Kansas School Nurse Organization
NASN Board of Director's Report
by Chris Tuck

It was my great honor to represent Kansas School Nurse Organization and the great school nurses in Kansas at the NASN Board of Directors meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, January 29th - February 1st, 2011. The winter board meeting included a full day of leadership training, the official board of directors board meeting and visits to Capitol Hill to meet with our personal legislators. Along with the excitement came a historical snow storm impacting 1/3 of the entire country, which made my travel back home a day longer than planned, but also provided me the opportunity to take some extra time to visit with our legislative offices. In Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins office I met with Emily Mueller, legislative assistant, a home town girl from Overland Park, who attended the Shawnee Mission schools. In Senator Roberts office I met with Jennifer Roberts, health policy advisor from Colorado and Chelsea Chaney, Legislative Correspondent, from Independence, Kansas. Finally I had the privilege of meeting with Senator Jerry Moran, in person, as well as his legislative assistant Brian Perkins, who is from Wichita! Legislative issues were discussed based on NASN Legislative platform, as well as specific issues impacting Kansas school nurses. (See Legislative information on pgs. 1-2 of this report). The following information provides Kansas school nurses with a synopsis of the great work that NASN and KSNO and their board of directors are doing for school nurses across the country and abroad.

- 14 new directors were installed to begin their 4-year tenure on the board representing the following states (AL, CT, KS, KY, LA, ME, MA, MN, NH, OSHNA, RI, VT, WA, WV)

- Strategic Committee Assignments were made for all directors - I am assigned to the Research committee which encompasses research priorities and directed research topics, revisions of assigned position statements, conference and poster awards task force, and research awards and grant committee assignments. This committee will also review and revise NASN's Board Handbook "How2" worksheets.

- **Membership**: Kansas has 149 members (2008 - 243, in 2009, 153) so our numbers are staying consistent. NASN has had a 9% increase in members over the past 12 months, and are now focusing on retaining members. In 2010, there were 4,352 lapsed members, so this is an area of focus for the next year.

- **Legislative Activities** -
  - Health reform became law on March 23, 2010, which increases children's access to care.
  - On December 13, 2010, President Obama signed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act into law. This bipartisan bill makes the most significant improvements to the child nutrition programs in decades, providing $4.5 billion (over ten years) in new funding, without adding a cent to the federal deficit. NASN and local school nurses were instrumental in the passage of the bill through sign-on letters and emails and phone calls to the Hill.
  - NASN continues to work with National Alliance of Pupil Services Organizations on influencing the House Education and Labor Committee to incorporate the terminology of "specialized support services personnel" in the education bills that are being advanced. The language was included in the draft ECSA reauthorization bill and it appeared in the Graduation for all Act bill, the Positive Behavior for Safe and Effective Schools Act bill, and the Reducing Barriers to Learning Act bill.
Let's Move Initiative/Campaign - The White House Domestic Policy Office and the First Lady's office has been in regular communication regarding school nurses' roles in the prevention of childhood obesity. NASN is in the process of updating various action items related to "Let's Move" and will be communicating them to the White House officials.

2011 Legislative Priorities -

- The Student-to-School Nurse Ratio Improvement Act of 2009 was introduced into the House and the Senate during the 111th Congress. A version of the bill was also included in the House health care reform bill. The Act would create a pilot grant program allowing federal assistance for states most in need of improving their ratio. all students should be able to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting. Current reality is that although students today have greater medical needs than in past generations, caseload assignments for nurses vary greatly throughout the U.S. and within states. NASN in asking Members of Congress to become co-sponsors of the new bills when they are reintroduced in the 112th Congress by Representative Carolyn McCarthy in the House and Senator Chuck Schumer in the Senate. Member support of this critical piece of legislation will work towards ensuring that all students' health needs are addressed.

- As the congress continues to work on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and prepares for the reauthorization of IDEA, NASN requests the inclusion of specialized instructional support personnel throughout legislative language. As essential members of specialized instructional support personnel, school nurses are serving as a critical link to school success for many students. Having specialized instructional support personnel included in reauthorizing laws would pave the way for the creation of a National School Nurse/Coordinated School Health position within the leadership ranks of the U.S. Department of Education. Such a position would help guide the implementation of necessary health services for all students, including the increasing number of disabled students and students with chronic health conditions.

