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Presidents Corner

by Ted Ritter

Well things are progressing with Prescriptive Authority. There may need to be a few changes but overall we should be able to achieve our goals. There have been some discussions with WSNA concerning our relationship and we will continue with these. Hopefully we will have the misunderstandings ironed out and have a new contract.

I have finally reached the cyber age and have an E-mail address for those of you who wish to contact me. It is B1gch1ef@aol.com. I would love to hear from you and if I can get my kids off line I may even get back to you.

We will have a Board Meeting this month and a synopsis will be forthcoming. Keep up the good work and keep those checks coming!

Legislative Update

by Tracy Lin, ARNP, Legislative Chair and Gail Toraason McGaffick, JD, ARNPs United Lobbyist

The 1997 Legislature convenes on January 13, and is constitutionally mandated to last 105 days, adjourning on April 27. It is considered a "long" session because it's the year when the biennial budget is written. One hundred and five days may seem like a long time, but when you consider that thousands of bills will be introduced, and hundreds will be considered, it will be a very busy winter and spring.

Budget Information. It is estimated that Washington State will have a \$1 billion surplus by the end of the 1997-99 biennium, if no new funds are spent. Washington State has an extremely robust economy thanks to Boeing, Microsoft, etc. Restrictions on spending new state dollars comes from Initiative 601 which limits total budget growth, as well as Republicans' preference for tax relief, such as reductions in B & O and property taxes.

For the \$600 million which is not subject to the I-601 limit, Democrats will be advocating to bolster the Health Services Account, which funds the Basic Health Plan (BHP). The BHP has been so successful that it now has a "reservation" list in excess of 50,000 persons. In addition, Governor Locke is expected to advocate for cost of living increases for state employees and teachers.

Health Care Committee Members. Chairing the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee will be Senator Alex Deccio of Yakima. Joining Senator Deccio as committee members will be Senators Wood, Benton, Strannigan, Wojahn, Fairley, and Franklin. The House

Health Care Committee will continue to be chaired by Representative Phil Dyer. Other committee members will include Representatives Backland, Skinner, Parlette, Sherstad, Zellinsky, Cody, Conway, Murray, Anderson, and an appointment from the 35th district.

Completion of Prescriptive Authority. As you know from reading your recent newsletters, the major

WSNA Legislative Day

Don't forget to put February 3, 1997 on your calendar. We respectfully request your presence in Olympia to assist with our advocacy efforts.

issue for ARNPs United this session is completion of prescriptive authority to include Schedules II through IV. We are now beginning the most challenging stage of the process. A new Legislature with many new players needs to be educated about the merits of our issue. Our work is a partnership. Grassroots outreach in legislators' home districts combine with lobbying efforts in Olympia. Each needs the other.

December's prescriptive authority mailing was designed to assist you in contacting legislators and building support in your local area. Don't forget to mail in your Legislative Contact Sheets. We need to know what legislators have been contacted and the outcome of these meetings. If you were unable to talk personally with your legislators in December, please set up an evening or weekend appointment when they are back in the district during the early part of the session. For those of you who live within driving distance of Olympia, please make time to meet with your legislators at the Capital. The Olympia phone numbers can be obtained by calling the Legislative Bill Room at 360.786.7573 or the Legislative Hotline at 800.562.6000. Also, please keep in touch with allies to make sure they have followed through with letters of support. Important allies are physicians, pharmacists, health care administrators or patients who are willing to indicate their support. Please be certain that we receive copies of letters of support. Also, if you are aware of any allies who are willing to testify, please let us know.

Senator Alex Deccio, Chair of the Senate Health and Long-Term Care committee has indicated that he will give us a hearing in February. As soon as our legislation is introduced, we will let you know the number. Your other alternative is to call the Legislative Bill room at the number listed above, after January 20 (our best estimate), and you should be able to obtain the bill number as well as order a copy of the legislation.

E-mail and Fax Trees. Don't forget, ARNPs United is building an E-mail/Fax tree in order to provide you with the latest information as well as request your assistance in contacting legislators, as our legislation progresses through the process. If you haven't already done so, please contact Sally Plumly via E-mail at: au-legtree@nurse.org or call her at: 206.884.4158. Please provide your specialty as well as your name. Thank you.

Other Issues. In addition to advocating for completion of prescriptive authority, ARNPs United will be closely monitoring all legislation for its impact on ARNP practice. If there is a particular issue area you are interested in and you would like to offer your expertise in bill reading or issue analysis in this area to ARNPs United, please contact Legislative Chair, Tracy Lin at 206.759.9640 or E-mail at: tlin@wolfenet.com. Thanks to all of you who are making the commitment to ARNPs United through your membership dues, special donations and grassroots activities. And finally, thanks to Sharon Case, Lobbyist for AAPPN, for permission to use portions of her recent article for AAPPN on completion of prescriptive authority.

ARNPs United Affiliation Agreement With WSNA

ARNPs United has negotiated in good faith with WSNA for the past four years to maintain what we felt was an important relationship between these state organizations. While we were not always in perfect agreement, compromises were reached allowing the two organizations to work together.

Those of you who are ARNPs United and WSNA members recently received a letter from WSNA dated November 8, 1996. This letter stated the affiliation status between these two groups had expired.

This letter came as surprise to the Board of ARNPs United since a letter received from WSNA in early October and reviewed in our last Board meeting led us to assume the last agreement made would continue if we responded by a certain date. Our response was sent,

prior to the WSNA stated deadline, expressing our desire to continue, our affiliate relationship as it stood.

