On November 6th, 2014 the HTPN Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Council had its inaugural meeting. The Advanced Practice Provider Council will be established for the purpose of providing an open forum for meaningful discussion and action on the issues of general interest for all Advanced Practice Providers at HTPN. The members are listed below:

- Christiane Bell (Medproviders)
- Shawana Crawford (Liver Consultants)
- Amy Davila (NTHCA Inpatient Care Unit)
- Judy Davis (BFM at Ellis County)
- Lauren Dempsey (Transplant)
- Diane Finke (FMC Flower Mound)
- Monica Foote (8080/FMCNG)
- Anju Garg (CT Surgery BUMC)
- Shonna Harris (FMC Mesquite)
- Anna Houfek (Cardiovascular Consultants Grapevine)
- Jennifer Jones (Practice Administrator Riverside)
- Kellie Kahveci (Elder Housecalls)
- Kristin Kamprath (Bariatric surgery)
- Kathryn Leuck (Park Lane Endocrinology)
- Cheryl Maldanis (BFM at Rockwall)
- Allison Moore (Liver Consultants)
- Vanessa Nestor (Neuro-Onc Assoc)
- Mitesh Patel (CT Surgery)
- Jame Restau (Palliative Care)
- Alyssa Spiegel (Dermatology)
- Linda Summers (Internal Medicine Irving)
- Jason Troha (FMC Fort Worth)
- Dr. Sharon Tucker
- Kellie Wess (FMC North Garland)

Sub-Committees of APP Council Formed

If you wish to participate on a sub-committee please contact the leader with your interest.

- Practice Environment/Marketing: Purpose is to evaluate and recommend appropriate IT, space, and staff resources are available for a successful practice, as well as communication with nursing, physicians, and administration regarding patient-centric work. Purpose is to increase public awareness of the role that advanced practitioners play in healthcare delivery. **Jason Troha and Jennifer Jones are leaders.**
- Regulatory Committee: Purpose is to keep abreast of the state, federal, and HTPN regulations that affect APPs; act as advisory panel for compliance committee. **Kellie Wess & Kristin Kamprath are leaders**
- Recruiting Committee: Purpose is to work with recruiting to improve advanced practice recruiting efforts; improve the orientation process, and work on on-boarding and mentor program. **Amy Davila and Jame Restau are leaders**
- Education Committee: Purpose is to work with the continuing education office to offer regional advanced practice education. **Kellie Kahveci is leader**
- Preceptorship Committee: Purpose is to facilitate the preparation and education of individuals pursuing a role as an APP. Recommend best practices in precepting and develop preceptor opportunities that could lead to better recruitment. **Cheryl Maldanis is leader**
HTPN Network News will now have “APP Corner”

*Network News* is a publication sent out quarterly to physicians about what is happening within HTPN. As of 2015, it will be sent to every Advanced Practice Provider in the HealthTexas Provider Network. It will include a special “APP Corner” that will highlight the accomplishments and teamwork of APPs throughout the system.

Make sure your address is correct on HRWorkways so that you can receive it at your home address!

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**Recruitment and Job Openings**

*“Some have a job, but we have a calling”*

Who you work with is just as important as what you are doing. Which is why Baylor Scott and White Health in conjunction with HealthTexas Provider Network strive to have a level of partnership for Advanced Practice in all specialties and settings. With nationally renowned physicians, competitive benefits packages, national recognition, flexible schedules, and state of the art facilities—it’s easy to see why we’re a great place to work for Advanced Practice. If you, or someone you know, is interested in particular location or specialty please contact Senior Recruiter for Advanced Practice, Samantha Oakley, at Samantha.oakley@baylorhealth.edu. For an up-to-date list of our ever-changing and exciting opportunities please visit www.baylorhealthjobs.com.

By Samantha Oakley, Senior Recruiter, Advanced Practice Providers
APP On-Board Training

On-Board Training will take place in January 20 and March 2 of 2015. This annual training class is for Advanced Practice Providers that have been newly hired within the last year. The objective of the program is to enhance providers’ knowledge, understanding and support of HealthTexas’ goals and objectives, specifically in the areas of quality, safety, information systems, coding, compliance, risk management, patient centered medical home and service excellence. Additional information is also provided in the areas of APP compensation, volunteer services, provider health, provider/patient communications, HealthTexas committees, medical ethics and transitional care. These classes are compulsory for all new providers so you will be receiving an invitation via email with a link for registration. You will need to register for the January and March sections separately.

To register for Section II on January 20, 2015, please click here
To register for Section III on March 2, 2015, please click here

HTPN Provider Growth through 2014
Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers (APP)

“On board training via HTPN was very helpful as a new employee. There were a number of sessions that helped me get acclimated to my new career. Centricity training and billing and coding were among the modules that I found useful for my job. Not to mention, the training also helped me network with fellow advanced care practitioners within HTPN!” Mitesh Patel PA-C, CT Surgery

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I would like to introduce myself and say hello to my fellow APPs! My name is Monica Foote MPAS, PA-C, ATC, and I have just started on as the Manager of Advanced Practitioners for HealthTexas Provider Network, an affiliate of Baylor Scott & White Health. Previously, I practiced full-time at Family Medical Center at North Garland for 5 years and also as a prn employee at Baylor Garland Emergency Room. Before becoming a PA I was an Athletic Trainer and High School Teacher, so I understand working as a team for a common goal. I look forward to working with all the Advanced Practice Professionals to continue an environment of high quality patient care and teamwork and consider it an honor to represent APPs at HTPN Corporate. You can contact me at 469-800-8509 or Monica.Foote@baylorhealth.edu with any questions that you may have.

**HTPN Spring Forum**

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