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## Let's Elect Dawn to the Legislature!

by Jerri Henry

Dawn Morrell (D), an RN from Puyallup is running for a seat as a State Representative in the 25th Legislative District. Meeting with Dawn, we discussed her commitment to eliminating barriers to NP practice and enhancing our role as primary care providers. I applaud her willingness take the plunge into the chaos of the political arena in order to make a difference for nursing. As President of ARNPs United of Washington State I am asking you contact Dawn with a political contribution, an endorsement or assistance with her campaign. She needs the support of nursing to get elected...and we need someone like her to be our advocate in Olympia.

Contributions can be sent to:

The Committee to Elect Dawn Morrell  
2106 Manorwood Dr SE  
Puyallup, WA 98374

She needs a name, and address for all contributions. Also, those over \$100 she needs to report occupation, employer, and employer address. Dawn's email is DawnMRN25@aol.com.

The following is her message to us:

*Dear Nursing Colleague,*

*I am writing to ask for your support of my campaign for State Representative in the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. I am a health care professional with 18 years experience. I am an involved WSNA member serving as a local unit officer and a member of the Legislative and Health Policy Council.*

*As a Registered Nurse, I have first hand knowledge of the interconnections of family, work, community, and health. My years of professional experience have made me an accomplished communicator and negotiator. This coupled with my ability to evaluate complex issues and problem solve effectively will make me an exceptional legislator.*

*State budget, transportation and education insufficiencies affect all of us and must be addressed. As a State Legislator, I will be committed to working on solutions for these and other problems facing our state. I would like to share with you where I stand on specific nursing and health care issues.*

**Nursing Education** - Increased funding for nursing education including faculty salaries, enrollment slots to accommodate more nursing students, and more dollars directed to nursing scholarships and loan repayment programs.

**Improving Workplace Conditions for Nurses** - I testified in the State Legislature and advocated for the recent passage of a law that prohibits mandatory overtime for nurses. I have also testified on behalf of stronger protection for nurses against needlestick injuries. As a staff nurse, I understand that we must address workplace conditions in order to ensure quality patient care, attract students to the profession, and retain our experienced nurses.

**Nursing Practice** - I will fight to protect quality patient care by standing up for nursing practice issues and not allow encroachment into our profession. I also recognize that services provided by nurse practitioners and nurse anesthetists are essential to quality and access.

**Prescription Drug Coverage/Health Care Access** - I believe in the importance of prescription drug coverage. Preventive health care and dental care, especially for children, are basic to a healthy population. Access to affordable quality health care is crucial for quality of life and a productive society. Advocating for consumers and the providers of care to improve health care access will be among my top priorities.

*This will be a difficult race, but I am dedicated to devoting the necessary time, energy, and resources to win. Unfortunately, campaigns are very expensive propositions that cost tens of thousands of dollars. It is very important that I raise money early in this race to demonstrate that I have a fundraising base.*

*I need your help, your advice, your endorsement, and your financial support. Any amount you can give will be saved and spent wisely when the time comes. Please send a generous contribution to the campaign and consider signing up as a volunteer to ensure a strong nursing voice in Olympia.*

*Please feel free to contact me anytime for questions or comments. Your input is very valuable to me.*

*Warm regards,*

*Dawn Morrell, RN, BSN, CCRN*

## Volunteer Speaker Opportunity

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. An important way in which we carry out our mission is through our educational programs. The March of Dimes Washington State Chapter would like to recruit nurse practitioners as speakers for a work site prenatal health education program. Currently 20 seminars per year are being offered in Redmond. The one-hour seminars are offered at noontime and topics in-

clude planning for pregnancy, prenatal care, stress and pregnancy, and the newborn. Speakers will be provided with sections from a leader's guide as well as educational materials for seminar handouts. For more information please contact Carol Robl, health educator for the March of Dimes Washington State Chapter, at 206.624.1373, extension 22 or email [crobl@modimes.org](mailto:crobl@modimes.org).

