



Survey: APRN Support of FPA

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Overview

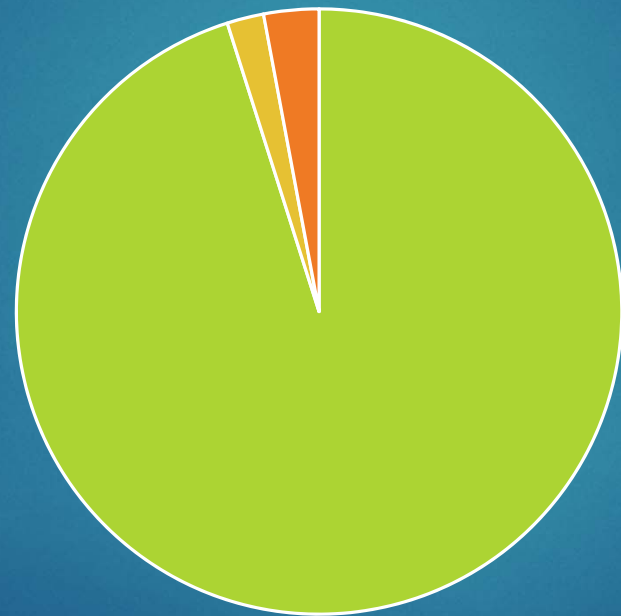
- ▶ Convenience sample with snowballing
- ▶ n=511
 - ▶ 56.52% TNA members
 - ▶ 43.59% non-TNA members

Are you a TNA member?



■ Yes ■ No

Do you support FPA for APRNs?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Uncertain



