

## **Guide to the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association Records, 1975-2005**

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association Records, 1975-2005

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**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

14 boxes and 1 oversized folder ; 6.21 linear feet

**Abstract:**

The records of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association contain information about the first 30 years of the association (1975-2005) as well as administrative records, photographs, oral histories and information about the struggle to pass NH Senate Bill 158 in 1991, which gave nurses definitive permission to prescribe medicines and treatments. There are also oral histories about the above matters which incidentally provide information about nursing education and practice in years of change.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association Records were given to the New Hampshire Historical Society by the Association in May 2005.

### **Processing Information:**

These records arrived at the New Hampshire Historical Society having been arranged by a member of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association. That arrangement was retained and slightly refined by Sandra L. Wheeler in September-October 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in June 2022. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

The majority of this collection is on paper and has no special technical requirements for use. The VHS tapes require a VHS player and television to use. The cassettes and microcassettes require a cassette and microcassette player to use.

### **Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:**

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Administrative Information:**

The records of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association, an organization for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), cover the first 30 years of its existence. The earliest years are not well documented, but by the late 1970s and early 1980s nurses were actively seeking opportunities for independent practice, first in fields such as obstetrics (midwifery was perhaps the very first area of such practice) and pediatrics, and later in other areas. Legislative changes had to occur, however, and there were years of lobbying both formally in legislatures and informally with physicians, pharmacists, insurance executives, and hospital administrators.

The New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association still exists at the time of writing this finding aid (2022) and according to their by-laws, states they are leading nurses “in transforming patient-centered healthcare” and “provide opportunities for education, networking and advocacy to benefit advanced practice nurses in the State of NH.”

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The records of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association consist of board and committee minutes, legislative activities, correspondence, brochures, membership lists, photographs of post-hurricane relief activities in Florida, directories, conference informational and marketing posters, newspaper articles, audio and video tapes, photographs (prints, negatives, slides), and oral histories. The materials were generated between 1975 and 2005, which were the early years of the Association. The Association is still active at the time of writing this finding aid in 2022.

The organization raised its visibility in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992, when several cohorts of nurse practitioners went to Florida to run clinics and provide health care. This activity generated considerable positive newspaper and public support. The collection contains photographs taken on site in Florida and fund-raising materials from this effort.

Surveys of patients, other professionals, and reimbursement organizations were taken by the Association in 1988 and 1991 and the filled-out (unidentified respondents) questionnaires are present. Discussions of important legislation are present in the collection (Senate Bill 158 in 1991). These records document those concerns along with internal activities such as conferences, meetings, and communications within the nursing profession.

Of particular interest in the collection are oral histories conducted in late 2004 and early 2005 with nurses and allied medical professionals in which memories of the struggle to establish the legitimacy of independent practice for nurses were elicited. Because interviewees were asked about their early professional lives, these conversations also shed light on nursing education and practice in a moment of fundamental change.

**Arrangement:**

The records of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association are in the following series:

- Series 1. Board and committee minutes, legislative activities, correspondence, and notes, 1975-2000
- Series 2. Brochures, membership lists, and conference books, 1978-2001, undated
- Series 3. Miscellaneous documents, 1987-2000
- Series 4. Florida Relief, 1992-1993
- Series 5. New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association directories, 1981-1993
- Series 6. Conference and marketing posters, 1985-1996, undated
- Series 7. Newspaper articles, 1982-1999, undated
- Series 8. Proclamations, 1985-1993
- Series 9. Photographs, 1983-1996, undated
- Series 10. Oral histories, 2004-2005
- Series 11. Video and audio tapes, 1992-2005

## Contents List

### **Series 1. Board and committee minutes, legislative activities, correspondence, and notes, 1975-2000**

**Extent:** 54 folders

**Scope and Content:** This series contains administrative records of the organization including board and committee meeting minutes, documentation on legislative activities, correspondence, and notes. The materials are dated from 1975 to 2000 and are organized chronologically, with some overlap between folders in the 1970s.

