A Message from the President

Debra Allen, MSN, RN

As nurses, we have a duty to take action to protect our patients, including those who are most vulnerable—our homeless neighbors, and address policy issues that can shape our state's future. We are in a unique position to witness not only the needs of our patients, but the ramifications of unsafe practices and undiagnosed diseases. Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses serving as Delegates in MNA's 106th House of Delegates (HOD) are to be commended for passing five resolutions aimed at addressing some of the most pressing needs in our state: Resolution 1: Support Increasing Awareness of the Homeless Population and Health Risks Associated with Homelessness; Resolution 2: Support Nurses Being Leaders in Embracing and Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle; Resolution 3: Support Increasing Awareness of the Importance of the Use of Age and Size Appropriate Car Seat or Booster Seat to Prevent Child Injuries and Deaths; Resolution 4: Support Nurses Role in Increasing Awareness of the Importance of HIV Screening; and Resolution 5: Support Removal of Barriers to Facilitate the Use of Expedited Partner Therapy in the Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections in Mississippi.

Mississippi has over 1,700 homeless persons, including over 140 households with children. Homeless individuals are three to six times more likely to become ill than housed individuals. We also know that homelessness is closely connected to declines in physical and mental health and that homeless persons experience high rates of health problems such as HIV infection, alcohol and drug abuse, mental illness, tuberculosis, and other debilitating conditions. Health problems among homeless persons result from various factors, including barriers to care, lack of access to adequate food and protection, and limited resources and social services. Homeless persons are some of our state’s most vulnerable patients. By adopting Resolution 1, the HOD seeks to increase awareness and advocacy of the homeless population in Mississippi and the health risks associated with homelessness.

How many of us can say we take care of ourselves to the extent that we tell our patients to take care of themselves? Based on discussions with my colleagues, very few. Nurses often neglect to take care of their own health and high levels of stress have been a significant and limiting factor for nurses. We must increase our personal wellness by placing a priority on healthy eating, stress reduction, adequate sleep, and exercise. Not only will embracing a healthy lifestyle benefit our health, it will allow us to be role models for our patients and communities.

Motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States and child restraint systems are often used incorrectly with an estimated 46% of car and booster seats (59% of car seats and 20% of booster seats) used in a way that could reduce their effectiveness. Buckling children in age and size appropriate car seats or booster seats reduces the risk of serious and fatal injuries. Car seat use reduces the risk for death to infants (aged <1 year) by 71% and to toddlers (aged 1-4 years) by 54% in passenger vehicles; and booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% for children aged 4-8 years when compared to seat belt use alone. When we are discussing the care of children with parents or caregivers, we need to remind them of the importance of the use of age and size appropriate car seats or booster seats.

HIV testing is essential for improving the health of people living with HIV and helping to prevent new infections. In 2015, over 500 cases of HIV were diagnosed in Mississippi. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all adolescents and adults get tested at least once for HIV as a routine part of medical care, and that others at high risk be tested more frequently. We can serve to educate patients on ways to protect themselves against HIV testing to combat the spread of the HIV disease by individuals who are undiagnosed and to provide for early treatment and improve the health of those diagnosed with HIV.

Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) is defined as the practice of treating the sex partners of persons with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) without a direct medical evaluation and in accordance with the CDC EPT guidelines. Effective clinical management of patients with treatable sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) requires treatment of the patients’ current sex partners to prevent further transmission. The HOD supports the removal of barriers to facilitate the use of EPT in the management of sexually transmitted infections in Mississippi through the formation of position statements and resolutions in Mississippi, and the formation of appropriate policies. We appreciate the work of Dr. Elizabeth Jylain Overstreet and District 32 members in preparing and presenting this resolution. The HOD also elected two Board officers and two Council Directors who are excited to welcome new Board members Dr. Carl Mangum (Treasurer) and Dr. Tomeka Lockett (Director, Council on Nursing Education). Deloris Slade will continue to serve on the Board in her new position as Director, Council on Organizational Affairs. I am honored to have been re-elected to serve as your President and look forward to working with you and all the members of the Board as we build on MNA’s previous successes. Speaking of previous successes, two individuals who were instrumental in guiding the Board are our outgoing Board members, Ann Barnes and Dr. Amber Arnold whose dedication was inspiring to all who served with them.

Based on requests from Delegates, we made a significant change to the HOD this year, completing all association business during a half day meeting. I can attest to the fact that Delegates came prepared and ready to work. We could not have accomplished this without your assistance! As we are now looking forward to the 2018 HOD, I encourage you to provide your input; this year, on any changes you would like us to incorporate for next year. I thank each of you who served as a Delegate and demonstrated nurses’ leadership in our state!

