



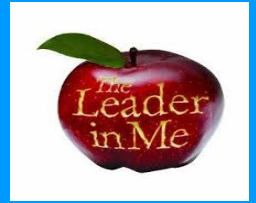
U.S. Public Health Service Nursing - TIP OF THE MONTH

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Nurse Professional Advisory Committee



The Nursing Professional Advisory Committee (N-PAC) includes civil service and Commissioned Corps nursing representatives from all U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies. The N-PAC strives to both operationalize the Chief Nurse's initiatives and priorities and provide consultation to the Surgeon General of the United States, the PHS Chief Nurse Officer, and to HHS, federal health, and other leadership. The executive structure of the N-PAC includes 38 members which includes voting members and subcommittee co-chairs.

What are the benefits of being involved with the N-PAC?

Volunteering for the N-PAC gives you the opportunity to increase visibility within the nurse category, receive regular and timely updates on PHS and Nurse category initiatives and make meaningful contributions that help fellow USPHS Nurses. N-PAC voting members are also eligible to receive a [Special Assignment award](#) once their term of office is completed. Also, as a voting member or subcommittee co-chair, you are viewed as the operational team for the Office of the Chief Nurse. In this capacity, you will have regular dialogue with the Chief Nurse in executive meetings.

Involvement in the N-PAC also allows nurse officers an opportunity to meet the [Nurse category promotion benchmarks](#) by providing opportunities to:

- ◆ Display leadership qualities, skill and roles.
- ◆ Participate in collateral activities that contribute to visibility and impact of the PHS Commissioned Corps mission.
- ◆ Offer Commissioned Corps Contributions such as appointed member or volunteer who serves as Chair or Vice Chair, or leads subcommittees, or demonstrates substantive role.

How can I join the [Nurse Professional Advisory Committee](#). The following are some ways to become involved:

- ◆ [Subscribe to the PHS Nurse Listserv](#) so that you can receive announcements and apply for openings in subcommittees.
- ◆ The N-PAC has [seven \(7\) subcommittees](#) titled Awards, Career Development, Communications, Events, Readiness and Response, Recruitment and Resource Reach. See attached "Nurse Welcome 2018 Brochure".
- ◆ Reach out to the co-chairs of the various subcommittees that you wish to serve on. Nurses are encouraged to keep reaching out every 3 months - so when openings come up they will remember you.
- ◆ There are also multiple workgroups being developed and new opportunities being made available.
- ◆ Call in and participate to the N-PAC General Meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month from 1300-1400 EST. Look for announcements on the listserv for details on how to join the meeting.
- ◆ Respond to listserv messages announcing "call for nominations" for subcommittee members or N-PAC voting members. Federal Civilian Nurses and USPHS nurses are encouraged to volunteer for N-PAC positions. When N-PAC voting member slots are advertised for your agency during July of every year, you can consider nominating yourself.
- ◆ Attend the USPHS Symposium, even if your agency won't fund you to attend, it may be worth the money as 15-20 CEUS are offered every year. It is a good place to network and learn about opportunities to get more involved.
- ◆ If you attend the Symposium, volunteer at the N-PAC booth in the conference hall. It is a good way to meet fellow nurses and connect.
- ◆ Self nominate or nominate a fellow officer for one of the [10 N-PAC awards](#). Winners are recognized at Nurse Recognition Day and/or the Symposium and are often provided with other network opportunities based on their winning submission(s).
- ◆ Reach out to the N-PAC voting members, who represent your agency and inquire how to get more involved.

N-PAC Monthly Meeting Information:

You should join/update the Nursing List Serv to receive up-to-date emails related to N-PAC information.

N-PAC normally meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1300-1400 EST

The N-PAC Meeting call in numbers: Local: (301) 796-7777, Toll Free: (855) 828-1770, Meeting ID: 746 860 034

A message to our nursing staff from CDR Heather Skelton, our current N-PAC Chair:

"As the N-PAC Chair, I have thoroughly enjoyed all my years in the N-PAC. I have been working steadily with the N-PAC since 2004 when I started as a reviewer in the N-PAC Awards Subcommittee. By maintaining active participation, asking lots of questions and offering comments in the monthly subcommittee meetings and volunteering for every opportunity sent my way by the N-PAC, I am fortunate to still be part of this wonderful, hardworking group of nurses who embody the mission and vision of the USPHS and Office of the Chief Nurse. My N-PAC work has enriched my Commissioned Corps career, allowed me to participate in USPHS nurse corps initiatives and afforded me the opportunities to connect, collaborate and learn from nurses and officers in other categories whom I would not otherwise have ever met."

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