

September 25, 2013
Re: Robin Wallin, MSN, NCSN, CPNP
School Health Coordinator
Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS)

Dear School Health Coordinator Selection Team,

The school health team of ACPS, consisting of 19 registered nurses, and 2 school health clerks, are proud to nominate our school health coordinator, Robin Wallin, for this year's selection. Mrs. Wallin began her school health nurse career in ACPS where she served as a school nurse for 8 years, and has served as the school health coordinator for 8 years. Under her direction, ACPS practices a Coordinated School Health Model, ensuring the best possible health and wellness for all of our students in ACPS. By ensuring the best possible school health, students are most prepared to learn. She introduced school health case management and developed a tiered intervention for school nurse case management. Additionally, electronic documentation is used in each school health office, providing critical data used in school health case management, and in planning and providing the best and most needed school health interventions.

ACPS is a very diverse school district with a variety of special needs. There are approximately 13,000 students in the district with 56% receiving free meals, 10% receiving talented and gifted services, 25% identified as English language learners, and 12.5% receiving special education services. Students are from 128 countries and speak 80 different languages.

Because of Mrs. Wallin's tireless leadership, the ACPS school health professionals are a cohesive group drawing upon many specialty areas. Mrs. Wallin encourages continued education, challenging many to seek advanced degrees; and professionalism, encouraging membership in professional organizations and achieving National Certification. She hosts monthly school health staff development where we learn of current, evidence based practices. She serves as a tremendous voice of advocacy in school health, constantly providing support for the school health staff.

To say that Mrs. Wallin is passionate about school and community health is an understatement! It is our pleasure to strongly encourage the school health coordinator selection team to choose Robin Wallin as this year's recipient of this honor.

Sincerely,

Stefani Lailari, MEd, BSN, RN, NCSN
Althea Huggins, MEd, BSN, RN, NCSN
On behalf of the ACPS School Health Nurses

**Virginia Association of School Nurses
School Nurse Administrator of the Year Award
Nomination Form**

Nominee's Name & Credentials	Robin Wallin, MSN, RN, CPNP, NCSN
Nominee's Home Address	██████████ Lane ██████████, VA ██████████
Home Telephone	██████████
Home Email Address	██████████
Employer's Name and Address	Alexandria City Public Schools 2000 N. Beauregard Street Alexandria, VA 22311
Work Telephone	██████████
Name of Administrator or Supervisor	Margee Walsh
Work Email Address	██████████
Nominee's Position (Title)	Health Services Coordinator
Nominee's Highest Degree	MSN
Number of Years in Present Full-Time Position	8
Current Role is Spent in Supervision, Administration, and Coordination of School Nurses/School Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> 49% or less time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 50% or more of the time
Number of Years as a Nursing Administrator	8
Number of Years in School Health	16
Number of School Nurses Supervised	19
NASN/VASN Membership Number	██████████
Years of NASN/VASN Membership	15
Nominee is an NASN Director or Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Signature of Nominee	
Signature of Nominator	

It is with great pride that the school nurses of Alexandria City Public Schools put forth Robin Wallin as a candidate for the Virginia School Nurse Administrator of the Year. Robin exemplifies what it is to be a school nurse, personally, for students, schools, district and state.

Robin has consistently held herself to high standards in her personal practice. She is a pediatric nurse practitioner with experience in a variety of settings. She was a school nurse before assuming the position as Health Services Coordinator 8 years ago. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in nursing practice at Yale University, managing family, work and academic responsibilities.

Robin strives to provide excellent health care to the students of ACPS through several far-reaching programs. She partnered with the Alexandria Health Department to create the Teen Wellness Center at TC Williams which provides accessible and affordable care to teens in Alexandria. She is the Project Director for a HRSA Capitol Grant, a project to create a mobile van that will travel to some of our poorest schools providing medical and dental care to students in need. This van will provide access to care for students that lack care primarily due to poverty. Robin also piloted a program of School Nurse Case Management that targets the care of students with chronic health conditions in a focused, goal-centered way aimed at improving student health and improved educational outcome. Robin is a respected community partner active in many organizations including the Partnership for Healthy Kids, the Neediest Kids Fund, and the School Based Health Alliance. She has nurtured a close relationship with the Alexandria Health Department. Robin serves the district of ACPS with coordinated, focused action through the School Health Advisory Board, comprised of parents, students, board members and nurses. This committee addresses issues pertinent to our population and assists in developing policies that keep our students healthy. Policies include those that address safety, foods in the classroom, obesity, and food allergies. Most recently, at the School Board meeting in September, she presented a document to be used by members of School Support Teams to assist students in accessing medical insurance.