- The lack of paid sick days has become a public health concern. More than forty million private-sector workers (38%) do not have access to paid, job-protected time off to recover from a common illness like the flu - and millions more lack paid, job-protected sick time to care for a sick child or close family member. And among workers in the lowest income bracket, 81% do not have a single paid sick day. In a study of mothers, 40% whose children had asthma and 36% whose children had other chronic diseases did not have paid sick days. School nurses know that now is a critical time for making paid sick days a reality, given the rapid spread of flu and other illnesses in schools. The need is clearly essential for the economic survival of families and for obvious public health reasons. Member support is requested when the Healthy Families Act is reintroduced in the House and Senate.

For more information about NASN Legislative Activities visit:
• **Position Statements** - NASN is in the process of revising many of their outdated documents, and have assigned each committee/task force with revisions of verbiage and references starting with most outdated to most current.
  ◦ *Concept Only* - Topic approved by the board for revision or development by assigned committee, with drafts being written and submitted to Sally Schoessler (NASN) for final edits. All position statements will be posted on the NASN website, when finalized.
    ▪ Role of UAP in School Setting
    ▪ Epinephrine - Role of School Nurse in stock epinephrine for non-specific student administration
    ▪ Concussion - the Role of the School Nurse
    ▪ Child Death Review Data specific for schools
    ▪ Self-Administration of Rescue Inhalers for Asthma in the School Setting
    ▪ Emergency Preparedness
    ▪ Role of the School Nurse
  ◦ *Final Approval* - Final edits in progress
    ▪ Pediculosis
    ▪ Infectious Disease
    ▪ Corporal Punishment
    ▪ School Based Health Centers
All position statements will be posted on the NASN website, once final revisions are complete, as well as will be featured in the NASN School Nurse newsletter under the editorial leadership of Cindy Galemore, from Olathe school district, and the current Professional Standards Chair/Nominating Committee member for KSNO.

• **Action Items - (including Amendments to Standing Rules)**
  ◦ Approved 2011-2012 Proposed Budget
  ◦ Approved NASN School Nurse Advisory and Editorial Board standing rule
  ◦ Approved awards for "Conference Poster Presentation Awards and Friends of NASN"
  ◦ Combined Ethics Advisory Committee/Audit Committee
  ◦ Added category for "Outstanding Special Needs School Nursing Award"
  ◦ Approved NBCSN and NASSNC liaison may attend open sessions of the board of directors

• **NASN upcoming health education and projects:**
  ◦ Food Allergy Tool Kit
  ◦ School Nurse Disaster Tool Kit
  ◦ Creation of a two videos on training for school staff who refer to or check compliance on vaccination status of students
  ◦ Investigate an opportunity to work with Elsevier to develop a full series of training videos on school nursing practice and school health tasks
  ◦ Several CEs on website
• **NASNs new textbooks:**
  ◦ FA Davis Colyar's Well-Child Pediatric Assessment - Feb. 2011
  ◦ IEP goals book - due fall 2011
  ◦ School Nurse Protocols by Cindy Devore, - Oct. 2011
  ◦ Documentation Guidelines - Deb Ilardi - spring 2011
  ◦ Mental Health - awaiting NASP input on author
  ◦ Delegation of Care - Denise Hermann, - Oct. 2011
  ◦ "Comedy Book" - When the Bell Rings: volume 2 - March 2011
  ◦ Managing Weight - May 2011
  ◦ Disaster Preparedness Guidelines - March 2011
  ◦ 100 Conditions chart - Cindy Galemore, Feb. 2011
  ◦ Administrators Book - Carol Constante, Summer 2012
  ◦ Public Health Book - Naomi Ervin - late fall of 2011

• NBSCN - 406 school nurses took the certification exam in 2010 and 269 (66%) passed. 413 school nurses renewed their certification in 2010. **March 19th, 2011 - Certified Nurses Day**

• **Membership Survey** will be online this spring

• School Nurse of the Year (SNOY) & School Nurse Administrator of the Year (SNAY) - NASN is no longer choosing a national School Nurse of the Year and school Administrator of the Year, but will recognize one nurse in each category from each affiliate. The NASN Director must complete the nomination on-line by March 1st, 2011. The School Nurse Administrator of the Year is the same process.

