



Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Research Network  
*Electronic Newsletter*

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### New Director

Margaret Grey, Dean of Yale School of Nursing, former director of APRNet remains on as APRNet's primary consultant. Dean Grey has appointed Martha K. Swartz PhD, APRN, and CPNP as the new director of APRNet. Martha's been involved with APRNet since its inception and co-authored two papers about APRNet with Margaret Grey and Terry Deshefy-Longhi.



Martha K. Swartz is Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Affairs and Professor in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Specialty in the Master's Program. She has formerly served as the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at YSN. She also holds a joint appointment as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Yale New Haven Hospital Pediatric Primary Care Center. Her undergraduate degrees are from Oberlin College and the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University. She has a Master's Degree in parent-child nursing from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate from the University of Connecticut. In addition to her position as YSN Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Marty is a pediatric nurse and works 25% in the Pediatrics department at Yale New Haven Primary Care Center.

### Current APRNet Projects

#### **"APRNet:PRINS1\_2(Primary Care Network Study)**

Funding Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
HSRRC # 03-48

#### **"Expansion of APRNet: Addition of YSN Faculty to Study Faculty Practice Patterns"**

Funding Source: Beatrice Renfield- YSN Clinical Research Initiatives  
HSRRC # 05-22

#### **"A Lifestyle Change Program to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes"**

Funding Source: NIH/NIDDK  
HSRRC # 05-40

#### **"Reducing Adverse Self-Medication Behaviors in Older Adults with Hypertension"**

Funding Source: Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Services  
HSRRC # 06-10

### APRNet's Five Year Strategic Plan

The strategic plan provides a means to further articulate the mission and vision by outlining a roadmap to identify overarching goals and prioritizing the objectives and activities needed to achieve those goals.

## **I. GOVERNANCE**

The APRNet advisory board will consist of 15 members including 12 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN, Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife) who are current APRNet members and three volunteer community members. A community member is defined as a past, present or future patient of the services of an APRN. Board members are elected for a three year term. The advisory board members will commit to the mission and vision of the APRNet.

### **Objectives / Activities of Governance**

- The advisory board will meet every 6 months to review network activities.
- Membership on the advisory board requires active participation.
- The APRNet mission and vision posted on the web site.
- A link to the bylaws informs APRNet members on the structure of the governing board and the roles and responsibilities of the members along with terms of office.
- The APRNet advisory board will form subcommittees composed of APRNet members who provide leadership directing activities set forth in the strategic plan.
  1. Membership committee: oversee objectives/activities under membership goals
  2. Advocacy committee: oversee objectives/activities under advocacy community goals
  3. Education committee: oversee objectives / activities under /education goals
  4. Research committee: oversee objectives / activities under research goals

## **II. MEMBERSHIP Co- chaired by Linda Jacobson and Linda Nevins**

Current members on this committee: Jessica Coviello

The APRNet members will increase by 50% by 2007 This number will reflect a diverse group of primary and specialty care, pediatric, family, geriatric and adult nurse practitioner settings.

### **Objectives / Activities of the Membership Committee**

- The advisory board will recruit members from the board to coordinate this membership committee (The focus will be on membership in Connecticut and Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the first 12 months The board will consider the feasibility of extending membership into other New England states.)
- The membership committee will initiate contact the Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island APRN societies
- The website membership form new members can indicate how they heard about the network.
- The membership committee can meet with the web site developer to enhance the APRNet position on the web
- In order to continue to enhance research related endeavors the APRNet will set up a one time membership fee of \$50.00 which will be administered by APRNet office

## **III. ADVOCACY / COMMUNITY Chaired by Clarice Begamann**

Current members on this committee: Maria Mauldon

The APRNet will be a leader in promoting culturally competent primary care and specialty care with a focus on developing and implementing research based health care initiatives in order to improve access to health care services and reduce health disparities.

The advisory board will recruit members to coordinate the achievement of this goal

**Objectives / Activities of the Advocacy/Community Committee**

- meet with community leaders and health care providers to develop a needs assessment of health issues requiring further research \_
- Focus on Connecticut and Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the first 12 months
- Identify community leaders interested in collaborating on research projects
- Community Health Centers
- School Based Health Centers
- Community public health centers
- Private Practice
- Invite community leaders and health care providers to research days or nursing research education forums in order to foster community involvement and promote our mission.

**IV. EDUCATION / RECOGNITION Chaired by Pat Ryan-Krause**

Current members on this committee: Barbara Pokorny

The APRNet will be a model for facilitating practice- based research initiatives and sharing research findings with the health care community.

The advisory board will recruit members from the board to coordinate achievement of this goal

**Objectives / Activities of the Education/Recognition Committee**

- Identify Nurse Practitioner professional organizations interested in partnering with APRNet to promote nursing practice through research
- Enhance the "Resource" link on the website

**V. RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP Chaired by Marty Swartz**

Current members on this committee: Robin Whittemore

The APRNet will promote an environment that encourages and supports scholarly activities in nursing research.

The advisory board will recruit members from the board to coordinate achievement of this goal.

**Objectives / Activities of the Research Scholarship Committee**

- Encourage the development of nurse researchers
- Encourage APRNet members to complete National Institute of Nursing Research credentialing via website [www.nih.gov/ninr](http://www.nih.gov/ninr)
- Communicate with Institutional Review Boards and private practice networks to establish a system for timely review of proposals
- The advisory board will recruit members from the board to coordinate achievement of this goal
- Collaborate with community leaders to promote public information and outreach
- Continue to seek out and expand upon funding opportunities and grants in order to maintain the mission and the vision of the APRNet

EVERY MEMBER IS ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE COMMITTEES

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## APRNet Advisory Board Openings

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board or learning more about the Board, please submit your name to [aprnet@yale.edu](mailto:aprnet@yale.edu) or call 203-785-4809.

## Website

The APRNet website is currently being updated. Marty obtained institutional support for APRNet's website and new recruitment brochure. The website will be used for multiple purposes, such as distribution of our newsletter, recruitment of members and subjects, updates to members about ongoing studies, web-based data collection. The website and brochure will be reviewed at the April Board meeting.

## Membership to Update Information

All members will be contacted by the end of April and given the opportunity to update their demographic and practice information.

## Upcoming

**APRNet Advisory Board Meeting** Saturday, April 21, 2007 @ 9:00-11:00AM

All members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Arnstein room at YSN.

Please RSVP to APRNet @yale.edu or 203-785-4809

**AHRQ's Second Annual PBRN Research Conference** May 15-17

AHRQ is hosting the Second Annual National Primary Care Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) Conference on May 15-17 at the Bethesda Marriott in Bethesda, MD. The conference is open to anyone who participates in primary care PBRN activities or who is interested in learning more about networks. Plenary sessions will focus on health care quality improvement in research networks, the challenges of studying healthcare disparities, and funding opportunities for primary care PBRNs. The registration deadline is April 28.

[http://extranet2.ahrq.gov/QuickPlace/pbrn2007/Main.nsf/h\\_Toc/4254551be3bd0ee085257222005739de/?OpenDocument](http://extranet2.ahrq.gov/QuickPlace/pbrn2007/Main.nsf/h_Toc/4254551be3bd0ee085257222005739de/?OpenDocument)

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