### We Need Your Input!

by Marty Couret

As nurse practitioners in Washington we have incredible independence as providers. This independence is not shared in many other states. It is necessary that each legislative year we keep our eyes open to prevent new bills from passing that may hinder that independence. It is much easier to change a bill while it is being formed in the legislature than it is to change an existing law. However, there are still laws that restrict independent nurse practitioner practice. It is the job of the legislative committee to assess barriers and decide which ones will be addressed in the next legislative session. We need input from ARNPs across the state to let us know which issues they would like to see addressed. One way to do this is to join the ARNPs United listserve. Simply send an email to Marty Couret at [mrevrgreen@aol.com](mailto:mrevrgreen@aol.com) and ask to be added. If you have an issue you want the Legislative Committee to address, please email Marty Couret. Thank you for your support.

### Help Needed With Our Legislative Efforts

by Marty Couret

Last year was a busy year legislatively, and it appears that this year will be similar. The majority of our efforts were in support of Substitute Senate Bill 5797 to allow NPs to sign time loss and accident reports for L&I. In the end the bill did not go through. We hope to improve our efforts this year through better organization. Quite often in the legislative process there are only a few legislators holding up a bill from passing. It is helpful to have an ARNP constituent from that representative's district who will call and inquire about the setback. In order to facilitate this, ARNPs United of Washington State is making a master list of ARNPs across the state indexed by their voting district. This will allow us to contact a few ARNPs in key districts where we need support. ARNPs United has found that legislators are more inclined to help if they can put a constituent's name to a bill. In addition, we are asking other ARNP organizations in Washington to aid in the assembly of this list. If you are interested in volunteering, please write to Marty Couret, ARNPs United Legislative Chair at [mrevrgreen@yahoo.com](mailto:mrevrgreen@yahoo.com).

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### Classified Ads

#### PT ARNP/FNP Position

Solo private internal medicine/pulmonary practice in Bellevue, WA seeks P/T ARNP/FNP to help serve our patients in the office, hospital and nursing home setting as well as share call. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to become established in Bellevue and to partner in "growing" the practice. Work in unison with a supportive doctor who wants to help you grow. Hours are part time (25 to 30 hours) per week to start and leading to full-time. Exp. preferred but willing to train the right person. Salary: DOE plus benefits. Requirements: Licensed WA state practitioner, prescriptive privileges. Be team-oriented yet independent and sensitive/compassionate to patient needs. Fax or e-mail resume & references to Suzanne Lee, Eastside Pulmonary Assoc. 425.455.0076 or [Marmorstein@qwest.net](mailto:Marmorstein@qwest.net).

#### Nurse Practitioner A.R.N.P

Listed by Planned Parenthood of Central Washington

#### Description

Planned Parenthood of Central Washington is recruiting for Clinician candidates to provide the highest level of care to clients of our reproductive health care clinics. Busy, team-oriented environment. Full-Time 37.5 hrs/wk. Full benefit package. Requirements: Licensed Washington State Practitioner. Prescriptive authority preferred. Experience in women's health care desirable. Ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing. Ability to respond sensitively to clients of all ages, lifestyles and ethnic origins and function in a supportive, nonjudgmental manner, Bi-lingual a plus. Possible relocation allowance. Salary DOE

**Pay Unit:** Hourly

**Duration:** Full Time, Over 150 Days

**Hours Per Week:** 37

**Number of Openings:** 1

#### How To Apply

To apply for this job, contact: Jodie Oquist, Human Resources, 208 N. 3rd Ave., Yakima, WA 98902, 509.248.3628, [oquistj@ppcentwa.org](mailto:oquistj@ppcentwa.org).

**Employer's Job#:** 2002-09

**ARNPs Wanted in Arlington & Bremerton**

**The Lantern Group Inc.** provides comprehensive mental health services to skilled nursing facilities. Hiring ARNPs with psychiatric medication expertise for geriatric population in skilled nursing facility in Arlington & Bremerton, one day per week. Programs are in place with signed orders and consents. Medicare B, Medicaid, and Secondary insurance billings provided. Call Dr. Bruce Leksa at 206.LANTERN (526.8376).

**Family/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner  
Public Health – Seattle & King County**

Join our team of dedicated, experienced ARNPs who provide reproductive health care to a medically underserved, culturally diverse population. This job requires strong theory and clinical experience. Includes teen walk-in clinics, male and female clients. Located in Federal Way and Renton. Requires BSN and ARNP with prescriptive authority, knowledge of current contraception, family planning, STD management and microscopy skills. Beneficial and temporary positions available. Please send resume to Mary Fatica at Fax # 206 205 5670 or call 206 296 4117. We value diversity in our workforce. E.O.E.

