Alabama

Hazel Taylor #239

We hosted a successful 37th Annual ANNA Update virtual meeting in October 2021. The meeting was well attended and included virtual vendors, which worked well! The meeting featured speakers from across the United States, including Jennifer Payton, 2022-2023 ANNA National President-Elect, and Tyson Moore, ANNA Pediatric Specialty Practice Network Leader. Chapter member Tanisha Leonard spoke on the use of shared governance and how it can apply to dialysis units. The meeting received rave reviews, and we cannot wait to plan for 2022!

Congratulations to our newly elected chapter officers! Our officers for 2022-2023 are: President Patricia (Patti) Patterson, President-Elect Jamie Horton Mauldin, Secretary Cindy Richards, Treasurer Sara Kennedy, and Health Policy Representative Tanisha Leonard. Program Committee members include Angie Kurosaka and Kimberly Whitt.

Congratulations to Dr. Angie Kurosaka, who will assume the role of ANNA National President in April. We are so excited and proud of Angie!

We are planning chapter meetings for 2022. We are currently working with the local Medical Science Liaison from Akemia Therapeutics on an upcoming in-person dinner meeting. Watch for more information regarding the date, topic, and location. A few other meetings are also in the works.

We welcome all members and nonmembers to our chapter meetings. The local ANNA chapter is here for you, so please contact any officer with comments, questions, topic suggestions, or concerns.

Arizona

Desert Vista #501

Chapter members met at Blanco Tacos Phoenix for an educational presentation before the end of 2021. Maia Slusser presented Fluid Solutions. The event was hosted by Melissa Carleton and Patient Care America. Attendees enjoyed a learning opportunity, a delicious dinner, and time to socialize with fellow members. One lucky attendee won an ANNA membership!

2021 has come to an end and the pandemic flurry persists. Healthcare workers continue working understaffed as new variants emerge. We hope you took advantage of the free NCPD opportunity offered by ANNA in December entitled “Prevention Strategies to Cope with Nurse Burnout in Nephrology Setting.”

Chapter officers look forward to seeing members at our upcoming events.

California

Nephros South #506

As we venture into 2022, we reflect on the state of the chapter during 2021. At a recent business meeting, chapter officers recounted the successes and challenges of the past year. Yes, we met recharter goals, but not without some frustrations and unmet goals. We were able to assemble for one in-person educational meeting, which was well attended and rekindled some of the past enthusiasm. We also stayed connected on a limited basis through webinar presentations. Many of us celebrated Nephrology Nurses Week with our coworkers. We are certainly still recovering from the effects of isolation and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

So, what are our goals for 2022? What are the interests and expectations of our members? With the retirement of the current officers looming, our concerns are for recruitment and succession planning for new chapter leadership. We will begin by extending a warm welcome to new chapter members and consider ways to engage participation and stimulate a spirit of volunteerism. We plan to survey members about their visions, goals, and ideas to increase interest and involvement in chapter activities.

Florida

South Florida Flamingo #206

We look forward to an active and promising 2022. The chapter has exceptional members and volunteers! Welcome to our newest members: Adline Dormeus, Marisa Rodriguez, Brooks Martinez, Kyle DePiola, Eloida Valdes, and Oralia Zambrano. We hope you enjoy meeting with us as we network and learn about issues in the field of nephrology.

The Broward Kidney Walk was a great success with over 250 participants. The walk was held at Plantation Central Park on November 13, and several chapter members volunteered at the registration table. Many had the opportunity to talk with former patients who are now successful kidney recipients. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day.

We closed out our meetings for 2021 with a variety of topics and welcomed some new sponsors. On November 2, Dr. Mariano Cordova, regional medical director at Horizon Therapeutics, gave a very informative presentation on Gout and Systemic Urate Deposition at the Lobster Bar Sea Grille in Fort Lauderdale, FL. This topic is not often addressed and was
greatly appreciated. We held a raffle and awarded three door prizes.

