

February 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Happy New Year from the NACPM Chapter community! We hope that 2018 finds you rested and refreshed for all that lies ahead. We are particularly excited to see our network of chapters continue to expand over the course of this year as we grow ever closer to our goal of 20 chapters and continue to receive new inquiries from midwives interested in forming chapters in their states. Our vision is for a robust and well connected network of CPMs across the US utilizing NACPM state chapters to connect midwives with their national organization and with one another across state lines. Please join us! Reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org if you would like more information about forming a chapter in your state.

Please read about a special one-day event - at no charge - for our Chapter leaders and members in conjunction with the CPM Symposium on **May 10th, 2018 from 10am-4:00pm**. Watch for details soon and join us for this first-ever in-person community gathering of NACPM Chapter leaders and members!

Chapter Updates

The start of a new year is a wonderful time for reflection and goal setting. NACPM's Chapter Program Manager, Susan Smartt Cook, has been enjoying calls with leaders from each chapter as part of the annual chapter renewal process and hearing from them about what they've learned in the last year and what their priorities are moving forward. Below are just a few highlights. Chapter members can join our Google+ Community and Chapter Collaboration Calls to hear more from one another and to share with us about what's going on in your state. Just contact Susan at chapters@nacpm.com to connect!



Susan Smartt Cook

The Florida Chapter is considering developing virtual CEU opportunities for midwives across the state, especially for their "Fast Track to the CPM" course which was presented at last year's state midwifery conference.



The Nevada Chapter is planning to refocus this year on information sharing and educating the public about who midwives are and what services they're offering in the state. They are also brainstorming about a women's health fair to raise money to support possible legislative efforts to safeguard midwifery should the need arise.

The North Carolina Chapter is planning a Community Birth Summit hosted by their **NC MERA** group, which is a multi-stakeholder collaboration



modeled after **US MERA**. They plan to invite a wide variety of participants including practitioners, law-makers, regulators, consumers, and more. They are currently in the planning stages and will keep us updated as this exciting event unfolds. Would you like to design a similar event in your state? We would love to connect you with the brains behind this effort in North Carolina! Just reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org.



The Wisconsin Chapter is focusing on membership recruitment and planning CEU opportunities including a suturing workshop on February 27th in Gays Mills, WI. Contact WINACPM@gmail.com for registration information.

As you can see, each chapter is finding its unique work and purpose, and these are just the reports we have so far! We love hearing what you are doing in your state, what you are watching and preparing for, and what you hope to generate. Please reach out to us at chapters@nacpm.org with updates anytime.

State News: Lobby day report from MAWS

Washington State - Midwives' Lobby Day 2018

We are excited to share this update from the **MAWS** lobby day in Washington State. The Washington State Chapter of NACPM was intentionally designed to function in collaboration with the established state association, MAWS,

with a vision for ever-deepening partnership and mutual support. Jen Segadelli serves as a liaison between the two organizations, sitting on the board of each. This update comes from Audrey Levine, NACPM co-president and MAWS board member:



Jen Segadelli



Audrey Levine

This year, we had a record turnout: more than 80 licensed midwives, midwifery students, and healthcare consumers braved the rain and showed up in Olympia on January 18th. Many of you have probably already seen the [video that captured the highlight of the day](#)--and, some might say, one of the most memorable moments in MAWS' history. Thanks to a good deal of behind-the-scenes finagling by our fabulous lobbyist, Amber Ulvenes, we got to sit in the House gallery and witness the unanimous vote in support of HB 2016, which would give midwives and doulas access to WA

State prisons to provide voluntary prenatal and postpartum care. Several legislators spoke from the floor and sang the praises of the midwives who'd been there for the births of their babies or grandbabies. Then, the Speaker Pro Tempore asked us to stand, and MAWS received a standing ovation from the entire WA State House of Representatives. It was epic.

[Read more about the MAWS Legislative Day here...](#)



Special Chapter Meetup at the CPM Symposium!

NACPM will offer a special one-day event for our Chapter leaders and members in conjunction with the 2018 CPM Symposium at the William F. Bolger Center in Potomac, MD, at no charge. This first-ever in-person community gathering of NACPM Chapter leaders and members will take place the day before the Symposium: **Thursday, May 10th, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm**. Our staff is hard at work designing an exciting day just for you, that will leave you energized and inspired, sending you back to your states with information and tools for your important priorities. Watch for details coming soon!

Registration for the Symposium, along with a dedicated Symposium website, will go live this week. We hope you will join us for both the Symposium and the special Chapters gathering!

Chapter Collaboration Call: Save the date and Survey Responses

Speaking of the CPM Symposium, chapter members please save the date for our next **Chapter Collaboration Call** on Wednesday **March 14th** from **1:30-3:00 ET**. This will be an opportunity to share your personal hopes and vision for the CPM Symposium. Chapters make up our network of CPMs across the country, and your input is vital. Please join us and help us design an experience that will benefit you, your practice, your community, and all childbearing people.



At your request, we sent out a fresh survey to determine the best day, time, and focus for our Chapter Collaboration Calls. We hear your request for even more time for state to state sharing, and are excited to begin all of our calls with an opportunity for sharing from each state. We will also create space for more dialogue about legalization of CPMs in unregulated states and nuts and bolts operations of each chapter. Most importantly, these calls are enhanced by your attendance. The more of us who gather together, the more we can learn from one another.

Equity Toolkit for Chapters

Also at your request, we are working on an equity toolkit for chapters. This toolkit will offer a few select resources as a point of entry into the vast and ongoing work of equity and anti-racism in midwifery with an emphasis on growing equitable state organizations from the ground up. We plan to share more on the March Collaboration Call, so join us then!

You could form the next NACPM State Chapter!

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!

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