

**Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants Section Meeting
Friday, November 16, 2012**

Attendees:

AHS: Maureen Ann Moriarty, chair; Jill Stoneman, Cathleen Bauer, Kimberly Pierce, Julie Waight, Judy Corfman, Kim Oas, Paul Winner, Selina Yeasmin, Carol Barch, Susan Baggaley, David Fox.

Staff: Beth Adjemian

Meeting began at 4:03 PM

Section members introduced themselves.

A Facebook page for the NP/PA group has been opened – please request to join the group at this link: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/389652047783641/>

Moriarty opened with her goal for the NP/PA section of better identifying NP/PA's roles in headache care via survey, to present data to the board with intentions of publishing it in *Headache* and poster presentation formats. Ultimately, this section aims to develop a fellowship program and certification exam for NP/PAs based on a body of knowledge. Once data can assess where NP/PAs stand, this section can provide language to providers to best define the roles of NP/PAs.

To obtain an initial view of where NP/PAs are used in headache centers, an electronic survey is proposed for AHS members.

Survey questions were reviewed and finalized, including demographic information, details specific to their practice and daily responsibilities, and individual satisfaction. More importantly, the survey will assess NP/PAs scope of practice (by state, and whether an individual is practicing at the highest level of their licensure) and billing practices (whether individual billing numbers are used, and panels). National data may already exist, and it is advised to compare the survey data with the national data.

This survey would be modified to survey physicians as well, and will seek to answer how physicians view the role of NP/PAs in their practice, along with billing and how they view patient satisfaction.

As new healthcare regulations will soon require more providers than the current MDs can provide care for, NP and PAs are seeking greater acceptance as care providers within AHS and in their practices. Winner pledged to advocate for this section at the board level and Baggaley volunteered to be his point person.

Moriarty also gauged interested in the section's involvement with virtual Headache.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM