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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



I want to encourage all nurses (RNs and LPNS) to consider joining the Milwaukee Chapter NBNA.

2016 is slated to be a very exciting year for the Milwaukee Chapter National Black Nurses Association, INC. (MCNBNA). We launched our year at the Annual Prayer Breakfast with Keynote Erikajoy Daniels, Sr. VP Diversity and Inclusion Aurora Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI. We had record attendance! Our Membership Chair led efforts that resulted in our chapter receiving the 2015 NBNA Fasting Growing Small Chapter Award. Our chapter hosted an exceptional Networking Meet-n-Greet event with Deidre Walton, Immediate Past President-NBNA as the keynote. We were highly visible in the community and touched many lives. A record number of abstracts for oral presentation were accepted and presented at the 2015 Annual NBNA National Conference in Atlanta, Ga. Our chapter has a number of members that are on national NBNA committees and other professional boards. One member is on the NBNA Board of Directors. Other activities include being active in the community, visiting our elected officials at both the NBNA on Capitol Hill in Washington DC and the Wisconsin Nurses Day on Capitol Hill in Madison, WI.

Dr. Eric Williams, President/CEO of NBNA is promoting active chapter engagement in membership growth, health policy, mentorship and population health. We are supporting that agenda. As the keynote speaker at the 2015 MCNBNA Annual Scholarship Dinner, Dr. Williams addressed attendees on the role and responsibility of strong mentoring relationships. The MCNBNA Mentoring Program Chair is doing an outstanding job of supporting our students with exceptional opportunities.

As we develop and launch our local strategic plan, we will support NBNA's strategic priorities in impacting our communities and healthcare organizations.

I would like to thank the local chapter for the ongoing commitment and dedication to MCNBNA and NBNA. I am also appreciative of our supporters and sponsors who collaborated with us to make the annual scholarship fund raising effort a huge success.

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