

Advanced Nursing Education Workforce

(ANEW) Traineeship Newsletter

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome, to the first newsletter of the ANEW Traineeship!

The **Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Traineeship Program** is a \$1.39 Million two-year HRSA funded innovative academic and clinical training program preparing future **Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner** students specializing in family and adult practice to **provide primary healthcare services in rural and underserved communities**. Through this traineeship, our students will gain experience on working with telemedicine and other clinical skills necessary for their career as a nurse practitioner.

Applications for the ANEW Traineeship concluded January 29th, 2018 with over 23 applicants and only the top 30 % selected for interviews. Selection was very competitive as we received many wonderful NP student applications.

For the upcoming summer semester, we have accepted 5 Family Nurse Practitioner students to complete their clinical training in 5 different clinics located in Hendry and Glades County.

I am very excited to share this wonderful opportunity for our faculty, staff, students, and college.



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ANEW Outlook on Healthcare

Many of today's **60 million** rural Americans **lack access to primary care services**. The general shortage of primary care providers is well documented within the United States, where over the past ten years, work force issues have been raised regarding the availability and specialization of providers and the training of those providers for vulnerable populations in primary care.

The shortage of healthcare training and incentives for both physicians and nurses to work in rural areas has dramatically influenced rural healthcare services. Such is the case in Florida, where many rural Floridians living in Hendry and Glades County have limited access to healthcare services and primary care providers.

Both Hendry and Glades County have **above the state average** rates of people living below the poverty level. Additionally, both counties have high rates of hypertension, diabetes, COPD, STD's, and other health concerns.

ANEW serves to increase nurse practitioner care and healthcare access in rural areas by providing **ANEW opportunity for patients**.

ANEW Goals

1. Increase nurse practitioner primary care in rural Hendry & Glades County.
2. Address health needs of rural communities and provide appropriate treatment.
3. Examine preceptor mentorship and clinical trainings needed for rural healthcare.

Starting Summer 2018 ANEW trainees will complete their clinic hours in 5 different clinics located in Hendry and Glades County.

Glades County Clinic



LaBelle Clinic



Hendry Regional Medical Center



Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center



Hendry County Health Department



Meet Our Trainees

Angelina St. Germain



A Florida native with extensive experience serving rural populations, Angelina's interests include vaccine adherence, women's health, and diabetes self-care management. Angelina has widespread knowledge on telemedicine and believes that through her previous experience, she has acquired the necessary skills to address any healthcare gaps in Hendry County. As Angelina describes, she is excited for this wonderful opportunity and believes the ANEW Traineeship will help her *"learn as much as possible by immersing myself in a new healthcare setting, culture, and patient population allowing for an excellent opportunity to apply my skill set and enthusiasm."*

Arnold Altiveros



Arnold is part of the FEP-Program and has numerous years of experience working with underserved rural communities in both Florida and in his native home of the Philippines. Prior to becoming a student at FIU, Arnold was studying to become a surgeon, where he was able to assist many of his fellow countrymen. His passion to work in rural health comes from his drive to practice nursing and expanding healthcare knowledge. Arnold's expectations of the ANEW program are high as he describes - *"I am excited for the opportunity to sharpen my clinical eye and integrate what I have learned from school and training to enhance my interpersonal skills and bed-side manners."*

Danielle Steele



Danielle is part of the Family Nurse Practitioner Track and has assisted underserved communities by volunteering as a nurse in Florida, Georgia, and Asia. Her passion for underserved communities is demonstrated through her commitment to the organization Big Brother Big Sister where she has volunteered for many years. Danielle wishes to become a rural nurse practitioner and is very excited about starting her traineeship where she describes - *"the Traineeship Award will allow me to blossom as a nurse practitioner...this experience will foster autonomy along with confidence in clinical decision making."*

Luis Cuza



Luis is part of the FEP-Program with extensive experience directly associated with serving rural populations in Florida, Cuba, and Venezuela. For many years, Luis was a general physician and dermatologist where he participated in unique opportunities contributing to physical and psychosocial health and wellness. Luis has a unique relationship to rural communities, as he completed his medical training by traveling on horse to reach those living in mountains or unreachable areas. Luis plans to integrate this extensive and practical experience into his future career where he can meet the needs of rural communities, expand their access to comprehensive services, minimize health inequality, improve health and increase the wellbeing of persons from different backgrounds and social groups because as he describes, *"all people should enjoy the highest level of health"*

Mitchell Guanzon



Mitchell expects this project will *"provide vast opportunities for all the constituents involved, namely, the patients, myself, FIU, and the community. It will allow me to address any communication gaps amongst varying populations."* Mitchell was a 4th year medical student in Manila where he spent four-week rotations in very rural communities as the sole provider of healthcare. Mitchell plans on using this opportunity to *"strengthen and sharpen my abilities to connect with patients who may not have the health care and use this experience to keep in mind that patients need care and compassion from providers - since providing healthcare is an art form which need not be neglected by appropriating diligent attention and care when treating individuals regardless of where they came from."*

Community Advisory Board (CAB)

The ANEW Community Advisory Board (CAB) will provide community perspective and feedback on NP training issues, healthcare issues, planned approaches to care and health issues that confront students, administrators and clinical staff at the clinical sites.

Community perspective is imperative for the success of this program as it allows NP students the ability to understand and evaluate patient outlook. CAB includes representatives from Hendry and Glades County and community members of various ages, backgrounds, and neighborhoods.

Members:

- Dr. Tami Thomas, ANEW Project Director
- Michelle Caldera, ANEW Program Manager
- Dr. Joe Pepe, FDOH Hendry/Glades County
- Leo Rodriguez, FDOH Hendry/Glades County
- Jennifer Hood, FDOH Hendry/Glades County
- R.D. Williams, CFO - Hendry Regional Medical Center
- Jim Brikel, Administrator - Glades County School
- Roberto Sanchez, Principal - Clewiston High School

CAB Meeting

1st: November 16, 2017

2nd: January 26, 2018

3rd: TBA

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Community Outreach



Our college outreach team was present during Hendry County's Health Fair February 2018 where they engaged with community members and promoted healthy lifestyle choices!

Upcoming events will include outreach and health events at our 5 clinic locations:

1. Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center
2. Hendry Regional Medical Center
3. Hendry County Health Department – Clewiston Clinic
4. Hendry County Health Department – LaBelle Clinic
5. Glades County Health Department – Moorehaven Clinic

Next event: April 21, 2018 – Special Olympics

Please stay tuned for our next newsletter highlighting our nursing students in Hendry & Glades County!