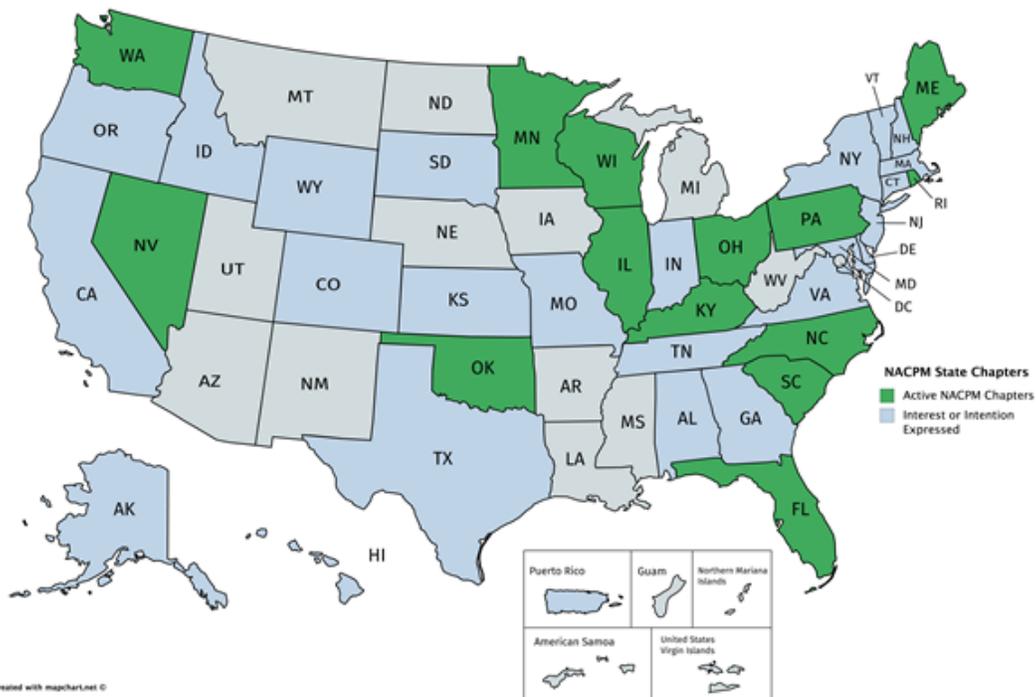


Greetings from the NACPM Chapter community!

We have many exciting Chapter updates including our new Google+ community platform for connecting and resource-sharing among chapters, our anti-racism and equity chapter collaboration calls, and updates from several different states about the work they're doing. Our chapter network is ever-growing, and the map below shows that in addition to our 14 active chapters, midwives from 24 additional states have expressed an interest in chapter formation. Some of those states have begun the formation process, and others are simply exploring the possibility within their local communities. We'd love to connect you with others who are interested in chapter formation in your state! Please reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org for more information. Our goal is to have 20 active chapters by 2018, and we would love for your state to be one of them!





Keisha Goode,
Ph.D.

The October collaboration call "**Toward Equity-Grounded State Midwifery Leadership: A Conversation**" marked the beginning of the Chapter Collaboration Call Equity Series. Registrants received preparatory materials to read and explore before the call, which helped everyone to enter the conversation with some common ground. NACPM board member, **Keisha Goode, Ph.D.**, punctuated her compelling presentation with opportunities for personal reflection in response to guiding questions. Participants submitted their thoughts, comments, and questions through the chat feature, and these were then used to spark live discussion at the end of the call.

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Chapter Updates

Each NACPM chapter is unique, and it can take time to create the right moment for chapter formation and to discern the focus for newly formed chapters. Midwives in **Idaho** and **Alaska** have officially begun the work of chapter formation, and in **Connecticut**, after years of discussing chapter formation, the midwives voted unanimously in favor of starting a chapter after Mary Lawlor went for a "**Home Visit.**" These visits are an opportunity for NACPM leadership to hear from midwives about their hopes and vision for a chapter and to share with them about the national picture for CPMs and the role that state chapters can play in unifying our profession.

Would you like to plan an NACPM Home Visit in your state? We love learning about each state's unique landscape, answering questions, and sharing about the national perspective and unfolding directions for Certified Professional Midwives. Reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org to schedule your Home Visit.



Corina Fitch, CPM, secretary of the Florida Chapter of NACPM reports "This has been a ground breaking year for Florida midwives due to legislative threats that we were faced with as well as a need for reorganization. The founding of our Florida Chapter was in direct response to both of these situations. FL NACPM focused its efforts this year on educating the midwifery community about the many benefits of joining the chapter, outreach for membership, and fundraising for our lobbyist fund. We labored collaboratively with the Midwives Association of

Florida to put together a state midwifery conference in August.

We look forward to increasing membership in the coming year, along with continued fundraising efforts and providing opportunities for continuing education for midwives."



Ellie Daniels, CPM, board member of the Maine Association of CPMs, board President of NACPM, reports on the Maine Perinatal Quality Collaborative Symposium "Collaboration in Action":



Three years ago in Maine, an unlikely collaboration was formed. Five organizations who had never imagined themselves sitting at the same table all together agreed to come together for the purposes of writing a licensing law for Certified Professional Midwives. These organizations consisted of the Maine Section of ACOG, the Maine Association of CPMs, the Maine Medical Association, the Maine Chapter of ACNM, and the Maine Chapter of AWHHON (perinatal nurses). The first agreements reached were related to how we would do our work, which was facilitated and by consensus. And from there, we went forward, meeting every two weeks, mostly in person, with many of us traveling an hour or more.