AnnMarie Duggan with Pentec Health hosted an inspiring educational dinner on Acute Kidney Injury Transition from ICU to Dialysis Center on November 11 at Chops Lobster Bar in Boca Raton, FL. The presentation was well received, and we look forward to working with Pentec Health as a new sponsor. We held a raffle after dinner and gave out door prizes, which is always fun.

Dr. Maunish Patel from Akebia discussed Clinical Considerations for the Treatment of Iron Deficiency Anemia in CKD on November 16 at Capriccio’s Ristorante in Pembroke Pines, FL. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and the raffle featuring popular door prizes.

### Suncoast #213

We look forward to a new year of exciting meetings and educational events. Our chapter worked with the South Florida Flamingo Chapter for the 2022 Florida Society of Nephrology Conference in Palm Beach, FL, in January.

We are looking for members who want to get more involved in the chapter. Several chapter positions are available, including president-elect and treasurer. For more information, contact marie.montagna@fmc-na.com or angela.mckenna@fmc-na.com.

If there are topics you would like us to discuss, please reach out to us. We look forward to seeing our members and meeting our newest chapter members.

### Georgia

#### Dogwood #224

The chapter celebrated our annual holiday meeting on December 16 with a presentation entitled Home Dialysis: Current Trends, Future Focus. Thank you to Pentec Healthcare for sponsoring this educational event, which offered 1.0 contact hour. It was a great evening with guests submitting monetary donations for the Christmas Marine Toys for Tots Celebration.

We are very excited to welcome our newest members to the chapter. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events!

Look for details regarding chapter activities planned in 2022 on our Dogwood Facebook and ANNA Connected sites. It is going to be a great year for our chapter!

On November 16, 2021, members the South Florida Flamingo Chapter attended an educational dinner on iron deficiency anemia in CKD at Capriccio’s Ristorante in Pembroke Pines, FL. Pictured (from left) are Linda Boucher, Arlene Barnett (winner of a raffle prize), and Pamela DePiola.
year as we will be seeing our colleagues from around the world at the National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in May. We look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new nephrology nurses. We are excited to build upon our nephrology knowledge and learn about the interesting endeavors other chapters are undertaking.

**Kentucky**

**Bluegrass #322**

We encourage all members to participate in the Kentucky Nurses Association Virtual Nurses Day at the Capitol on February 15 from 9:00 to 2:00. Make sure your legislators know your name and that you are a nurse. Sign up at https://kentucky-nurses.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events/135141-kna-virtual-nurses-day-at-the-capitol

March 10 is World Kidney Day. Start making plans now to celebrate with your patients and with all who have or are at risk of kidney disease. You can find resources at www.worldkidneyday.org.

**Maryland**

**Baltimore #101**

Our chapter is planning a few dinner programs and at least one all-day program. Watch for more information! We will post details on our chapter Facebook page, website, and ANNA Connected. If you have questions, please contact us at baltimoreanna@gmail.com.

**Michigan**

**Michiganna #312**

The chapter had a very successful 2021 year, and we look forward to accomplishing even more this year. On November 30, we held our first in-person educational dinner and chapter meeting. The event was a success and offered us a chance to gather in person after meeting virtually for the majority of the year.

As our chapter grows, we want to take the time out to recognize our members. Congratulations to **Nikeyia Davis** on being inducted as a fellow of the National Kidney Foundation.

Our chapter welcomed new officers into open volunteer roles. We want to thank them for their dedication and support to the chapter.

The chapter is planning many future events. We encourage our chapter members to watch for upcoming in-person educational dinners across the state of Michigan. We also will send out information about our Spring Conference. Stay tuned for more information by checking ANNA Connected.

**Minnesota**

**Southeast Minnesota #316**

The chapter’s educational conference held November 6-7, 2021, hosted 25 attendees from three states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Kansas. The conference committee thanks our vendors for their support: Alnylam, Amgen, AstraZeneca, Baxter, Horizon Therapeutics, and Otsuka.

This year’s challenge with COVID was met by following CDC guidelines for masking, spacing between seats, and hands-free service, including using the app Vevox for attendee engagement. Presentation topics included autosomal polycystic kidney disease, continuous renal replacement therapy, renal diet, mental health and chronic kidney disease, living kidney donation, home dialysis, and dialysis in the elderly. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to network in person and make new connections.

