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Four New Members and a New Executive Committee Elected to the National Association for Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health Board of Directors

New board members bring a wealth of diverse perspectives and decades of experience in women’s and gender-related healthcare.

January 18, 2022 – This month, the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH) welcomed a new executive committee and four new members to the Board of Directors. Newly-elected members Dr. Mary Hickey, Dr. Ginny Moore, Dr. Kathryn Trotter, and Dr. Jessica Wells begin their terms immediately and will serve through 2025.

“NPWH is honored to welcome our newest board members,” said Heather L. Maurer, CEO of NPWH. “They are all leaders on the cutting edge of women’s and gender-related healthcare and reflect the commitment of our membership and the WHNP profession.”

Dr. Mary Hickey is dually certified as a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner and a Family Nurse Practitioner. She is also an Associate Professor and Associate Dean of the Adelphi University College of Nursing and Public Health, where her expertise in curriculum design, innovation, program development and implementation inspires the rising generation of providers. Her primary clinical scholarship interests are access to and utilization of reproductive healthcare as well as risk taking behaviors.

Dr. Ginny Moore is a board-certified Women's Health Nurse Practitioner whose special interest is populations at risk for health disparities. She has taught at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing since 1990, while practicing in a diverse number of settings that include family planning, sexual assault examination, private practice, community-based health care, and telehealth.

Dr. Kathryn Trotter is a certified Nurse Midwife, a Family Nurse Practitioner, and an Associate Professor at Duke University School of Nursing where she is the lead faculty for the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner major. She practiced full scope midwifery for almost twenty years and continues an active women's health practice. A senior NP for both the benign breast clinic as well as the high-risk breast cancer clinic, she is well respected for breast care from benign conditions to cancer survivor care.

Dr. Jessica Wells is a board-certified Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner and an Assistant Professor at Emory University’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. Her research contributions include promoting cancer prevention strategies in the vulnerable and at-risk HIV population. Dr. Wells is currently the PI on a recently funded R01 study that aims to promote HPV vaccination among people living with HIV.
“The board has been intentional about recruiting diverse perspectives to lead our organization.” said Dr. Shawana Moore, Chair of the NPWH Board of Directors. “Our new members bring their own individual stories and voices, and the depth and breadth of expertise in healthcare. We are thrilled to have them.”

The new executive committee will help guide the organization through this year and beyond. Dr. Shawana Moore transitioned from Chair-Elect to Chair on January 1st, 2022. Dr. Komkwuan P. Paruchabutr was elected as Chair-Elect and will serve in that role until December 31, 2023. Dr. Heather Quaile is NPWH's new Treasurer and Dr. Diana Drake has moved into the role of Immediate Past Chair. Dr. Sandi Tenfelde will serve her second and final year as NPWH's Secretary in 2022.

2021 proved to be another historic year for healthcare providers. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to burden our healthcare system and threaten our patient populations, Women's Health Nurse Practitioners and other advanced practice nurses never stopped. As the professional community for providers of women’s and gender-related healthcare, NPWH offered continuing education, translated and promoted the latest research and evidence-based clinical guidance, and advocated for patients, providers, and the WHNP profession.

NPWH is the professional community for Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners and other advanced practice registered nurses who provide women’s and gender-related healthcare. We set a standard of excellence by translating and promoting the latest research and evidence-based clinical guidance, providing high quality continuing education, and advocating for patients, providers, and the WHNP profession.

Our mission includes protecting and promoting a woman's right to make her own choices regarding her health and well-being within the context of her lived experience and her personal, religious, cultural, and family beliefs.

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