.)
- **Nursing Research** (Nurses interested in all levels of healthcare-related research; health-related data collection that supports evidence-based practice and policy.)

Whether you have a mild interest, are an expert, or looking to learn more, your participation and insight will bring value and success to these groups

ANA News

“Improving Care and Access to Nurses (ICAN) Act.” was introduced in Congress on September 13th by Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) and David Joyce (R-OH). **Drafted by a coalition of nursing groups including the ANA, the “ICAN Act” would make a real difference for our patients by eliminating many of the barriers to the use of the highest-quality healthcare services provided by advanced practice registered nurses.**

Click here to [Ask your Representative to cosponsor this important legislation today!](#)

“Nurses play a critical role in our health care delivery system, often by serving as the primary source of care in many communities. This is especially true of APRNs who were able to practice at the top of their license during the height of the pandemic, due to waivers granted by Federal and state governments, and in doing so provided access to high-quality care for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients alike,” said ANA President Dr. Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN. “Modern health care requires flexibility. We cannot not be hindered by antiquated barriers to practice or petty turf wars over perceived hierarchies. The health of our patients and communities must come first. The ICAN Act means that APRNs, including nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, nurse-midwives, and clinical nurse specialists will be able to care for their patients at the fullest extent of their abilities while experiencing fewer disruptions and less interference.”

CNF Scholarships

The Colorado Nurses Foundation's mission is to advance nursing in Colorado. One of the ways we accomplish our mission is through our Scholarship Program. RNs seeking advanced education and students who have been admitted to an approved nursing program in the State of Colorado are encouraged to apply for scholarships. **This year, CNF is offering 18 scholarships totaling \$39,750.**

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who would be an appropriate recipient, please share this web page with them, and review the eligibility requirements and criteria below. If you meet the requirements, please complete the online application form. **The application window closes at the end of October.** Scholarship recipients are announced in December and the scholarships are funded in January.



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To support nurses in Colorado, please consider donating to the Colorado Nurses Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, committed to make a collective impact for diverse, inclusive, and equitable care environments for all Colorado nurses and the Coloradans they care for. All donations are utilized in full to support nursing scholarships and recognition programs through-out Colorado.

Special Addendum by Jean Schroeder, DNA 20 President

Summary of CNA Membership Meeting – October 3rd

Meeting was called to order by President - Laura Rosenthal. Agenda was approved as well as minutes from last membership meeting.

Laura discussed the work of the Membership Committee and the creation of the Nursing Advisory Committees - see CNA Weekly Update to sign up and for the list to try and get members involved with groups of nurses they have common interests. Shared about the implementation of the Town Halls this past year, working more closely with the Region Representatives and reaching out to other organizations - i.e. Public Health Nurses to increase communications with the members.

Treasurer's Report Highlights - Assets - \$755,198, \$ to DNAs and SIGS - \$131, 856 - this led to a net income at this point of \$-9,511. Only met 66% of dues goals. Changes seemed to be related to the move of use of Civica and Colleen's new role. Was a surplus of income from the educational convention last April - +\$7737. Not doubts about budget recovering and being strong this year.

Sonya Hix- Chief Administrator Report - expressed gratitude to Colleen and the Board for their support in the restructuring. Accomplishments - Advisory Boards, review of policies & procedures by the board, Town Hall meetings, Annual Conference being planned by

Committee - will be APRIL 28 & 29th in Colorado Springs - Cheyenne Mountain Resort.

New website will be rolled out soon - thanks to Pat Abbott and Nora Fluke for help. Nurses Save Lives License plate project - 100 sold.

Management Dashboard - showed charts of financial assets, yearly chart, steady growth during pandemic, but concerns now about cost of living/inflation on membership renewals. Colorado has more than 73,000 nurses, only 2000 are members of CNA. Steady growth of Revenue. Social Media presence - greater on Facebook than Twitter. Future - building relationships with other groups - CU & Public Health have joined - need more. Continue to work on key legislative issues.

Colleen & Gill Romero (Lobbyist) and sons Report - Biggest accomplishment was staffing legislation and organization are required to have set up committees by September 1st - is to be an auditing process to make sure they were set up as well as the website and complaint line. SB226 - Workforce Investment Act (Care Forward) to set up free tuition for CNA and other certificate programs and working with ACC and other community colleges. SB 210 - looking at cost of travel nurses and the agency requirements to register and report salaries and fees to the state. SB 22097 - whistle blower protection extended from 2019-2022 and beyond. Future - nursing faculty needs for nursing programs, advanced licensure protection, safe and collaborative women's health services.

Report about state and national legislators running for reelection and % of polls results and projected results. Hoping to hold House seats, and questionable about Senate seats at this point. Deciding factor in Colorado is always the independent vote. Reviewed important races in Colorado we are watching and also NPAC and who we as CNA are contributing to either financially or with support.

Election Results provided - these are posted in the Weekly CNA Update. Congratulations to those who were elected.

Please consider contributing to NPAC to support those running for election and who are supporting CNA and our mission. Hope to see lots of people at the Annual Conference in April.

Zoom Link for meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81762496463>