The conference committee is looking forward to another educational event. We look forward to new officers and additional committee members. All members are invited to share their talents to help make another successful conference. Connect with the chapter via ANNA Connected or seminnesota316@gmail.com to share a comment, suggest a speaker or topic, and ask questions.
Chapter Update

**Missouri**

**St. Louis Metro #307**

Our chapter headed into the holidays with a pre-Thanksgiving educational dinner offering contact hours. Deborah Degree spoke on *Influences on Appetite and Nutrient Intake in CKD 5 Dialysis*. The program was held at Helen Fitzgerald Irish Grill on November 16, 2021. Thank you to Pentec Health for providing this event.

Our chapter is supporting the St. Louis National Kidney Foundation by having a kidney walk fundraising team. The live event will be held March 27 at 11:00 a.m. at Westport Plaza. We are looking forward to participating in this event and the opportunity to work hand in hand with patients, families, and others in the renal care industry for a better future and outcomes.

Our chapter is looking forward to our best year yet! Members, please keep an eye out for ANNA Connected communications about educational and business meetings. Thank you, members, for everything you do!

**New Jersey**

**Garden State #125**

Our chapter has resumed some normalcy. AstraZeneca sponsored a belated Nephrology Nurses Week (NNW) dinner at Shogun Legends. Dr. Christine Venuti discussed *Women in Nephrology*, which was an eye-opening and motivational presentation. Fifteen members attended the meeting; they earned 1.2 contact hours and received NNW pens and hand sanitizers. Chapter President-Elect Linda Ford presented a rose bouquet to Trish Phulchand, our past president, to thank her for her service. Due to COVID, our spring meeting was cancelled, and we could not present the bouquet to Trish at that time.

On November 4, 2021, we held our fall all-day meeting at the Breakers in Spring Lake, NJ. It was well attended and offered 8.1 contact hours. COVID precautions were in place, and we used the “traffic light” comfort level protocol for interacting with colleagues. Topics and speakers included: *Water Treatment for Hemodialysis*, Hazel Dennison; *Plant-Based Diets in CKD*, AnnMarie Duggan, Pentec Health; *Go with the Flow, Acute Kidney Disease*, Caroline Steward; and *Overview of the ANNA Website*, Sandy Miholics. ANNA products were awarded as door prizes. Congratulations to Maria Garcia and Indira Pupovic, who each received a free 1-year ANNA membership.

Thank you to chapter members Elena Mendoza and Isabella Kocienski for assisting with the activities of the day. Isabella agreed to be our Corporate Liaison and manage our corporate supporters. Elena Mendoza offered to assist with chapter and educational activities, especially support at all-day meetings.

Thank you also to our corporate sponsors: Dominick Migliazza from Amgen, Barry Seidman from Fresenius, Christopher Piano from AstraZeneca, Hazel Dennison from Healthstream, Melissa Smith from ICU Medical, and Michael Gulla from Pentec Health.
Without their support, it would be difficult to maintain these programs.

Our primary strategic plan initiative is education, and we hope to offer frequent virtual education presentations with contact hours. Our next all-day meeting is our spring meeting, What’s Going On?, already scheduled for June 9, 2022, at the Breakers in Spring Lake. The preliminary flyer has been posted on Facebook so mark your calendars.

To promote member outreach, chapter members Myrtle Wood, Gloria Raftopoulos, Enice Joanni, and Isabella Kocienski volunteered to post any news related to chapter events at their facilities.

We are always looking for members to assist with chapter activities. The work is computer-based and can be done at home. Please reach out to a chapter officer.

**New York**

**Northeast Tri-State #120**

Our chapter had a successful 2021. We provided two educational offerings with contact hours and one non-CE program to members. We wanted to hold an in-person program in October 2021, but we felt it was still too much of a risk to meet in-person because of COVID.

New officers will be taking over roles within the chapter in 2022 and will be mentored by the previous officers. Please reach out to officers via ANNA Connected if you would like to be involved in the chapter.