#### **Box 1**

Folder 1	Records, 1975-1979
Folder 2	Records, 1975-1980
Folders 3-4	Records, 1978-1979
Folder 5	Records, 1980
Folder 6	Records, 1980-1983
Folder 7	Records, 1981-1982
Folder 8	Records, 1983
Folders 9-10	Records, 1984
Folders 11-13	Records, 1985
Folder 14	Records, 1986
Folder 15	Records, 1987

#### **Box 2**

Folder 1	Records, 1988
Folder 2	Records, 1988-1989
Folder 3	Records, 1989
Folder 4	Records, 1990
Folder 5	Records, 1990-1995
Folders 6-7	Records, 1991
Folders 8-11	Records, 1992
Folders 12-13	Records, 1993

#### **Box 3**

Folders 1-3	Records, 1993
Folders 4-7	Records, 1994
Folders 8-11	Records, 1995

#### **Box 4**

Folders 1-2	Records, 1995
Folders 3-5	Records, 1996
Folder 6	Records, 1996-1999
Folders 7-9	Records, 1997
Folders 10-12	Records, 1998

#### **Box 5**

Folders 1-2	Records, 1999
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Folder 3        Records, 2000

**Series 2. Brochures, membership lists, and conference books, 1978-2001, undated**

**Extent:** 13 folders

**Scope and Content:** This series contains brochures, membership lists, and conference books, as well as New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association newsletters and letterhead. The brochures describe the organization and the conference books summarize papers and conferences sponsored by the Association. The materials in this series date from 1978 to 2001.

**Box 5**

- Folder 4        Brochures, undated
- Folder 5        New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association letterhead, undated
- Folder 6        Membership cards, 1980s
- Folder 7        Membership lists, 1978-1982
- Folder 8        Membership lists, 1993, undated
- Folder 9        Maine Nurse Practitioners List, 1992
- Folder 10       Newsletters, 1988-1992
- Folder 11       Newsletters, 1993-1997
- Folder 12       Newsletters, 1998-2001
- Folder 13       Conference: New Hampshire Nurses Association (NHNPA was a co-sponsor), 1992
- Folder 14       Conference: New England Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference (NHNPA was a co-sponsor), 1995

**Box 6**

- Folder 1        Conference: New England Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference (NHNPA was a co-sponsor), 1996
- Folder 2        Conference: New England Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference (NHNPA was a co-sponsor), 1998

**Series 3. Miscellaneous documents, 1987-2000**

**Extent:** 35 folders

**Scope and Content:** This section was slightly re-organized after it arrived at the New Hampshire Historical Society: folder titles (which were retained) were arranged alphabetically and then chronologically, though many are undated. The subjects are wide-ranging, from internal documents such as applications for membership, to reports and surveys. Other materials include awards, job postings, correspondence, and purchases. These materials date from 1987 to 2000.

**Box 6**

- Folders 3-5     Applications for membership, 1989-1991
- Folder 6        Awards, 1990-1991
- Folder 7        By-laws, 1989-1994, undated
- Folder 8        Correspondence: Prechette, David MD, 1995

**Box 7**

- Folders 1-2     Correspondence: Lenahan, Joyce, 1987-1992
- Folder 3        Correspondence: Salem, NH, School System, 1994
- Folders 4-6     Correspondence: pro and con SB 326, 2000

- Folder 7           Formulary, 1992-1993
- Folder 8           Formulary, 1994-1996
- Folders 9-10     Job postings, resumes, and ads, 1988-1993
- Folder 11         National Nurse Practitioner Association state reports [including New Hampshire], 1993
- Folder 12         Newsletter: New Hampshire Legislative Update, 1995
- Folder 13         New Hampshire Public Health Services Primary Care Access Plan, 1992
- Folder 14         “Notes on correspondence and minutes,” 1988-1992
- Folder 15         “Original notes,” 1988-1989
- Folder 16         “Original notes,” undated

**Box 8**

- Folders 1-2       Purchases: “The Art of Healing” video, 1990s
- Folders 3-5       Purchases: video and brochures, 1990s
- Folders 6-7       Survey: member and patient, 1988, undated
- Folders 8-9       Survey: members, undated
- Folder 10         Survey: regional groups, 1990-1991

**Box 9**

- Folder 1           Survey: third party reimbursement – information packet, 1991-1992
- Folder 2           Survey: third party reimbursement, undated
- Folder 3           Miscellaneous items (reports, notes, correspondence), undated

**Series 4. Florida Relief, 1992-1993**

**Extent:** 10 folders

**Scope and Content:** In the aftermath of hurricane Andrew in 1992, several groups of members of the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioners Association volunteered to go to the area hardest hit by the storm to provide primary care and outreach to supplement and relieve local staff operating clinics. They raised funds for transportation and supplies and documented the work with newspaper clippings, bills and receipts, and photographs.

