## **Advanced Nursing Education Workforce**

(ANEW) Traineeship Newsletter



### **WELCOME**

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

I am excited to share that as of today the ANEW Summer 2018 trainees have successfully completed their traineeship, passed their ACNN exams, and graduated with their MSN degrees! The completion of the ANEW traineeship contributes to each trainees' preparedness while simultaneously bridging healthcare gaps in our rural communities.

Although summer is over, our trainees will continue their work with rural communities while more than half of this years trainees have already been presented with offers of employment within the Hendry County clinics in which they completed their traineeship. Three of our ANEW Trainee graduates will interview for ARNP positions in rural Hendry County starting September 2018.

Please join me in congratulating our summer 2018 trainee graduates!



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## Summer 2018 Traineeship

#### LOOKING BACK

Our pilot cohort for the ANEW Traineeship Grant included 5 Family NP students - Angelina St. Germain, Arnold Altiveros, Danielle Steele, Luis Cuza, and Mitchell Guanzon – the Summer Traineeship began on May 7, 2018 and concluded July 20, 2018. Over the course of the ANEW Traineeship project, each trainee assessed and treated 11-14 patients per day - in primary care with experience in women's health, adult and pediatric.

The 2018 ANEW Traineeship Program was highly anticipated by our FIU Community and Hendry and Glades County partners. After Hurricane Irma and the devastation to primary care services in Glades County, it served to bridge the gap in provider availability and community needs. The graduate nurse students had the opportunity to reside in Hendry County throughout the duration of their traineeship, which served to increase their understanding of the community's needs, culture, and values.



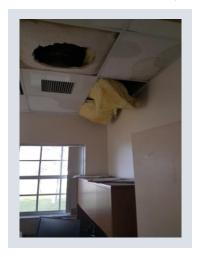


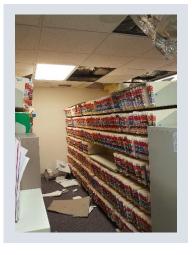
#### **Clinical Partners**

Due to Hurricane Irma, 2018 ANEW Traineeship program implementation and evaluation suffered delays. The aftermath of Hurricane Irma caused catastrophic damages in Hendry and Glades County, which included one of our clinical partners. The Florida Department of Health clinic in Labelle underwent structural damage to the facilities with no roof or electricity for months. Presently, clinic activity for this site is closed and under construction. Unfortunately, many places in Hendry and Glades County are still dealing with the hurricane aftermath and are seeking ways to readjust.

#### Florida Department of Health Labelle Clinic

1140 Pratt Boulevard LaBelle, FL 33935





#### **Hendry Regional Convenient Care**

450 S Main St #2 LaBelle, FL 33935



#### **Hendry Regional Medical Center**

524 W Sagamore Ave Clewiston, FL 33440



## Summer 2018 Traineeship

## **ANEW Preceptors**

A main component to the ANEW Program includes analyzing and understanding factors that can increase ARNP availability in rural areas. The Hendry Regional Medical Center ANEW Preceptors functioned in a dual role. They challenged our 2018 ANEW trainees to practice in rural areas while also sharing insight on increasing provider availability and community integration. Through the ANEW Program and assistance from the preceptors, our trainees increased their knowledge on rural healthcare and patient safety, discovered new assessment and treatment techniques, and transitioned into the role of a Nurse Practitioner. The ANEW preceptors provided our 2018 ANEW Traineeship cohort with insight and experiences that provided opportunities for job placement in rural Hendry County.

#### Dr. Shaun Nazar, DO



Having spent the majority of his medical training in rural health, Dr. Nazar is passionate about practicing family medicine in rural Hendry County. Dr. Nazar is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Practice, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, and American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Nazar precepted Angelina St. Germain.

#### Dr. Quaison Dey, MD



Dr. Dey is an experienced pediatrician who assisted ANEW Trainee Mitchell Guanzon throughout this clinical training in Hendry Regional Medical Center. Dr. Dey has pediatric experience in both clinical and administrative levels which further adds to his medical and preceptor expertise.

#### Dr. Udayashree Nune, MD



Dr. Nune is a seasoned Family Physician with experience in obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Nune is an active member of both the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and American Medical Association (AMA). Dr. Nune was Arnold Altivero's preceptor and worked rigorously throughout Arnold's 11-week clinical rotation providing up to date skills and expertise.

#### Dr. Alina Miracle, DNP, ARNP



Dr. Miracle received her DNP degree from Florida Atlantic University and has extensive experience in nursing, HIV counseling and testing, and preceptorship. Dr. Miracle is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and worked directly with Luis Cuza during his rotation.

#### Dr. William Darpini, MD



Dr. Darpini has over 20 years of experience in the medical field with extensive experience in joint injections, gynecologic and dermatologic procedures and has a strong background in hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes, obesity and mental health. Dr. Darpini was preceptor to Danielle Steele.

