



The leader in quality nurse practitioner education

Introducing the New Chief Executive Officer of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties



The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) is very pleased to announce Mary Beth Bigley DrPH, APRN, FAAN as Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Bigley comes to NONPF with vast leadership and nurse practitioner (NP) education experience.

“Dr. Bigley has been on the cutting edge of innovation throughout her career,” said NONPF’s President Anne Thomas, PhD, APRN, FAANP who chaired the national search committee to identify NONPF’s new CEO. “Her health policy experience, leadership qualities, and ability to build partnerships across health disciplines, will greatly benefit our organization.”

Dr. Bigley joins NONPF from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) where she served as Director of the Division of Nursing and Public Health. In this role, she was responsible for overseeing a \$215M budget and the administration of over 600 grants and contracts aimed to improve education and practice for nurses, behavioral, mental health and public health providers. As the Division Director, Dr. Bigley advanced interprofessional practice and education by leading the grant efforts of the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education, a public-private partnership supported by five foundations and HRSA. During her time at HRSA, Dr. Bigley was appointed by the HHS Secretary to chair the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP). The NACNEP advised the Secretary and Congress on policy issues related to nurse workforce supply, education, and practice.

“I am excited to join NONPF as CEO and lead this national organization launched over 43 years ago,” Dr. Bigley said. “I look forward to working with existing members and stakeholders to boost NONPF as the leader in quality NP education. Thank you to past leadership in making NONPF known nationally and internationally.”

Prior to joining HRSA, Dr. Bigley launched her federal career after receiving a fellowship from the Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation to work in the Office of the Surgeon General. In 2008, she

was named the office's Director of the Division of Science and Communications. During this time, she established relationships with many federal agencies and professional organizations to further the impact of the Surgeon General's office. She oversaw the release of seven Surgeon General's Calls to Action and four Surgeon General's Reports. Also under her leadership, the National Prevention Strategy which guides our nation in the most effective and achievable means for improving health and well-being was developed and published.

Dr. Bigley's nursing career started as an intensive care nurse and after completing a Master of Science in Nursing as an Adult Nurse Practitioner, she forged an acute care NP role in cardiovascular surgery. In 1995, Dr. Bigley joined George Washington University where she directed the Adult NP program and became very involved in NP education issues. As a junior faculty member, she received the George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Distinguished Health Sciences Faculty Award.

Dr. Bigley earned a Doctor of Public Health degree from George Washington University, Milken Institute School of Public Health. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and served on the NONPF Board from 2007 to 2009. She has received several awards for her work within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services including the Surgeon General's Medallion and the HHS's Secretary's Award.

NONPF will greatly benefit from Dr. Bigley's policy and leadership experience. She believes in partnerships and will be able to draw on her vast network to work collaboratively with colleagues. She assumes the office of CEO on April 4, 2017. Join the NONPF's Board of Directors in welcoming Dr. Bigley to the NONPF.

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[The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties](http://www.nonpf.org/) (NONPF) is the leader in quality nurse practitioner education and devoted to promoting high quality nurse practitioner (NP) education at the national and international levels. We welcome you to explore our many resources such as the DNP curriculum templates and preceptor resource portal. If you are not already a member, become a member of NONPF and join us this April at the [43rd Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. <http://www.nonpf.org/>