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Academic-Community Partnership to Address Health Care Issues in the Rocky Mountain Region



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An Interesting 50 Years...



The First NP's (1965)



Where we've come...

Rocky Mountain Challenges



Geography, Weather and Lack of Providers

The Road to Independent Practice

- **2010:** Governor Bill Ritter “opts out” of Medicare rule requiring physician supervision of CRNAs in rural hospitals.
- **2010-2014:** Litigation continues through Colorado courts.
- **2015:** Colorado Supreme Court upholds “opt out”
 - Board of Nursing endorses decision.
 - APRNs become “independent providers”

Meanwhile...

- **2010:** Statutory changes limiting NP Prescriptive Practice
 - Statute required 3600 supervised hours for prescriptive authority
 - MD/DO only could serve as mentors for the process
- **2014:** NPATCH recommendations to change statute
 - Governor-appointed Task force of MDs, APRN, Community Reps
- **2015:** Colorado Legislature passes new statute:
 - 2015 statute reduced to mentorship to 1000 hours (↓ to **750 in 2023**)
 - Mentor could be either MD/DO or NP with RXN

What Did NPATCH Accomplish?

Prescriptive Authority Pre-2015	Prescriptive Authority 2015-Present
Degree completion Certification APRN Registry RXN-P (3600 Total Hours) RXN (Full Authority)	Degree Completion Certification APRN Registry RXN-P (1000 Total Hours; now reduced to 750 Hours) RXN (Full Authority)
Preceptors/Mentors were MD or DO only	Preceptors/Mentors now can be MD, DO, or NPs with Full RXN and same population focus

Partnership Success: Rural FNP



Building an Advanced Practice Workforce

- **Strategic Priority to Address Challenges and Gaps:** Access to Care, especially in underserved and rural areas
- *"Grow-Your-Own Model"* – Addressing workforce shortages in rural Colorado – Dr. Ingrid Johnson, DNP
- **Mentoring/Coaching - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** in Workforce – Dr. Amanda Quintana, DNP, FNP
- **Interprofessional Collaborative Practice** – Dr. Cheryl King, DNP (GWEP) & Dr. Center, PhD (PTCE)
- **Behavioral Health Integration** (Current HRSA Grant with Regis) – Dr Cullen, Dr Center, and Tiffany Chohfi

Thank you!

Any Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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