

2007 APRNet Strategic Plan

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Research Network (APRNet)

***Vision:** APRNet vision is the achievement of quality primary and specialty health care, particularly in underserved populations and in under-resourced areas, in the New England region.*

***Mission Statement:** The mission of APRNet is to facilitate an APRN practice-based research network; conduct research relevant to APRN clinical practice in diverse settings, develop culturally competent, evidence-based models of care and enhance the translation of research findings into primary care and specialty APRN practice.*

Values:

- *Integrity in research and scholarly activities*
- *Commitment to advanced nursing practice*
- *Advocacy to provide quality health care for all*
- *Accountability in developing, promoting and evaluating practice-based models of care*
- *Recognition and support of colleagues in practice and research endeavors*

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.

OVERARCHING 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

- 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 is 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

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3. Education committee: oversee objectives / activities under /education goals
4. Research committee: oversee objectives / activities under research goals

II. MEMBERSHIP

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

- 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 with 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 will 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

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

The advocacy committee will

- 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

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- Community Health Centers
- School Based Health Centers
- Community based organizations with interest in health care
- 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

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

The education committee will

- 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

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.

The research scholarship committee will

- Encourage the development of nurse researchers
- Encourage APRNet members to complete National Institute of Nursing Research credentialing via website 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