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On the cover: Dr. Kate Conway dances with Bernard Tettey Okuley and Boinor Narley Jr. from the Obo Addy Legacy Project at the 2018 North American Refugee Health Conference. Photo courtesy of Kay K Wah.
Greetings Members,

Our Society started in 2015, and as we entered our third year (2018) we really began to hit our stride!

Perhaps the most important accomplishment was the Society taking ownership of the U.S. North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC). We didn’t anticipate it would happen so quickly, but our Board and Society members stepped up to the challenge and successfully pulled it off. The NARHC in Portland was the most successful NARHC ever with 669 attendees and was conducted with a positive operating margin. We were able to award 14 scholarships to previously resettled refugees training or working in the medical field and were able to deliver world-class content to further the field of refugee healthcare.

Our membership has increased to 241 professionals and our Listserv now tops 2,800 people. Every day the Society is able to connect medical providers internationally with conversations about how to deliver evidenced-based best practices for the care of refugees!

I want to personally thank the Board of Directors, members, funders, and NARHC attendees that have made all of this possible.

Looking forward to 2019, we have a very aggressive agenda. In addition to preparing for the 2020 NARHC, we are working on developing a set of webinars, beginning the process of redesigning our website, performing strategic planning with our Board, increasing membership benefits, and building an infrastructure that will position the Society to serve thousands of providers interested in refugee healthcare for years to come.

Thank you for all of your support and the Board and I look forward to a very productive 2019.

Best Regards,

Jim Sutton  PA-C, Executive Director
Society mission

We are a dedicated group of medical providers, nurses, social workers, researchers, coordinators and many other professionals that spend much of our workday caring for newly-arriving refugees.

Our mission is to educate, coordinate, and provide a forum for communication by which members can become more informed about best practices in refugee healthcare.

2018 activities

435 emails to over 2,800 professionals sharing educational resources, connecting people and answering questions.


Thanks to generous donations from NARHC registrants, 14 previously resettled refugees training or working in the medical field received a scholarship to attend the 2018 NARHC. Read a recipient’s story on pg. 10.

The Society awarded a Best Scientific Poster and Student Abstract Competition Award (see pg. 9).

In 2018 the Society grew by a whopping 75% – from 138 to 241 members. More about Society membership on pg. 6.
How to get more involved with the Society

JOIN the Society. Membership is open to anyone interested in issues related to refugee healthcare. Benefits include member-only content, discounted conference registration, and access to a listserv of over 2,800 professionals.

DONATE to the refugee scholarship fund (pg. 10), which enables previously resettled refugees to attend our North American Refugee Health Conference.

ATTEND or present at the North American Refugee Health Conference (pg. 8–9). Join hundreds of other professionals to learn about best practice in refugee healthcare at this preeminent conference.

SPONSOR the North American Refugee Health Conference and/or the Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers and be part of the movement for more equitable healthcare.

“I feel that I am a better healthcare provider because of the connections that I have made through the Society.”

Brittany DiVito MPH, FNP
Family/Refugee Nurse Practitioner, Maricopa Integrated Health Services

Visit nasrhp.org for more details or contact us at info@nasrhp.org to learn more.
Who we are

Society membership

# total members for 2018: 241

Membership growth from 2017 to 2018: 75%

- 2017
- 2018

Resident 16
Other 58
Student 77

90 Physician

Want to become a Society member?
Join through our website nasrhp.org.

“The Society listserv keeps me up-to-date regarding medically-related CDC refugee notifications and serves as a great place to post issues and questions that arise when caring for immigrants and refugees. It has been an invaluable resource for the work that I do.”

Dr. Janine Young MD, FAAP
Medical Director, Denver Health Refugee Clinic

Where are members located?

- International 9%
- Canada 27%
- US 64%

Top 5 States

- Oregon 8%
- Minnesota 6%
- New York 8%
- Colorado 4%
- Washington 4%
Want to be a Board Member?
We’re recruiting for Canadian Board openings in 2019.
North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC) 2018

Overview

The North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC) is recognized as the preeminent conference for healthcare and resettlement professionals working with refugee populations.

Attendees have the opportunity to learn about best practices, increase their levels of cultural competency, connect with like-minded professionals, reflect on the challenges and successes of the work they do, and develop a network of colleagues who are making a difference in their communities. The conference takes place in June each year and alternates between the United States and Canada.

NARHC 2018 at-a-glance

Portland, Oregon

669 attendees

97% surveyed would recommend attending NARHC to their colleagues/friends

88% surveyed are likely to attend future NARHCs

Attendees’ favorite aspects of the conference:

- networking
- keynotes
- speakers at sessions
- variety of topics
- location
- asylum evaluation training

Terrific opportunity to connect with colleagues and kindred spirits at a time when most of us are feeling isolated and besieged. Loved Portland!
2018 NARHC
Best Scientific Poster Winner

“100% TB Treatment Success is Possible!”
Damaris Miriti, International Organization for Migration
Awarded to the best scientific poster presentation, the winner receives $250.

2018 NARHC
Student Abstract Competition Winner

“Pilot Randomized Controlled Study for Referral Card and Counseling Program to Improve Refugee’s Completion Rates of Referral Appointments”
Kriti Thapa, MD, MPH, University of Rochester Medical Center
The winning author of an original research abstract receives a $500 award and a guarantee of publication in the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health. The runner-up is awarded $250 and also receives the publication opportunity.

I really enjoyed the diversity of attendees and speakers at the conference as well as the wide array of topics available every hour at the conference.

I look forward to this conference every year as the only time I can connect with colleagues from around the country to share ideas.

Society members receive discounted NARHC registration. Visit nasrhp.org for your discount code and see you in Toronto June 2019!
Refugee scholarships

The Society asked registrants of the 2018 North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC) to donate money to help cover registration costs for a previously resettled refugee training or working in the medical field.

Thanks to your generosity, 14 former refugees received scholarships to attend NARHC. Due to the scholarship’s success and demand (we received 32 applications), we plan to implement this scholarship fund again for the 2020 conference.

Meet a scholarship recipient

From Anonymous*, research coordinator

I came to the States in 2008 as a refugee from Iraq and have been able to carve my path in life through the support of my family and the help of some wonderful people along the way (teachers, mentors, professor etc). Through my own experience and studies in college I became more and more involved in refugee issues and wanted to make that my career and passion.

I really wanted to attend the conference especially with my interest and work revolving around refugees. My mentor encouraged me to apply and I saw it as an opportunity that allowed me to attend and also present a poster (otherwise I would not have been able to attend).

The topics were diverse and some of them hit close to home and are tied to what I’m interested in. There were specific topics that encouraged me to look into some new research ideas and interesting questions that I believe would be beneficial to some communities.

This scholarship is really a great way to help people who are interested in refugee health (and have limited financial means). It will present an invaluable opportunity to learn about a diverse field of work and meet people with passion and knowledge that are inspiring.

*to protect recipient’s privacy
Future plans

Survey of Society membership to inform our strategic planning

Webinar series on topics suggested by members featuring experts from within the Society

Update website content and begin a website redesign process

Continue recruiting members, with a particular focus on students

Identify the city and venue for 2020 NARHC

Continue developing refugee health curriculum

2018 Financial information

Revenue

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Independently Reviewed Finance Report
Our thanks

A big thank you to:

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- Society members and our Board;

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