Congratulation to chapter officer Jean Colaneri, who co-authored Acute Dialysis Survey Readiness Handbook (2nd edition), and along with the Transplant Specialty Practice Network, helped write an article for the Nephrology Nursing Journal entitled “Dissolving Disincentives to Living Kidney Donation.”

We know chapter members have done a lot in the nephrology community, and we would love to hear about your accomplishments and share in the celebration. Please share on ANNA Connected and get recognized.

**North Carolina**

**Greater Charlotte #202**

We held our Fall Chapter Conference on November 13, 2021, in collaboration with a grant from Fresenius Medical Care and vendors, AstraZeneca, Amgen, Alexion, and Vifor. Topics included transplant, medical management of CKD, albumin, and inflammation. Thank you to our presenters Amy Kupsco, Donna Bednarski, Leah Smith, Chivonne Hunter, Amy Janik, and Karen Hardinger for sharing their time and knowledge.

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We continue to plan on connecting with some local leaders to discuss the needs of our nephrology patients and how the local government can assist and increase our community’s knowledge on kidney disease.
Chapter Update

North Dakota
Red River Valley #341
Our chapter held our annual Dialogues in Dialysis conference virtually in November 2021. The evening conference featured three wonderful speakers and topics such as new medications in nephrology, an update on the HeRO graft, and moral distress in the renal setting. We look forward to planning our next conference for fall 2022.

Ohio
Black Swamp #323
We will continue to notify chapter members about Zoom and online education. We hope that we can begin in-person meetings in 2022.

Pennsylvania
Three Rivers #104
Our chapter hosted an educational dinner on October 27, 2021, at the Main Seafood and Chophouse Restaurant in Monroeville, PA. Sponsored by Vifor Pharma, the meeting featured a great presentation by Dr. Chris Gisler on A Novel Approach to Manage Patients with Recurrent Hyperkalemia. The chapter also conducted a business meeting during the evening and announced our 2022 officers: President Sue Ralph, Secretary Donna Zaccagnini, Treasurer Terry Starrett, and Health Policy Representative Nina Mazzei-Parrish.

The only vacant position is president-elect. No one expressed interest in this position at the meeting. Members were encouraged to reach out to the chapter officers if they were interested in any future officer positions with ANNA since our chapter sponsors a mentorship program.

The night was very educational and also included great food, prizes, and networking. Thank you to Vifor Pharma and Donna Wittebort for sponsoring the event.

The chapter is planning to hold an educational conference, Spring Ahead into Nephrology in March. We are in the process of setting up a variety of speakers to cover many topics. Stay tuned for more information!

Our chapter health policy representative also has been busy reaching out to State Representatives and Senators regarding ANNA’s mission for patients with kidney disease. Watch for more information regarding this topic in the future.

Our chapter is always looking for new volunteers and ideas. The chapter conducts monthly conference calls. If you are interested in joining a call, please contact any of the officers listed above. We would be glad to provide you with the conference number. Thanks for all you do to care for patients!

Keystone #110
Welcome to our new members who joined over the past 2 months: Michelle Farina, Minal Sachdeva, Pamela Shonk, Dawn Walter, Jenn Givler, Sherri Magazzu, and Jibin Mathew. We look forward to meeting you in person or virtually!

The chapter continues to hold our bimonthly virtual educational offerings. Most recently, we hosted an educational webinar titled Are the Kidneys the Key? The Interplay Between Hyperuricemia, Gout, and CKD on November 11, 2021. On October 21, we hosted another educational webinar on Current Understanding of Anemia and Chronic Kidney Disease. Both webinars drew many attendees.

We look forward to planning more webinars as well as discussing the possibility of live events such as educational dinners.

Texas
Gulf Coast #204
The chapter continues to keep nephrology nurses and partners in the greater Houston area engaged by providing free, in-person educational and...
networking opportunities. For Nephrology Nurses Week, we paid special tribute to our most engaged members while celebrating the selfless contributions of nephrology nurses within the communities they serve. Chapter President Tanya Scott continues to collaborate with vendors and other nursing organizations to secure successful events and meetings for the chapter. Our member participation continues to grow, and we will continue to strive to make an impact in our many areas of practice.