Ted Ritter, President of ARNPs United, is currently negotiating with WSNA in hopes of re-establishing a contract to maintain our affiliate relationship. It is our hope that this will be able to happen. We value and recognize the importance of **Nurses Working Together**. We hope WSNA also shares this belief.

Editors note: Please read the following article for more detail.

Letter to SNPA Board from ARNPs United

by Ted Ritter, President

I spoke to Ken Rinehart at length in December about some concerns of your organization. First let me acknowledge that your concerns are real and without better communication between all of us rumors and misinformation tends to take the place of truth.

We do have a very detailed budget and financial statement. We know where every penny has gone for the past two years. Before that I'm afraid that we were not as efficient, mostly because we were dependent on our parent organization for information that we did not always receive.

Now to the big issue. We were just as surprised as you when the letter from WSNA was issued stating that we no longer had a contract. I believe that the chronology is important.

We received a letter from Judy Lyons, President of WSNA in early October stating that if ARNPs United did not respond by October 31, 1996 that they would assume we were no longer interested in continuing our affiliative agreement and operational contract. This came as a surprise because the Board of AU were of the understanding that if there were no problems the contract would automatically renew with the consent of both sides and not need to be renegotiated. We were not aware of any problems with the agreement. We had none and WSNA never communicated to us that they had any.

The Board of AU met on October 24, 1996 and unanimously agreed that we wished to continue with the contract. I personally contacted our liaison with the WSNA Board during the annual conference and asked him to relay to the Board that we had every intention of continuing the contract and in fact, we would ask that it be extended to a full year rather than the current 6 months. He agreed to do this. I also faxed a letter to Judy Lyons and Nancy Lear at WSNA on October 28, informing them of our Boards decision. Very shortly afterward

I learned from multiple sources, some connected to WSNA, that the contract was being voided. There were various reasons given. Then as you all know the letter

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from WSNA was sent stating essentially that we no longer wanted a contract. All I can say is that the Board of AU acted in good faith based upon the **only** communication we received from WSNA. I had a conversation with Judy Lyons on Thanksgiving day and she relayed to me, for the first time, some concerns of her Board. These included their perception that we were not pushing WSNA membership as aggressively as they think we should.

There were some other concerns about the Board of AU not all being members of WSNA. On this point I told her it is not a negotiable issue. She has promised to send me a list of her concerns soon and I have agreed that I and other members of my Board will meet with her to discuss the issues and negotiate a contract. The next WSNA Board meeting is in February.

For the record let me state that I personally, and the other members of my Board strongly support WSNA and encourage as many of our members who are able to become members. It is unfortunate that we have had this disagreement but this can be resolved.

I hope I have answered your questions. Don't hesitate to ask others.

Products of Interest

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ARNP for Western WA

Planned Parenthood of Western WA is seeking clinicians to work on a per diem basis in all our Western WA clinics: King, Pierce, Snohomish, Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties. Positions require current WA State RN and ARNP (WHNP, FNP, Adult NP or CNM) licenses and 1+ years women's health care experience. Mail CV/Resume to PPWW/HR, 2211 E Madison, Seattle, WA 98112. EOE.

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- ◆ Neonatal Drug Therapy, 02/13/97
- ◆ Pediatric Drug Therapy, 03/19/97
- ◆ Geriatric Drug Therapy, 04/16/97
- ◆ Adult Drug Therapy, 05/08/97
- ◆ Women's Health Drug Therapy, 05/22/97
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Location: Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA for the Neonatal Drug Therapy (02/13/97) course only, all other courses will be held at the Shoreline Conference Center, Seattle, WA. Contact Continuing Nursing Educa-

tion, University of Washington, PO Box 357260, Seattle, WA 98195, phone: 206.543.1047.

Basic Colposcopy

February 26-28, 1997. Location: Seattle, WA. 20.5 hours (P) and 25.2 contact hours (pharm hours available). CME Solutions, LLC for information or to register, contact Karen Taylor, 206.865.9005, fax: 206.865.0616.

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March 28-29, 1997. Location: Bellevue Community College Upper Campus, Bellevue, WA. This workshop enables the clinician to assess and manage wounds as presented in the office or clinic. Fee \$160. Call Bellevue Community College CNE at 206.641.2012 for more information.

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April 11, 1997. Location: Seattle, WA. 8.0 hours (P) and 9.8 contact hours (pharm hours available). CME Solutions, LLC for information or to register, contact Karen Taylor, 206.865.9005, fax: 206.865.0616.

Gynecology Review

June 5-6, 1997. Location: Seattle, WA. 14.5 hours (P) and 14.8 contact hours (pharm hours available). CME Solutions, LLC for information or to register, contact Karen Taylor, 206.865.9005, fax: 206.865.0616.

Reproductive Health '97

November 13-16, 1997. Location: Hyatt Regency Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ. This meeting will be held in conjunction with Planned Parenthood Federation of America and cosponsored by the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health. Lecture style sessions focus on recent advance in cancer prevention and detection, changes in diagnosis of STDs, issues surrounding primary care, new developments in medical abortion and contraception and other issues related to reproductive health. ARHP is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The credit hours earned will be in Category One of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

Adolescent Reproductive Health '97

November 21-23, 1997. Location: Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, McLean, VA. Lecture style sessions focus on the health care needs of teens, adolescent health care challenges, adolescent sexuality, long-acting contraceptives, teens and media, and teens and AIDS. ARHP is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The credit hours earned will be in Category One of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

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