#### Deborah McCarthy, ARNP



Nurse McCarthy served as an ARNP preceptor to both Mitchell and Arnold where she often oversaw their clinical trainings. Nurse McCarthy received her ARNP degree from Barry University but has maintained her clinical practice in rural Hendry County assisting veterans and agriculture workers.

## Traineeship Spotlight

As defined by our ANEW Summer 2018 trainees, the ANEW Program has been a life changing experience preparing them for **ANEW** future they look forward to working in.

#### Mitchell Guanzon, ARNP



Mitchell describes his experience during the ANEW Traineeship as "life changing". He credits the wonderful patients, preceptors, and clinic staff as a major influence for his desire to continue to work in rural communities. His extensive experience in rural Philippines complemented his 11-week clinical training where he worked with Dr. Dey and Nurse McCarthy treating children and adults. Mitchell plans to continue working in rural and underserved areas, specifically in Hendry County. He had lasting impressions in Hendry County, where he was recently offered a position as a provider at Hendry Regional Medical Center. Mitchell will interview with Hendry Regional Medical Center on September 7th, 2018.

#### **Anrold Altiveros, ARNP**



Arnold is our second student featured in our Traineeship Spotlight, where he credits the ANEW Traineeship as an experience that "sharpened his clinical skills and decision making, while simultaneously broadening his approach when providing patient assessment and treatment". During his clinical training, Arnold worked with Dr. Nune and Nurse McCarthy providing care for adults. One of his most interesting experiences was removing a sebaceous cyst, where he claims, "it was nothing I had ever seen before". Arnold is passionate about rural healthcare and will continue to work in Hendry County where he received an offer of employment from Hendry Regional Medical Center. His interview is set for late September 2018.

#### Luis Cuza, ARNP



Luis was a wonderful addition to the ANEW Traineeship, where he continuously worked with patients providing bilingual care to Spanish speaking patients/families. Luis had a unique experience at Hendry Regional Medical Center where he would often travel from work/school directly to Hendry County to take care of patients. With guidance from his preceptor Dr. Miracle, he plans to continue his commitment in rural counties by starting his NP career in Hendry County. Through his experience within the ANEW Traineeship Luis was offered a position as a full-time provider for the Florida Department of Health in Labelle, FL. His interview will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Traineeship Spotlight

#### Angelina St. Germain, ARNP



Danielle Steele, ARNP



Angelina worked alongside her preceptor Dr. Nazar to provide primary care to adults and children. Throughout her clinical traineeship, Angelina grew close to Hendry County as she opted to stay 2-3 nights per week. She credits her increased desire to work in rural and underserved areas to the amazing patients and preceptors she interacted with in Hendry County. Due to her experience with the ANEW Traineeship, Angelina would like to continue her work in rural Florida and plans on expanding her expertise to South Florida rural communities. Currently, Angelina starting her DNP career at Florida International University College of Nursing.

Danielle completed her clinical traineeship at the Hendry Regional Convenient Care clinic in Labelle, FL. Under the supervision of her preceptor Dr. Darpini, Danielle primarily focused on women's health and primary care where she gained insight from Dr. Darpini on patient assessment and treatment.

## ANEW Traineeship Recipient Awardees

During graduation, ANEW Summer 2018 trainees received an award for their commitment to serving rural communities and for their dedication to Hendry County.







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#### **MOVING FORWARD**

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has provided an Administrative Supplement Award for the 2019 ANEW Traineeship Program. Additional grant support will allow us to include Spring and Summer trainee trainings for:

- 1. Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- 2. Telehealth
- 3. Mental Health

For the remainder of the 2018 year we plan on analyzing patient, student, preceptor, and clinical feedback. Using both process and outcome measures, this will enhance future trainee experience, patient care, and preceptor mentorship. We have successfully completed the main ANEW Grant objectives, which is to increase ARNP availability within our rural site and plan to continue this framework for the upcoming cohorts.

## ANEW Spring 2019 Applications will open Monday September 17, 2018 and close Friday October 19, 2018

ANEW Traineeship applications for Spring 2019 will begin during the Fall 2018 semester. Selection will be competitive, as we have already received interested NP student inquiries. We plan on dedicating the next few months on increasing clinical sites and trainings, as we would like to provide traineeships to at least 10-15 students every year and increase nurse practitioner care and healthcare access in rural areas by providing ANEW opportunity for patients.

For Spring 2019 Applications please visit <a href="https://www.cnhs.fiu.edu/ANEW/">www.cnhs.fiu.edu/ANEW/</a>

Summer 2019 applications will open during the Spring 2019 semester.

#### **ANEW Goals**

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

# Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting

1st: November 16, 2017

2<sup>nd</sup>: January 26, 2018

#### Upcoming

3rd: October 19, 2018

For more information, please contact Michelle Caldera mcaldera@fiu.edu

Please stay tuned for our next newsletter highlighting our Spring 2019 trainees in Hendry & Glades County!