

Information Release



AANP participates in White House Office of Health Reform Meeting

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) was one of a select group of health care provider organizations meeting with Nancy-Ann DeParle, Director of the White House Office of Health Reform, on Thursday, July 2, to discuss solutions for primary care and to respond to questions sent in by viewers watching the live streaming discussion on YouTube, Twitter and Facebook.

AANP was represented by AANP President Dee Swanson, MSN, NP-C, FAANP, AANP Past President Mona Counts, PhD, CRNP, FNAP, FAANP and AANP Director of Health Policy Jan Towers, PhD, NP-C, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN. Other provider groups invited included nurse midwives, physician assistants, psychologists, dental hygienists, optometrists, pharmacists and primary care physicians.

The discussion centered around preventive care, access, coordinated primary care, quality of care, payment, and the need to recognize all primary care providers as solutions to the health care crisis facing our country today. AANP representatives discussed the educational qualifications of NPs, the need for NPs to be included in health IT funding, stressed the high-quality, patient-centered personalized care delivered by NPs, the number of NPs providing primary care today and the willingness of NPs to be part of the health care solution.

AANP is pleased to have participated in this discussion and to have shared with the White House Office of Health Reform and others the many benefits of NP-delivered healthcare. We look forward to continuing this dialogue as President Obama and his administration work toward a solution that will bring high-quality, affordable health care access to all segments of the population in the U. S. today.

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