I always enjoy getting to know the nurses in our state better at our annual convention. I sincerely appreciate you sharing your thoughts and ideas with me! I encourage each of you to join us by becoming a member of MNA and to consider serving as a Delegate for your district at our 2018 House of Delegates! We have many things planned for the coming year and we want you to be a part of MNA!


HUD 2016 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Population and Subpopulations report.


Mississippi State Department of Health, Diagnosed Cases of HIV Disease: MS 2011-2015 by Race/Ethnicity, Age, Group and Sex.


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Seated L-R: Sandra “Sandi” Arnold, MSN, RN, Secretary; Debra “Debbie” Allen, MSN, RN, President; Tonya Moore, PhD, RN, Vice President; Carl Mangum, PhD, PMHNP, Treasurer.

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Attendees at MNA’s 106th Convention were greeted by their colleagues framed by imaginative and vibrant banners, designed by artist, Brooks Evans, and art students from The Education Center School, depicting the convention theme of Explore, Ignite, Excel: The Power of Nursing. Convention bags hinted at the fireworks that would be interspersed throughout the event, including a sparkler topped cake during the Friday luncheon.

The Power of Nursing, current and future, was palpable from the start with the pre-convention session focusing on Exploring Nurses Roles to Improve Population Health: Creating Partnerships and Strategic Plan. Dr. Paul Kuehnert, Dr. Lisa Campbell and Mississippi’s own, Kay Henry, stimulated discussion and ideas with participants resulting in the development of an initial plan for nurses to continue to take the lead in improving population health in our state. Continuing this focus, Dr. Kuehnert’s Wednesday luncheon presentation resonated with the audience, especially when Mississippi specific data and population focused nursing recommendations were discussed. We extend our appreciation to the Future Foundation Public Health Nurse Leader Program for their generous sponsorship of the pre-convention session and the Wednesday luncheon. Thursday’s general luncheon session featured the always charismatic, Dr. Paul Kuehnert, Dr. Lisa Campbell and Mississippi’s own, Kay Henry, stimulated discussion and ideas with participants resulting in the development of an initial plan for nurses to continue to take the lead in improving population health in our state. Continuing this focus, Dr. Kuehnert’s Wednesday luncheon presentation resonated with the audience, especially when Mississippi specific data and population focused nursing recommendations were discussed. We extend our appreciation to the Future Foundation Public Health Nurse Leader Program for their generous sponsorship of the pre-convention session and the Wednesday luncheon. Thursday’s general luncheon session featured the always charismatic, Curnis Upkins, who encouraged attendees to embrace change and be a positive influence on their colleagues and patients during his presentation Nurses Leading the Changing Paradigms in Healthcare. Special thanks to North Sunflower Medical Center for graciously sponsoring the general luncheon. The University of Southern Mississippi Gamma Lambda Chapter of Southern Mississippi Gamma Lambda Chapter sponsoring the Sigma Theta Tau luncheon featuring Dr. Tina Magers. Dr. Magers’ presentation, Power of Nursing Excellence – Magnet Designation, provided insight into the remarkable accomplishments that can be realized when nurses are dedicated to achieving a goal. John Dowdy, Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, provided information on the devastating impact of the opioid epidemic on our state during the Friday Joint Session with students, registered nurses, and advanced practice nurses. Thank you to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan whose sponsorship made the Joint Session possible. We also extend our appreciation to Neal & Associates for sponsoring the APRN breakfast on Friday morning. Renowned nurse leader and researcher, Dr. Patricia Pearce used humor and her vast experience in numerous nursing roles to underscore the significance of professionalism being a core component of the nursing profession. Acclaimed nurse, author, and attorney, Carolyn Buppert, provided a unique perspective of the 5 Things All APRENS Need to Know, including aspects of HIPAA, malpractice, appropriate billing practices, scope of practice, and the Drug Enforcement Administration’s requirements for prescribing. We appreciate Phyllis Johnson, Executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, along with Brett Thompson-May, Senior Attorney; Tina Highfill, Director of Advanced Practice; and Shan Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations for presenting on Thursday and Friday to provide attendees an opportunity to receive the latest information and pose questions of the panelists.