**Box 9**

- Folder 4           Clippings, 1992-1993
- Folder 5           Clippings: laminated, 1992-1993
- Folder 6           Clippings: photocopied, 1992-1993
- Folder 7           Expenses and funding – donations, etc. 1992-1993
- Folder 8           Expenses and travel documents, 1992-1993
- Folder 9           Participants, 1992-1993
- Folder 10          Photographs: laminated, 1992-1993
- Folders 11-12     Photographs, 1992-1993
- Folder 13          Negatives, 1992-1993

**Series 5. Directories, 1981-1993**

**Extent:** 2 folders

**Scope and Content:** This series contains membership directories to the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association from 1981 to 1993, with gaps.

**Box 9**

- Folder 14 Directories, 1981-1988  
Folder 15 Directories, 1991-1993

**Series 6. Conference and marketing posters, 1985-1996, undated**

**Extent:** 7 folders

**Scope and Content:** These marketing items were posted on billboards at conferences. These include brochures, posters, newspaper clippings, and photographs dated from 1986 to 1996 and undated. See “Separated Materials” below for list of oversize items.

**Box 10**

- Folder 1 Billboard displays, 1986, 1996, undated  
Folder 2 Billboard displays: laminated, 1992, 1996, undated  
Folder 3 Billboard display signs, titles: laminated, undated  
Folder 4 Newspaper article: laminated, undated  
Folder 5 Photographs, 1985, undated  
Folder 6 Photographs: laminated, undated  
Folder 7 Photographs: no identifications, 1991, 1995, undated

**Series 7. Newspaper articles, 1982-1999, undated**

**Extent:** 8 folders

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of laminated and unlaminated clippings of newspaper articles from 1982 to 1999, with several undated. Some of these articles are ‘human interest’ stories about the activity of an individual nurse, others are about the activities of the organization as a whole or about legislative changes allowing nurses to practice independently, especially the passage of Senate Bill 158 in 1991.

**Box 10**

- Folder 8 Newspaper articles, 1982-1989  
Folder 9 Newspaper articles: laminated, 1986, 1988  
Folders 10-11 Newspaper articles, 1991-1999  
Folder 12 Newspaper articles: laminated, 1991-1999  
Folder 13 Newspaper articles, undated  
Folders 14-15 Newspaper articles: laminated, undated

**Series 8. Proclamations, 1985-1993**

**Extent:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content:** Six proclamations announcing Nurse Practitioner Week dated from 1985 to 1993, with gaps. The proclamations are signed by Governor John H. Sununu, Governor Judd Gregg, and Governor Stephen Merrill. The 1989 proclamation also includes a City of Concord proclamation and the 1993 proclamation includes a Certificate of Appreciation from the New Hampshire Senate. See “Separated Materials” below for an item list.

**Series 9. Photographs, 1983-1996, undated**

**Extent:** 19 folders

**Scope and Content:** Most of these images are group shots and were captured at conferences or meetings – sometimes the event is specified and sometimes not. A few photographs are individual portraits, listed alphabetically by surname. Many of the photographs are unidentified.

The photographs date from 1983 to 1996, with many undated. Note: there are also photographs in Series 4. Florida Relief and Series 6. Laminated items from conferences and marketing posters.

**Box 11**

Folder 1        Photographs, 1983  
Folder 2        Photographs, 1990  
Folders 3-4     Photographs, 1991  
Folders 5-8     MA and NH Nurse Practitioner conference, 1992 May  
Folder 9        Photographs, 1993  
Folder 10       Photographs, 1994 and 1996  
Folder 11       Camp Good News, 1989 and undated  
Folders 12-14   Photographs: unidentified, undated  
Folder 15       Portraits: some identified, undated  
                    Cole, Cynthia  
                    Ford, Pat  
                    Lesser, J.  
                    Maleska, Paula  
                    Messer, Alberta  
                    Mitchell, Betty  
                    Richmond, Cricket  
                    Weeman, Paula

**Box 12**

Folder 1        Negatives, 1991-1993  
Folders 2-4     Negatives, undated

**Series 10. Oral histories, 2004-2005**

**Extent:** 23 folders

**Scope and Content:** The oral histories center around the 1980s and early 1990s, years in which nurses began to be allowed independent practice. Topics include how the profession and the individuals lobbied and obtained licensure to be allowed to prescribe medications, carry out procedures, and make diagnoses. The lobbying efforts were especially intense around the passing of Senate Bill 158 in 1991. In addition to nurses, interviews were conducted with a pharmacist, a hospital administrator, an insurance executive, legislators, and physicians. Most interviewees were asked to talk about their education, experiences in their early working years, participation in legislative activity that resulted in bills permitting nurses to practice independently. The interviews provide information about nursing education and how it was changing at that moment as well about the evolution of nursing practice. The interviews were done in 2004 and 2005 and are organized alphabetically. See Series 11 for the microcassette tapes.