Robin also clearly sees beyond Alexandria. For many years she has provided evidence based workshops on current issues to the nurses and coordinators of Virginia through VASN. She tackles current issues, from bedbugs to H1N1 and provides other nurses with the information they need to take back to individual schools. She has taught classes on becoming a health services coordinator at the Virginia School Nurse Summer Institute. She is active in NASN and this summer at conference she participated in a poster presentation exhibiting the implementation of a school based, dental fluoride varnish application program.

September 21, 2013

Virginia Association of School Nurses, Inc.
P.O. Box 28313
Richmond, VA 23228

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with the greatest enthusiasm that I endorse the nomination of Robin L. Wallin as the Virginia School Nurse Administrator of the year. Ms. Wallin is a graduate of the Yale University Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program as well as The George Washington University School of Public and International Affairs.

She is currently a doctoral candidate at Yale University.

For 15 years Ms. Wallin has served the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), first as a school nurse at the middle and elementary levels and currently as the Health Services Coordinator for the entire school division and a valued member of the division-level Student Support Services Team.

Ms. Wallin's leadership in the medical field extends beyond her work with ACPS. She is an integral part of many cross functional teams with City agencies and non-profit organizations. Under her leadership the Alexandria Teen Clinic was re-located into the new T. C. Williams High School as a Teen Wellness Center. It now offers full clinic services to more than 3,000 high school students.

Robin brings to her role deep content knowledge, outstanding strategic thinking and program implementation skills, as well as the professional development skills essential to supporting the school division's 20 school nurses.

More recently, using her considerable advocacy skills, Ms. Wallin developed partnerships with a number of dental clinics and has overseen the provision of clinical dental services to hundreds of elementary school students. Some of our elementary schools serve student populations in which more than 84% of the students qualify for free or reduced price meals. Certainly these students desperately need this dental care. This is but one example of Robin consistently working above and beyond the call of duty.

Robin also has experience with city-wide pandemic planning and related emergency planning. Currently she is leading the school division's procurement, development and implementation of a Mobile Health Unit that will provide medical, dental and mental health services to children and families throughout the City.

Recently Ms. Wallin received the City of Alexandria's Vola Lawson Community Service Award, named in honor of our former City Manager. This selection was made by the City of Alexandria, not by our school division. Robin also leads Alexandria's School Health Advisory Board. Together with members of this Advisory Board she has helped develop a state of the art technical tool to teach families how to access medical insurance and medical care.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you further the outstanding leadership, passion, technical skill and sense of purpose that Robin Wallin brings to her work as the Health Services Coordinator for the Alexandria City Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Margaret May Walsh, Ed.D.
Acting Superintendent

Julie Loi Rocchio
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[REDACTED], VA [REDACTED]

September 19, 2013

VASN Administrator of the Year Award Committee
c/o Kae Bruch
5024 Harvest Ridge Road
Roanoke, VA 20419

Dear Award Committee:

It is my privilege to recommend Robin Wallin from Alexandria City Public Schools as the VASN Administrator of the Year. I serve as a parent representative to the ACPS School Health Advisory Board, interacting closely with Ms. Wallin on many projects and directly witnessing her contributions across our school division.

Ms. Wallin's leadership skills are demonstrated daily through the compassionate and excellent care offered by each of our school nurses. My four children have attended four different ACPS schools over the past decade and we have observed attentive, quality care in every setting. Thousands of children benefit daily from the contributions she offers through direct care in our schools.

The compassion shown by ACPS school nurses reflects Ms. Wallin's mission to extend every possible health service to every child. ACPS's mobile dentist program, federal mobile health van project and health access outreach project are examples of Ms. Wallin's commitment to serving uninsured and under-insured children. Through her leadership, these efforts are providing care and closing coverage gaps by reaching families through the trusted school environment.