We are proud of our chapter members who have been appointed to positions within the Specialty Practice Networks (SPNs). Pauline Marroquin serves as the Acute Care SPN Education Advisor; Ursula Chester serves as the Administration SPN Leader; Rosie Olivares serves as the Educator SPN Publication Advisor; and Chantal Dynes serves as the Home Therapies SPN Leader. Congratulations for serving ANNA on a national level!

As always, stay tuned to ANNA Connected for more exciting chapter events and follow us on Facebook.

Alamo City #205

Alamo City is starting off the new year with a bang! We have been back to monthly education meetings since September 2021. We have a lot of new members and are seeing them at our dinner meetings. We have meetings scheduled for January, February, and March. We are planning a presentation on kidney transplantation for spring 2022 that will include continuing education credit.

The end of 2021 brought several charity walks and a fabulous dinner meeting at Flemings with 33 members in attendance. Our December meeting was held at Paesano’s and was equally wonderful with over 30 attendees.

Thank you to our vendors for sponsoring and supporting our chapter. We expect 2022 to be a great year for nephrology nursing.

Dallas #208

Team ANNA Dallas participated in the Texas NKF Kidney Walk and raised $1,400. Our team was listed as one of the top fundraising teams. Thank you to team members Laura Cato, Naveena Reddy, and Sarah Salzman!

Congratulations to Nenita Cuellar for completing her MSN/Nursing Administration program in December 2021. Nenita is our 2022-2023 chapter president-elect. Congratulations also to one of our student members, Marleth Chavez, for completing her RN program in December 2021.

Marleth and co-secretary Sarah Salman created and implemented the promotional theme for our January offering, Get the Buzz on Nephrology Nursing. It will also be part of our efforts to recruit area nursing students into nephrology nursing.

The chapter held an all-day educational program entitled Putting the Pieces Together: Dialogues in Nephrology Nursing on January 20. Thank you to our sponsors, American Renal Associates and Outset Medical, for their program grants. We raffled half memberships, registration for the new online Nephrology Nursing Certification Review Course, and a copy of the 2021 Nephrology Nursing Certification Review Guide as door prizes for attendees.

The chapter will be presenting Influences on Appetite and Nutrition Intake in CKD 5 Dialysis as a dinner meeting in late February/early March. The program sponsored by Pentec Health, will offer 1.0 contact hour for nurses and CDR 1 CPEU for registered dietitians.

Our incoming chapter officers for 2022-2023 are President Teleshia Coleman, President-Elect Nenita Cuellar, Co-Secretaries Sarah Salzman and Sara Stanley, Treasurer Cynthia Wright, and Health Policy Representative Phung Tran.

Utah

Intermountain #516

Our chapter’s annual education day held October 8-9, 2021, was a great success. The meeting kicked off on October 8 off with a presentation by Dr. Donald Morris, a favorite local speaker who did not disappoint. The food at Braza Grill was fantastic, and the atmosphere and networking were amazing! The learning continued on October 9 with a day filled with informative, engaging speakers. We were lucky to hear from Dr.
Anjay Rastogi during a lunch break sponsored by Velphor®. A total of 8.5 contact hours were awarded for both days of the program. Thank you to our vendors for their support and to all of the attendees. We look forward to next year’s event,

We enjoyed a wonderful dinner/virtual event sponsored by Outset Medical on November 9 as well as a member appreciation dinner on November 30 for our wonderful chapter members.

Going forward, we will continue to offer education meetings each month with information being shared via ANNA Connected, so watch for details on upcoming events. Some programs will offer contact hours.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve as chapter officers and welcome your suggestions. Please reach out if you would like to be more involved or have any suggestions or feedback. We are so thankful for our wonderful members and the support you provide to the chapter!

Virginia

Tidewater #241

Our chapter extends a warm welcome to our newest members. Continue to look for learning and communication opportunities on ANNA Connected from our president, Janyce McLin.