**Box 12**

Folder 5        Consent forms, 2005  
Folder 6        Andrews, Carolyn transcript, 2005 May 16  
Folder 7        Argue, John transcript, 2005 May 3  
Folder 8        Bridgood-Wilson, Mary transcript, 2005 May 27  
Folder 9        Boisseau, Paul transcript, 2005 May 3



**Box 13**

Folder 1	Cahill, Kathleen transcript, 2005 January 25
Folder 2	Capiello, Joyce transcript, 2005 August 2
Folder 3	Cassidy, Donna transcript, 2005 March 3
Folder 4	Charest, Jeanne transcript, 2005 May 15
Folder 5	Cote, Cynthia transcript, 2005 February 11
Folder 6	Dirubbio, Nancy transcript, 2005 February 23
Folder 7	Dyer, Merton transcript, 2005 April 1
Folder 8	Harding, Laurie transcript, 2005 June 14
Folder 9	Jones, Palmer transcript, 2005 April 29
Folder 10	Kuhlman, Christine transcript, 2004 November 19
Folder 11	McKeown, Susan transcript, 2005 March 22
Folder 12	Mires, Maynard transcript, 2005 April 6
Folder 13	Plodzik, Stanley transcript, 2005 March 4
Folder 14	Roberts, George transcript, 2005 January 22
Folder 15	Rossiter, Alison transcript, 2005 March 10
Folder 16	Wallace, William transcript, 2005 February 14
Folder 17	Weeman, Paula transcript, 2005 January 24
Folder 18	White, Donna transcript, 2004 December 28

**Series 11. Video and audio tapes, 1992-2005**

**Extent:** 3 VHS tapes, 8 audio cassettes, and 29 microcassettes

**Scope and Content:** This series contains video and audio tapes dating from 1992 to 2005. The videos detail hurricane relief. The audio cassettes cover Joint Health Council meetings. Also included are microcassettes of oral histories, the transcripts of which are in Series 10. Titles of cassettes listed below are as found on the items. Cassettes were not played to check content.

**Box 14**

Item 1	VHS tape: "FL Clinic" 1992
Item 2	VHS tape: "After Andrew Hurricane Nurses," 1992
Item 3	VHS tape: "Nurses for FL Relief," 1993
Item 4	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 11/7/94," 1994 November 7
Item 5	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 11/94," 1994 November
Item 6	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 2/95 #2," 1995 February
Item 7	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 2/95 #3," 1995 February
Item 8	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 3/13/95," 1995 March 13
Item 9	Audio cassette: "JHC Mtg 5/18/95," 1995 May 18
Item 10	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 8/21/95 #1," 1995 August 21
Item 11	Audio cassette: "Joint Health Council 8/21/95 #2," 1995 August 21
Item 12	Box containing audio microcassettes of oral histories: A-M, 2004-2005
Item 13	Box containing audio microcassettes of oral histories: P-W, 2004-2005

**Separated Materials:**

The following materials were moved to Oversized Manuscripts Box 'N' due to their size:

Folder 1	Series 6. Conference and marketing posters
	Up Close: SB 158 poster, undated
	NH Nurse Practitioners Thank Supporters of SB 158, undated

New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association poster and brochure,  
undated

Series 8. Proclamations

Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation, 1985  
Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation, 1986  
Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation, 1988  
Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation, 1989  
Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation, 1992  
Nurse Practitioner Week Proclamation, 1993

## Subject Terms

### People:

Andrews, Carolyn  
Argue, John  
Bridgood-Wilson, Mary  
Boisseau, Paul  
Cahill, Kathleen  
Capiello, Joyce  
Cassidy, Donna  
Charest, Jeanne  
Cote, Cynthia  
Dirubbio, Nancy  
Dyer, Merton  
Harding, Lauri  
Jones, Palmer  
Kuhlman, Christine  
McKeown, Susan  
Lenahan, Joyce  
Mires, Maynard  
Plodzik, Stanley  
Roberts, George  
Rossiter, Alison  
Wallace, William  
Weeman, Paula  
White, Donna

### Organizations:

New Hampshire Joint Health Council  
New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association  
New Hampshire Nurses' Association  
New Hampshire. General Court

### Subjects:

Associations, institutions, etc.  
Hurricane Andrew, 1992  
Legislation  
Nursing--Study and teaching

Nursing--Practice  
Oral history  
Photographs  
Surveys

**Locations:**

New Hampshire

**Occupations:**

Nurses  
Nurse practitioners  
Physicians

**Related Materials**

Archives

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