The MNA Convention is known for providing opportunities to meet new colleagues, catch up with old friends, and interact with the many exhibiting companies at the Thursday and Friday Expo. On Wednesday evening, guests were delighted to attend the much-anticipated University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Nursing Alumni Reception for Alumni and Friends hosted at The Redding House! Nurses were in the “groove” at the Bringing the 70s Back: PAC Party hosted at The Redding House! Nurses were in the “groove” at the Bringing the 70s Back: PAC Party topped cake during the Thursday and Friday Expo. On Wednesday evening, guests were delighted to attend the much-anticipated University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Nursing Alumni Reception for Alumni and Friends hosted at The Redding House! Nurses were in the “groove” at the Bringing the 70s Back: PAC Party topped cake during the

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Report from Council on Advanced Practice
Reconnecting with Our Purpose

Rebecca Cagle, PhD, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC
Director, Council on Advanced Practice

As we come to the time of year where many of us are re-evaluating our health care plan benefits and making adjustments to better serve the needs of ourselves and our families, I think of all of the other “benefits” that we receive throughout the year in our lives, in general. We often receive the benefits of our choices in varying areas throughout all of our life, especially where our health is concerned. Health is certainly a benefit and blessing that one considers and is very thankful for having. While we can evaluate the various insurance plans for their applicability to our situation and we can make personal health choices to better achieve health quality, we cannot “buy health.” However, we can choose to be informed of the options that can help us achieve or maintain our health and be willing to change our habits, at any age, to reverse the trajectory. We can take the time to be quiet, think, meditate and simply know ourselves and our own needs. We can choose to place our health as a priority and be determined to ensure our health needs are met. We owe it to ourselves to take to heart the resolution passed by the MNA House of Delegates to support nurses being leaders in embracing and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Having others to share our life with is certainly a benefit. You may have heard the old saying of having someone to share life with doubles the joy and halves the burden. Though the math may not be exact, the premise is present. Despite the attempts to make people more social and interactive on social media, in many ways, life still feels empty to some. While reconnecting with people in our past or with whom we have lost contact, we fail to remain in face to face contact with the people in our present. We can choose to have more face to face time and less “face time.” We can choose to compare ourselves and our families less to those with “perfect lives depicted play-by-play on social media” and be in the moment - without a selfie posted for others to see. We can be intimate with our own families sharing the bonds, traditions, and values that connect us and not let the outside world always intrude into our inner circle.

As we also reconnect with ourselves and our families, as registered nurses and advanced practice nurses, let us take the time to reconnect with our professional purpose. Last year, we mentioned that we have jobs that innately influence others lives and have purpose. Let us once again, seek that purpose. Sometimes with the schedules and the stress and the politics of healthcare, the “purpose” slips away for us. Research has shown that finding purpose in one’s work is protective against burnout and stress on the job. At this time, work life balance is not as “in balance” as one would hope. But that doesn’t have to be a permanent situation. Take time this season to deeply think and reflect about the following: Why do you do what you do? Why do you work in the area that you work in today? What drew you to that area? Was it a personal life experience with your own health or the health of a family member or friend? Did you have the lived experience in the vertical not horizontal version of the health crisis? This is the time to reconnect with all that is important in life to you, including your professional purpose.

MNA is honored to serve you as a member of the nursing profession and to provide continuing education sessions designed to assist you in gaining a more balanced work life approach. I invite you to become a member of MNA and to check our website frequently for the most up-to-date information on our upcoming events.

Rebecca Cagle, PhD, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

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Districts 21 and 23 have joined with Delta State University Student Nurses and Bolivar Medical Center to host “The Making of Angel Apparel” sewing classes to create apparel for neonate angels. This apparel will be provided to the families suffering the devastating loss of a baby, little angels whose delicate lives were short but who will be loved forever.

District 18 is working to assist those in the community who have scarce resources for food. Attendees at the District’s November meeting donated canned goods to contribute to the Mississippi University for Women’s Canned Food Drive.

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If we are honest, we all have at least one: The dreaded patient that triggers a negative response on a visceral level. For Melody, RN, whose interactions with patients were usually as harmonious as her name, it was the homeless woman who consistently sought narcotics. “When I say ‘homeless’ I mean she drifted among houses of friends who would let her crash for a few days. She was in the ED at least once a week begging for anything she could get. To cap it off, her hygiene was awful and I smelled her before I saw her. It frustrated me to see how she abused the welfare and health care delivery systems all because she couldn’t get off drugs. I found myself getting angry and uptight every time she came in.”