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April Kline, CPM, President of Ohio NACPM reports, "This year, we have focused on the first of our objectives as a professional chapter, offering CEU opportunities on nutrition and other relevant topics. We have also built a trusted circle of midwives for regular peer review which is offered at every quarterly meeting as well as by phone as requested. We are pleased with how our first year has unfolded and look forward to a new year to grow our chapter and continue our good work."



Christy Santoro, CPM, President of the Pennsylvania Association of CPMs reports on their chapter's activities around anti-racism and equity in



midwifery:

Childbirth in the Shadow of the American Dream

On Sunday, October 16th, 2017, the Pennsylvania Association of Certified Professional Midwives hosted a Film Screening Fundraiser and discussion of *The American Dream*, directed by Paolo Patruno. *The American Dream* is a documentary that only begins to touch the surface of the maternal health crisis. The documentary allowed for the sharing and hearing the stories of Black mothers and their hospital experiences during prenatal, delivery and postpartum that are violent and disempowering.

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Korina Pubanz, CPM, Board member of the Wisconsin Chapter of NACPM reports, "As a new chapter in WI the beginning of the year was focused on finding a rhythm with meeting times, working on communication platforms for our meetings and figuring out ways to reach out to our midwifery community. One of our chapter goals right now is turning a focus toward providing regular educational opportunities. We are currently working on an educational event coming up in the late winter of 2018! This class will be a focus on anatomy assessment and suturing with MEAC approved credits."



North Carolina and South Carolina NACPM Chapters hosted their second annual Carolina Birth Junkies Retreat this summer.

Christine Strothers, CPM, board member of the North Carolina Association of CPMS, and **Lori Gibson, CPM**, President of the South Carolina Chapter of NACPM, served as co-organizers for this event. Lori described the retreat as "another amazing weekend full of eagerness to delve deeper into Midwifery, relationships and self." In addition to the educational workshops, they added recreational activities this year including kayaking, red tent temple, and a couples session on how to keep a marriage strong while doing birth



Christine Strothers

work. They also had a VBAC panel and breech case studies, which both got great reviews. With a total of 27 attendees



Lori Gibson

over the course of the weekend, Christine said, "I think the balance of fun/team building with educational sessions was just right - lots of learning but also lots of time to relax and connect with other birth workers. Spending the whole weekend on an island really brings folks together."

The retreat brought in \$500 profit for each of the two chapters, and the South Carolina state association, PALM, sponsored several student midwives to attend at a reduced rate. Next year, they will have Karen Strange back for NRP plus many other exciting sessions. All are invited, so keep an eye out for next year's Carolina Birth Junkies Retreat hosted by the North Carolina and South Carolina Chapter of NACPM!

Chapter Collaboration Call: Save the date

Chapter leaders and members, please save the date for our next **Chapter Collaboration Call** on Monday **December 11th from 1:30-3:00 ET**. Watch your inbox for more information including the recording of our October call on creating equitable state midwifery organizations, which we will be building on in December.



If you do not yet have an NACPM Chapter in your state and would like to join these important conversations, please contact Susan Smartt Cook, CPM at chapters@nacpm.org to learn more about the Chapter Program. We would love to hear from you!

NEW WEBINAR: Midwifery Charting: Research Findings to Inform Practice

Join us on **Monday, December 4, 2017** from 1:30 - 3:00 pm ET for a webinar with **Courtney Everson, PhD** and **Gina Gerboth, MPH, RM, CPM, IBCLC**.

Accurate charting is a critical midwifery skill. This webinar is based on lessons learned during the 4.0 MANA Stats Validation project in conjunction with emerging best practices in charting for health professionals. We will cover recommendations, skills, and tools that will help midwives to improve charting efficiency, clarity, and consistency. Resulting improvements in charting can help support validation projects for perinatal data registries, protect midwives and clients during courses of care, and advance midwifery professionalism and interprofessional relationships.

Courtney Everson, PhD is a Medical Anthropologist and Dean of Graduate Studies at Midwives College of Utah, where she teaches a full two-credit online course on the Principles of Evidence-Informed Practice which is available to non-students through their continuing education program. She is Director of Research Education for the MANA Division of Research, a member



of the MEAC Board of Directors, and Research Working Group member of the Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health.

Gina Gerboth, MPH, RM, CPM, IBCLC has been practicing midwifery since 2010 and has a busy home birth practice in Denver, Colorado.

She received her Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health in December of 2015 from the Colorado School of Public Health, which is an educational consortium through University of Colorado, Colorado State University, and University of Northern Colorado. During her graduate program, she participated in the 4.0 MANA Stats validation project for her practicum. She began teaching and developing curricula at Midwives College of Utah during the summer of 2016. Additionally, she has been an IBCLC since 2008. Prior to this work, she was a Policy Analyst for the US Department of Agriculture, Congressional Aide, and a freelancer in the publishing industry.



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CPM Symposium

Your opportunity to weigh in on the critical issues facing childbearing people and midwives is coming soon. Watch your email this next month for a survey designed by the Symposium Program Team to capture your thoughts about priority topics and speakers. The symposium is not like your typical meeting or conference. It's an opportunity to gather the CPM community and other maternity care stakeholders to engage in a process that includes presentations, small group activities, and large group visioning - in short, to plan together for the future of the profession! Get in on the ground floor: your engagement with the CPM Symposium 2018 will begin with this survey which will inform the next steps of the planning. Let your voice be heard and help shape this important event.

SAVE THE DATE! CPM SYMPOSIUM 2018!
May 11-13, 2018
Potomac, Maryland

Join the conversation about the urgent needs of childbearing people in the U.S. and how CPMs can grow and change to better serve more families. We will hear from families from a broad range of demographics and from public health researchers regarding what most concerns them about quality of care available today. We will examine the disproportionate burden of infant and

maternal mortality in communities of color, the challenges we face as obstetric workforce shortages worsen, and more.

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