There are many opportunities to assist colleagues and members of our community. Our chapter donated funds and volunteer hours to the following organizations:

- Virginia Uplift Foundation, where interns donate funds/volunteer hours to women’s shelters, particularly individuals who have experienced domestic violence.
- Salvation Army, which assists families to remain in their homes during hardships and provides assistance with utilities and basic care needs, especially to families with children.
- Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, which works to solve hunger in Virginia.

Chapter members volunteered at a food distribution site in Portsmouth, VA,
which was sponsored by the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore and provided food for over 700 families. Individuals in need of food could drive up and pack up their cars. The only question asked was: “How many people are in your household?”

Our chapter and chapter officers are looking forward to a prosperous new year in ANNA!

**Washington**

**Pacific Northwest #503**

On October 20, 2021, our chapter held our first complimentary educational dinner/meet and greet since the pandemic. Thanks to Alexion Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring dinner and to Janine Wilhite who arranged the event. Dr. Rose Ayoob gave a fabulous presentation on *Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Disease*. We welcomed eight attendees and gave out a 1-year ANNA membership and a ticket for the 2022 Renal Update as door prizes.

In an abundance of caution and to keep everyone safe, our chapter officers and education planning committee have decided to hold the 2022 Renal Update virtually via Zoom on March 4. Registration is open, and the program will offer 4.75 contact hours. We hope to see colleagues from Alaska, Oregon, and Washington via Zoom. Please sign up early. Registration closes March 3 at 12:00 noon.

We welcome anyone who is interested to be part of our education planning committee. Please contact us via ANNA Connected if you are interested in any position.

**Puerto Rico**

**Caribbean #210**

Chapters officers and members participated in the Puerto Rico Nephrology Society Symposium in October 2021. Marien Saade, Alexandra Brioso, and Yaritza Pizarro represented our chapter.

Also in October, our chapter developed and distributed a nursing survey to the nephrology nurses in Puerto Rico to explore their point of view of the benefits that ANNA offers to them. To date, 103 people have participated.

Recently, our chapter created an Instagram account to share educational and promotional information about our chapter.

Congratulations to Emily Martinez, our chapter secretary, who completed her master's degree in nursing with a specialty in adults and the elderly and with a focus on the administrative and educational role.

**New NCPD Bundle**

**Features Popular Sessions from 2021 ANNA Fall Conference**

A new educational bundle in the ANNA Online Library features six of the most popular sessions from the 2021 Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management, and Leadership Conference. Topics include:

- Innovative Leadership Styles Required in Today's Environment
- A Personal COVID Journey: From Novice to Expert
- Identifying Depression in Pediatrics
- Management of Acute Kidney Injury after Stem Cell Transplantation (Case Study)
- Passion and Safety: Elevating the Role of Direct Care in Nephrology Nursing
- Positive Impact of Living Donation: A Personal Journey

Listen to session recordings, view presentation materials, and earn contact hours. The package offers 6.0 contact hours and 1.0 hour of pharmacology credit. ANNA members can purchase the bundle for $75 – half off the regular price. Access this educational bundle at library.annanurse.org/anna/packages/1553/view.

**Venous Needle Dislodgement Resources**

Now Available in Spanish

Venous needle dislodgement (VND) and access-bloodline separation are potential complications of hemodialysis therapy. The 2020-2021 ANNA Venous Needle Dislodgement Task Force reviewed and updated VND-related resources originally developed by an ANNA task force in 2012. The July/August 2021 issue of the *Nephrology Nursing Journal* featured an article discussing the results of the task force’s work as well as updated resources on VND and access-bloodline separation. Three of these resources are now available in Spanish:

- Pocket Card ~ Assessment of the Risk for a Serious Venous Needle Dislodgement Incident
- Poster ~ Venous Needle Dislodgement - How to Minimize the Risks - Recommendations for Nephrology Nurses
- Patient Education Resource (Poster) ~ Help Us Keep You Safe!

Access these resources on the ANNA website at annanurse.org/vnd.