• **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** - 43rd annual conference in Washington, DC. June 29th - July 3rd.
  ◦ Hotel - Washington Marriott Wardman Park hotel - $206 single/$235 double
  ◦ Registration - $470 for full days conference
  ◦ Main Events -
    ▪ Visit to the Capitol to meet our legislators - June 30th
    ▪ Endowment Event - After the Hill: An Independence R&R Evening: will take place at the hotel after the day at the hill - Party will feature food, beverages, and fun including DJ, Karaoke, dancing and the opportunity to star in a dancing video. And enjoy an adjacent quieter space for relaxing conversation with friends and enjoying board games. Ticket price is $89 and includes $35 donation to Endowment. R.E.D. Team (Raising Endowment Dollars) large T/sleep shirts are available for pre-order with ticket reservation! School Health Corporation will provide a $1500 check to the affiliate (only the Missouri school nurses have ever won this award) who collects the largest amount and $500 donation for the affiliate (last year was Oregon) who has the most innovative idea for endowment funding  (Spirit of Chicago Endowment - $27,654.23; Boston $10,410.45)
    ▪ Silent auction - Purses ($5813 Chicago; $3234 Boston)
• **Live Nursing Continuing Education (NCE) Programs**
  ◦ Managing Students with Seizures (since 2005 - 6162 participants)
  ◦ Disaster Preparedness for School Nurses Program (program being revised)
  ◦ School Emergency Triage Training (since 2008 - 1052 participants)
  ◦ Helping Administer to the Needs of the Student with diabetes in School - (since 2007 - 7200 participants)
  ◦ Managing Asthma Triggers (MATII) - (since 2003 - 4235 participants)
  ◦ School Nurse Childhood Obesity Prevention Education (SCOPE) - (since 2006 - 3700 participants)

• **Online Tool Kits**
  ◦ Don't Get Sidelined by the Flu
  ◦ Tools for Schools
  ◦ Get SMART About Meningitis
  ◦ Give Your Kids a Boost - Whooping Cough Prevention Education Program

• **Campaigns**
  ◦ Voices of Meningitis
  ◦ Give Your Kids a Boost
  ◦ SCRATCH
  ◦ Don't Get Sidelined by the flu
  ◦ Tools for Schools

• **Other Programs/Projects Under Development**
  ◦ Managing and Preventing Diabetes and Weight Gain (MAP) - 5 yr cooperative agreement with the CDC Program to Promote Diabetes Education Strategies in Minority Communities: National Diabetes Education Program ended in Feb. 2010, so the dissemination of findings from this project through written publication continues as a focus.
  ◦ Virginia Commonwealth University - developing online Nursing Continuing Education modules for dissemination by NASN.
  ◦ Mental and Emotional health Issues - NASN joined and established a partnership with the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) in May 2008, which continues to expand. NASN is collaborating with NASP on a new book on depression.

• **NASN Elections** will be online this year - Electronic voting - March 15th - April 15th
  ◦ President elect - Beverly Hine - New Mexico; Carolyn Duff - South Carolina
  ◦ Secretary/Treasurer - Carmen Teskey - Minnesota; Susan Luethold - Texas
  ◦ Nominating Committee - Janice Doyle - Washington; Donna Kosiorowski – Connecticut
• National School Nurse Day - May 2011 - Theme - "Vision, Voice, Visibility: Setting Sail Toward Healthy Horizons"

• 2011 Ratio Ruler is updated - Kansas ranks #13. Our recent survey conducted by KSNO Board will validate the accuracy of the data presented to NASN by KSDE and KDHE.

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FEBRUARY 2, 2011 VISITS TO CAPITOL HILL

Senator Jerry Moran
Senator Moran and Chris Tuck

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins
Emily Mueller (Legislative Assistant) & Chris

Senator Pat Roberts
Chelsea Chaney (Legislative Correspondent) Lt Chris Tuck - Center Jennifer Boyer (Health Policy Advisor) Rt