**Regional Director of Clinician Services - ARNP**

PPWW has built a reputation for the highest standards in reproductive healthcare, and as an advocate for Choice. PPWW is recruiting for candidates who share our pursuit of professionalism and support of the Mission.

This is a great employment opportunity for a highly skilled, enthusiastic individual to co-lead the clinician care within 17 clinic sites throughout Western WA. Qualified applicants will have strong creative and strategic thinking abilities, knowledge of global trends in nursing management, recruitment and retention as well as quality improvement and demonstrated knowledge of scope of practice rules and regulations. Exceptional leadership, interpersonal, communication, team-building, coaching and motivational skills needed to provide leadership to the ARNP staff. Completion of an accredited NP school, prescriptive authority, & current WA State licensure required.

The applicant selected for this position may be eligible for a **\$5,000** sign on bonus. To apply, submit your cover letter & resume to (206) 328-6818; email [jobs@ppww.org](mailto:jobs@ppww.org); or mail to PPWW/HR, 2001 E. Madison, Seattle, WA 98122. PPWW offers an excellent salary and benefits package. Learn more about us, [www.ppww.org](http://www.ppww.org). EOE.

**Clinicians – PT & FT**

PPWW has built a reputation for the highest standards in reproductive healthcare, and as an advocate for Choice. PPWW is recruiting for candidates who share our pursuit of professionalism and support of the Mission.

We have several opportunities! Current WA State RN & WHNP/CNM licenses, prescriptive authority & 1+ yr women's health care exp also req.

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**Office Space for Rent**

Therapist's office available for rent in the Wallingford area of Seattle. Available May 1, 2002. If interested, please contact Dr. Elaine Gowell at 206.781.0839.

**Product Announcement****Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.**

Nurse practitioners, would you have used an attorney in the past few years for anything, including getting a will, if someone else would have paid **ALL** or **PART** of the bill? As a nurse practitioner, I know that legal situations occur all the time. Many of us are not aware that this type of coverage exists. With a **low monthly fee of \$16**, you will finally have peace of mind. Imagine having an attorney answer your questions about family or job-related legal situations, writing a letter or making a phone call to help you resolve a dispute, or having an attorney represent you, your spouse, or children in traffic court. You can also have a comprehensive will written to protect your family, and you can update it yearly at no charge. You will never have to sign a contract without first having your attorney review it first. For more information please call Karen McPherson toll free at (877) 501-9637 or visit our website at [www.legalplaninfo.com](http://www.legalplaninfo.com).

**CE Opportunities****Occupational Hazards Health Care  
Workers Conference**

July 31-Aug 1, 2002, 10th Conference on Occupational Hazards to Health Care Workers, Seattle, WA. More than 8 million US workers are employed in the health care industries, and that number is growing. These workers, who care for the sick and injured, are themselves exposed to a wide variety of hazards on their job.

Experts will present a series of platform sessions and interactive workshops with up-to-date information on the best ways to protect health care workers in a variety of health care settings.

Topics include: Policies for Protecting Health Care Workers, NIOSH Research Agenda, Putting Research and Policy into Practice, Lifting Programs in Hospitals and Nursing Homes, Tracking and Preventing Needlestick Injuries, Workplace Violence: Risk Factors and Prevention Strategies, Cost Benefit Analysis, Safe Handling of Dangerous Drugs, Preventing Chemical Exposures, Glove Selection, Health Care Workers and the Law, and Handling and Disposal of Medical Waste. Professional credit available (7.1 CNE contact hours). Cost: \$250 on or before July 10, 2002; \$325 after July 10, 2002. For more information, call (206) 543-1069, view <http://depts.washington.edu/ehce> or email [ce@u.washington.edu](mailto:ce@u.washington.edu).

**Nurse Foot Care Training Program**

October 18-19, 2002, at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, a comprehensive foot care seminar will be held. The seminar is sponsored by the Washington State Podiatric Medical Association and includes 16 hours of classroom and an additional 16 hours of clinical, in office, practicum. For more information, contact:  
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**Healthy Humor**

Q: What part of a fish weighs the most?  
A: The scales!

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