

NACPM State Chapter Day May 20, 2018

On May 10th before the start of the CPM Symposium, NACPM hosted the first-ever in-person gathering of NACPM chapter members. We were thrilled to have representation from 13 of our 18 currently formed state Chapters at this seminal event plus guests from 4 additional states. This day was designed specifically for Chapter leaders and members with the hope of sending them back to their states with information, skills, tools and connections to put to work for their unique state priorities.

NACPM hopes to build on the conversations and connections that began during the Chapter Day through our quarterly Chapter Collaboration Calls, one of which was earlier this week. We had a total of 30 participants over the course of the call and heard from everyone who wished to share about what's going on in their state and what they are bringing back to their state and local work from our time together at the Chapter Day.

Overview of the Chapter Day



We opened our day together in a circle sharing what question we were bringing to the day. The questions seemed to center around the themes of access and equity, inclusion, unity, and accountability, relationships between NACPM national and Chapters and between Chapters and state associations, and how to bring about broader systemic change:

Access and equity: How do we strategically plan to help People of Color access midwives? Are we working at our own bigotry and racism?

Inclusion, unity, and accountability: How can we overcome divisions in our midwifery profession? How are we going to ensure communications are in place to learn from our mistakes?

Relationships between NACPM national and Chapters, Chapters and state associations: How can Chapters and state associations work together? How can NACPM support licensed states? Unlicensed states?

Bringing broader systemic change: How does this fit with transformation of our maternity care system overall? How can we support what is coming up?

Read about presentations by **Cari Caldwell, Saraswathi Vedam, Silke Akerson** and **Kathryn Moore** [here](#)

Chapter Day Evaluation Results:

We largely received very positive feedback from the Chapter Day evaluation that went out after the event. Participants reported that the content was of high value to them, that they made important connections, and that they would eagerly attend future in-person Chapter events. We also received some great suggestions including ideas for affinity groups that could take place before a future Chapter Day, such as an opportunity for people of color or states/chapters at similar stages of development to meet and strategize. There were requests for focus on how to get state legislation passed, how to hire a lobbyist, what to do and not do as a grassroots movement, and also ways to collaborate with national for states with existing regulation. Many shared that they would have appreciated more time to network and connect with one another, which is a wonderful testament to the richness of our growing community and the need for more of these gatherings.



Equity Toolkit for Chapters

We are looking at our Equity Toolkit with fresh eyes since the CPM Symposium and taking time to integrate our learnings before finalizing the toolkit. We are committed to providing you with a useful tool for building a strong and equitable state Chapter. Please keep an eye out for updates regarding release of the Toolkit and future Collaboration Calls focused on how best to put it to use in your state.

Chapter Collaboration Call: Save the date

Chapter members please save the dates for our **Chapter Collaboration Calls** on **September 12th** and **December 10th** from **1:30-3:00 pm, ET**. At your request we are dedicating even more time in these calls to state to state sharing and open discussion about the issues that matter to you. Please join us and help us to create these calls into what you and your Chapter need to feel seen and supported!



Google Community



Chapter members please reach out to Susan at chapters@nacpm.org for help joining the Chapter Google Community! This is a great place for you to connect and share resources with other states.

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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