

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018 - a year in which we envision CPMs joining forces across the country in new and exciting ways to make the benefits of midwifery care available to more people and change the maternity care system for all childbearing people! You can make a difference: learn more about creating equity in the profession, join us for CPM Symposium 2018, get active in your NACPM state chapter. To learn more about NACPM's vision and many activities, we encourage you to explore numerous resources provided with our annual meeting webinar.

With the start of the new year, we are excited to introduce to you the **2018 NACPM officers**. The Board of Directors has elected Tanya Khemet Taiwo and Audrey Levine as Co-Presidents for a second term, Keisha Goode as our new Secretary, and Jamie Eidsath as our new Treasurer. Congratulations - we deeply appreciate their service. You can learn more about our new officers [here](#).



Tanya Khemet Taiwo, Audrey Levine, Keisha Goode and Jamie Eidsath

Save the Dates - Upcoming Webinars!

Midwives - What You Need to Know about Becoming a CPM and Completing the Bridge Certificate - January 17, 2018, 1:00 to 2:30 Eastern Time

Register Now

Dynamic new opportunities have emerged in recent years to grow the CPM profession to truly meet the needs of the childbearing population. The landscape is changing and it will be increasingly important for midwives to obtain the national CPM credential and complete the NARM Bridge Certificate. This webinar will provide you with all the information you need to take action for your future and the future of the midwifery profession.

Tanya Khemet Taiwo, CPM, MPH, and Co-President of NACPM will explore reasons why midwives should become CPMs, including state licensed midwives that aren't required to hold the national credential. She will share her perspective on the changing landscape and the implications for people of color.



Tanya Khemet Taiwo



Ida Darragh

Ida Darragh, CPM and Executive Director of NARM will describe the ins and outs of the Midwifery Bridge Certificate, as well as information about the experienced midwife route and how state-licensed midwives can, in most cases, easily become CPMs. By the end of Ida's presentation, the Midwifery Bridge Certificate will no longer be a mystery to you.



Vicki Penwell

Vicki Penwell, CPM of Mercy in Action Midwifery School, will share why she is so committed to the Midwifery Bridge Certificate as a tool for advancing the profession and increasing people's access to midwives that she developed courses that fulfill all the requirements for the certificate. She supports midwives with the Bridge Certificate application, and takes her courses around the country so midwives can access them in their own communities.



Mary Lawlor

Whether it's addressing equity in the profession, achieving federal recognition and state licensure, or expanding reimbursement and employment opportunities, CPMs are on the move. NACPM believes that the opportunities for CPMs have never been greater: to serve more people, to be more relevant to the changing needs and demographics of the childbearing population, to be of more service in eliminating racial inequities in care, and to infuse the systems of care with CPM knowledge, experience, and values. **Mary Lawlor, CPM and Executive Director of NACPM**, will describe how recommendations made in NACPM's briefing papers *Midwifery Landscape and Future Directions* (live link to the papers) will position midwives and students to meet this exciting emerging future: midwives who are not yet CPMs should become CPMs now; midwives who been trained in non-accredited programs should fulfill the Midwifery Bridge Certificate; and anyone wanting to become a CPM should carefully examine their options for education in light of this changing landscape.

What We Can Do -

Postponed! Please watch newsletter for announcement of new date.

The MANA Stats Fetal, Neonatal Mortality Review (FNMR) Project: Preliminary Findings and Implications for Practice

February 21, 2018, 1:00 to 2:30 Eastern Time.

[Register Now](#)

In this webinar, cosponsored by **NACPM** and **MANA**, **Dr. Melissa Cheyney** will describe findings from a study designed to examine all fetal and neonatal deaths recorded in **MANA Stats** between 2004 and 2016. Using a modified Fetal-Infant-Mortality-Review (FIMR) approach, midwife-researchers conducted detailed interviews with midwives for all non-miscarriage fetal and neonatal deaths in the sample. The objective was to clarify the gestational age at which the death occurred and to properly classify late miscarriages. The reviewers also collected qualitative on when, how, and why the death occurred, as well as data on whether an autopsy was conducted, and the official cause of death assigned via medical examiner or coroner's report.



Dr. Cheyney

Using the three delays model as proposed by Thaddeus and Maine (1994), Dr. Cheyney discusses rates of intrapartum and neonatal death in a large sample of more than 50,000 planned, midwife-led, community births (home and birth center) in the United States. She will also provide an in-depth thematic analysis of the primary contributors to mortality in the sample. Findings indicate that while the overall rate of death is low, there are three major contributors to fetal and neonatal mortality, including: 1) delays in the decision to transfer to the hospital due to failure to identify early signs of fetal distress and/or hesitancy to transport due to fear of "punitive cesarean section"; 2) delays in reaching care due to distance from the hospital or fractured collaborations with Emergency Medical Services; and 3) delays in receiving care once arriving at the hospital due to fear, poor inter-professional communication, blaming and shaming.

We hope you will join MANA and NACPM to hear this important information and participate in the discussion.



SAVE THE DATE!

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. We explore and plan together for how CPMs can step up to these challenges and the role we must play in improving the health and lives of people having babies in the U.S.

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the way we are born*

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