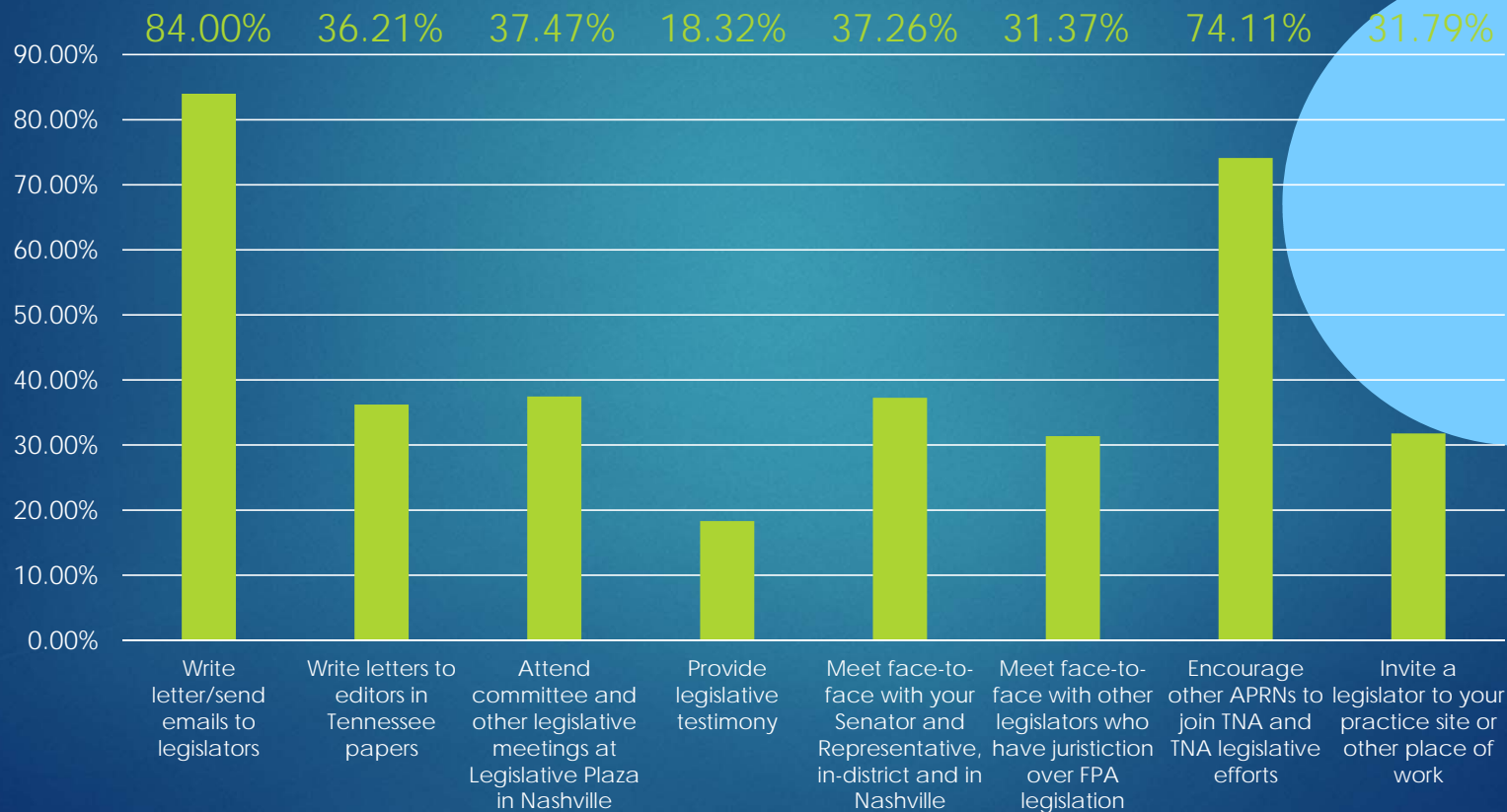
Selected comments



- ▶ Research has shown that APRNs have just as much success with positive patient outcomes as physicians do. With the shortage of primary care providers, it is a thoughtful decision to open up practicing for APRNs so that the citizens of Tennessee can better be served.
- ▶ NPs will play an ever increasing role in meeting the health care needs of our Nation. Putting unnecessary barriers in our way only serves to maintain an MD-centric healthcare system that is antiquated and failing.
- ▶ I believe APRNs should be allowed FPA after a certain number of years of experience.

Which of the following things are you willing to do to support the passage of FPA legislation?

Check all that apply.



Regional APRN groups

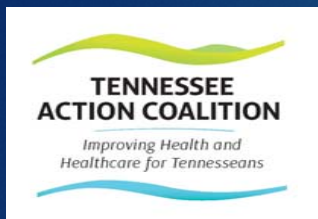
- ▶ Regional groups listed:
 - ▶ GMAAPN, MTAPN, WTAPNA, Jackson/MADISON COUNTY, NE TN APNs, GKAAPRN, Chattanooga Area Nurse Practitioners, Upper Cumberland NP-PA, Mid South APRNs & PAs.
- ▶ Many other national groups were listed.
 - ▶ TNA, AANP, ANCC, NAPNAP Music City, TANA, ACNM, GAPNA, APNA (including new online group)

Key point is that practice authority is under state jurisdiction.

Policy implications/opportunities



- ▶ Need to research & consider graduated FPA option
- ▶ Need to increase TNA membership among APRNs & make the case for why this matters
- ▶ Need to:
 - ▶ Better align & organize with regional APRN groups
 - ▶ Coordinate communications & efforts
 - ▶ Collaborate on legislative and other advocacy efforts
 - ▶ Create synergies to maximize impact of efforts & resources.



Upcoming Tennessee Action Coalition programs of interest

Legislative Boot Camp

- ▶ Opportunity for Tennessee APRN leaders to strategize & learn practical skills for coordinating initiatives within their region & across regions to achieve FPA.
- ▶ One day experience at Legislative Plaza Friday, November 14, 2014. Will feature a keynote address from a representative of a state that has achieved FPA since the release of the *Future of Nursing* report, networking opportunities, informational sessions on various aspects of full practice authority, what it will take to be successful in Tennessee, & skills-based sessions.
- ▶ **Participation is limited to 30 APRN leaders, sponsored by their TNA District, regional APRN group, &/or other professional organization. Sponsoring organizations are required to pay a \$150 fee.** CEUs will be available to participants at no charge.

Tennessee Policymaking Academy

- ▶ Year-long mentored experience beginning with kick-off networking & educational summit in Nashville in January 2015
- ▶ One regional meeting to prepare for legislative activities (meetings to be held in each of grand divisions of the state)
- ▶ Monthly virtual meetings with academy mentees & mentors; bimonthly personal meeting with mentor by phone or in-person

Qualifications:

- ▶ Any TNA or TASN member in good standing is eligible to apply to the Tennessee Policymaking Academy.
- ▶ One-time fee of \$150; academy members are encouraged to seek organizational sponsorships.
- ▶ *Participation is limited to 25 participants.*

Requirements:

Must attend the two-day kick-off summit, participate in at least 80% of the monthly virtual meetings, meet with mentor at least six times, be engaged in legislative activities at Legislative Plaza at least two different days when the General Assembly is in session, establish a relationship with their state Senator and Representative and/or the Chair of the House or Senate Health committee, write at least one letter to an editor or OpEd, and do one professional presentation on a current legislative issue. Upon completion of all required activities, academy graduates will receive a pin.