Some of us have evolved past the very human tendencies to become angry, disgusted, sad, or fearful when encountering a certain patient or “type” of patient. However, for most of us, the struggle to be our best selves when encountering patients we can scarcely bear to be with remains all too real. We may never completely overcome our initial reactions to our “trigger” patients, but we can begin to improve our responses to these challenging situations.

Summon Your Wounded Healer

Dr. Margaret Conti-O’Hare asserted that all nurses, as human beings, have experienced trauma in their lives. Whether it is personal trauma, professional trauma, or a combination of both, there are times when situations with patients will trigger us. Trauma may occur when a patient is “touched” in a vicarious way. For example, when a patient is obvious in the risen state of violence and our mind is taken with the horror of what could have happened.

One night a colleague was brought in following an overdose, and in David’s words, “I lost it. I was so furious with her for trying to take her perfectly healthy life when my son was in the ED at least once a week begging for anything he could get. To cap it off, her hygiene was awful and I smelled her before I saw her. It frustrated me to see how she abused the welfare and health care delivery systems all because she couldn’t get off drugs. I found myself getting angry and uptight every time she came in.”

After Registered Nurse David’s son died of cancer, he found himself overcome with grief and anger every time a patient who attempted suicide was admitted to the ICU. This is one of the examples of our continuing grief which we tend to repress and not express. We have learned to be more careful and not let our emotions rule us. However, we think that this trauma can be transformed and transcended, then used to help others. We need to examine ourselves and accept with honesty when the patients who trigger us are touching a wound that has not healed. Once we have worked through the healing process, we become “wounded healers.” We can then summon the healer within and therapeutically affect those whose physical or psychic pain responses used to trigger us.

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Stay in the Moment

Even after we have worked on our own healing, we need specific tools to help us through precarious moments. One helpful mechanism for dealing with difficult situations is to “stay in the moment.” If we are constantly triggered, we may be among those whom Conti-O’Hare describes as “the walking wounded.” When that wound interferes with the ability to function professionally, formal counseling is needed. However, with time and self-care this trauma can be transformed and transcended, then used to help others. We need to examine ourselves and accept with honesty when the patients who trigger us are touching a wound that has not healed. Once we have worked through the healing process, we become “wounded healers.” We can then summon the healer within and therapeutically affect those whose physical or psychic pain responses used to trigger us.

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Seek wise mentoring

We all need the opportunity to vent when we have an interaction with a patient whose attitude, diagnosis, behavior, or cultural history triggers a strong negative reaction in us. Certainly active listening, allowing mentees to vent, and “talking them down” are important mentoring skills. However, a true mentor will not simply listen to us vent and then offer unconditional validation. A mentor, by definition, will guide us through examining the disturbing interaction with the patient, but will also challenge us to confront the prejudices, biases, and unresolved issues in our lives that led to our negative responses. An effective mentor will help us step away from the situation, gain perspective, and answer hard questions for ourselves: Why am I so triggered by this situation? Is there some wound in my personal or professional past that I need to heal? What personal value do I hold dear that makes me utterly intolerant of this patient’s behavior? As a professional, what do I need to help me regain my balance when interacting with patients that destroy my equilibrium? In short, effective mentors will help us summon our wounded healers, learn to become centered in the present moment, and identify the sources of our triggers so we may begin to modify our responses. We need to remember that the person is not him or her disease. We need to recall the times in our own lives when “lousy” was absolutely the best we could do. Denny, RN, insists her mentor said it best, “My supervisor reminded me that I am in the business of healing, not judging. That was hard to hear until she told me that includes healing and not judging myself—because it is me that I always hardest on!”

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The Mississippi Nurses Foundation will host its third MNF Nurses Leadership Institute (NLI) for MNA Members! Leadership is an integral part of nurse development and professionalism. The NLI targets staff nurses, nurse managers, and nurse educators who desire to expand their knowledge of leadership and enhance their role as a leader.

Participation in the NLI requires participants to attend five (5) leadership development sessions commencing in January 2018 and concluding in September 2018. Each participant will be required to engage in a group project for self-development and networking.

The Foundation will provide a mileage allowance up to $25 per leadership development session. All sessions are located at the Mississippi Center for Nursing (MNA Building) in Madison, MS.

The dates for the sessions are as follows:
1. Session 1: Leading From Where You Are  
   Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018
2. Session 2: Tricks to Balancing  
   Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018
3. Session 3: Hiring and Managing Performance  
   Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018
4. Session 4: Tools on How to Supervise the Right Way  
   Date: Tuesday August 14, 2018
5. Session 5: Leadership Roundup and Engagement  
   Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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