

July 24, 2015

Ms. Lisa Vasquez
Genetic Services Branch, Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Health Resources and Services Administration
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Vasquez,

The undersigned professional nursing organizations write in support of Emily Drake PhD, RN, FAAN, for membership on the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (ACHDNC). Attached, please find her CV which details her affiliations and credentials. She is willing to serve on the Committee if so called upon.

As a clinician, Dr. Drake has over 20 years of experience working in both large academic medical centers and small community hospitals. In her role as a neonatal nurse, she has drawn hundreds, if not thousands, of newborn screens. She has educated new parents and hospital staff about newborn screening and other topics related to newborn care.

Currently, she is an Associate Professor at the University of Virginia, School of Nursing teaching student nurses maternal-child health topics. She also travels around the country giving lectures and providing continuing education to practicing nurses, pediatricians, and other health care professionals on a variety of topics related to pregnancy and newborn care. Most recently, she was invited to speak at the National Mother-Baby Nurses Conference on the topic of newborn metabolic screening. In addition, she has published on this topic in the journal *Nursing for Women's Health*.

Dr. Drake has served on the Education and Training Subcommittee of ACHDNC for the past three years (2012-2015) and has actively participated in the meetings in Washington, DC and online. As a member of the ACHDNC Subcommittee, she has worked with Dr. Don Baily and other members of the Advisory Committee. She and Dr. Carla Cuthbert, Chief of the Newborn Screening and Molecular Biology Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), worked together to disseminate timely information about newborn screening at a plenary session during the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) annual Convention in 2014.

As a recognized expert in newborn screening and a past member of the Board of Directors for AWHONN, Dr. Drake has participated in drafting the association's most recent position statement on newborn screening for nurses. Further, she was invited to participate in the national March of Dimes Quality Improvement Work Group to improve timeliness of newborn screening.

Dr. Drake has been active in developing and implementing programs and policies to help educate parents, clinicians, and other health care professionals regarding newborn

screening within the state of Virginia and beyond. Her hands-on clinical experience, teaching, and demonstrated commitment to the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children make Dr. Drake an excellent candidate for membership. We urge you to accept her nomination.

If you have any questions about this nomination, please contact Kerri Wade at kwade@awhonn.org.

Thank you for your consideration,

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American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nurses Association
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