Ms. Wallin is also an asset to our School Health Advisory Board. She provides focused direction in helping the Board maintain sound wellness policies and evaluation of division services. She works collaboratively with city health services and local safety net providers which allows for coordinated school, city and private health services. She inspires volunteerism from parents and support from community leaders which enhances the services ACPS provides.

Robin Wallin is improving, changing and even saving lives. She is rightfully held in high esteem by our community. I enthusiastically recommend her as VASN Administrator of the Year.

Sincerely,

Julie Loi Rocchio

Robin L. Wallin

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, VA

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:

RN License and NP License, Commonwealth of Virginia
Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
Nationally Certified School Nurse – National Board for Certification of School Nurses

EDUCATION:

Yale University School of Nursing, DNP Student
West Haven, CT
Doctor of Nursing Practice, degree expected May 2015

Yale University School of Nursing, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program
New Haven, CT
Certificate of Nursing, May 1984; Masters of Science in Nursing, May 1985

The George Washington University, School of Public and International Affairs
Washington, DC
Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs, May 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

8/05 – present

Health Services Coordinator, Alexandria City Public Schools, Alexandria, VA

9/11 – 8/12

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner/Community Ambassador of Kaiser Permanente,
Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services Inc., Alexandria, VA

10/90 – 8/11

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Urgent Care Clinic, Kaiser Permanente, Falls Church, VA

8/99 – 6/05

School Nurse, Alexandria City Public Schools, George Mason Elementary School,
Alexandria, VA

8/97 - 6/99

School Nurse, Alexandria City Public Schools, Francis C. Hammond Middle School,
Alexandria, VA

7/85- 2/92

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Community of Hope Health Services, Washington, DC

10/95-6/86

Nurse Practitioner, Gallaudet College, Student Health Service, Washington, DC

RESEARCH:

Landes, R. (1985). Depression in inner city school age children. Unpublished master's thesis, Yale University School of Nursing, New Haven, CT.

GRANTS RECEIVED:

HRSA School-Based Health Center Capitol Grant, 2012

Expanding Preventative Oral Health Services in School-Based Health Centers, NASBHC/Kaiser Permanente, 2011

Learning and Leadership Grant, The NEA Foundation, School Nurse Case Management of Students with Chronic Health Concerns, 2009

Safe Routes to School Public School Mini Grant, Virginia Department of Health, 2004

Dairy Association Grant, 2003

School/Community Health Services Grant, Virginia Department of Education, 2002

Bike Safety Grant, Potomac Peddlers, 2001

Washington Post Grants in Education, 2000

Risk Watch Championship Grant, Virginia Department of Health, 1999

AWARDS:

Salute to Women, Vola Lawson Award, Alexandria Office on Women, 2013

Flora Krause Casey Public Health Award, The Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission, 2009

Whole Village Award, Educational Association of Alexandria, 2002

World Asthma Day Recognition Award, US Environmental Protection Agency, 2002

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Member, National Association of School Nurses (NASN)

Member, Virginia Association of School Nurses (VASN)

Member, School-Based Health Alliance

VASN Representative School Nurse Institute Partnership, 2004-2013

Planning Committee and Steering Committee Chair, Teen Wellness Center school-based health center, 2009-2013

Steering Committee, Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, 2007-2013

VDOE Virginia School Health Services Summer Institute, Instructor, 2004, 2005, 2012, 2013

VDOE Virginia School Health Services Summer Institute. Planning Committee, 2012-2013

Poster Presentations – “Increasing Access to Oral Health Care in Alexandria City Public Schools”: NASBHC National Conference, June 2012
NASN National Conference, June 2013

Guest Lecturer, Marymount University Nursing Program, 2011-2013

Staff Liaison, School Health Advisory Board, Alexandria City Public Schools, 2001-2013

Member, Virginia Crisis Management and Emergency Response Guide Advisory Group, Virginia Department of Education, 2007

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, National Capital Area Chapter, Back to School Conference planning committee, 2005-2006

National Association of School Nurses, Disaster Preparedness for School Nurses Trainer, 2004-2007

Clinical Preceptor, George Mason University School of Nursing, 1998-2002

Adjunct Instructor, Howard University School of Nursing Nurse Practitioner Program, 1988-1990

REFERENCES: Available upon request