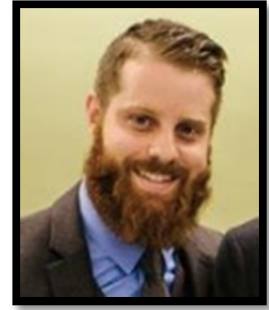


**PSNA Position: Board of Directors**

David Scher MPH, MSN, RN, CEN



Penn Medicine

Clinical Nurse III

Years at Employing Agency: 5

**Education:**

- Master of Public Health 2020 Dartmouth College
- Master of Science in Nursing 2016 Benedictine University
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2011 Drexel University

**Previous Employment (last two positions)**

- Clinical Nurse III Hospital of The University of Pennsylvania
- Staff Nurse Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

Have you ever held a position in the American Nurses Association (ANA) or the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA)?     No

Please list any activities with other professional associations.

- Emergency Nurses Association

**Why do you feel that you are the best candidate for this office?**

As a committee member and treasurer of PSNA's political action committee, I have seen firsthand how imperative it is that we, as nurses, have a loud and strong voice in Harrisburg and across the state. As your PSNA Board Member, I plan to help voice our concerns and provide our input to improve the lives and well-being of Pennsylvanians at the patient and population level - understanding that to make these concerns heard and addressed effectively will require efficient capital. With experience as a treasurer, I will bring my careful and methodical bookkeeping skills, in addition to my keen eye for detail, to ensure that our finances will be maintained competently. I will also ensure that the decisions of PSNA's Board are financially sound and proper and executed with integrity.

I learned of the vast influence that finances have over effective health policy and health advocacy when obtaining my MPH from Dartmouth College. And as an ED nurse on the front lines of the pandemic, I

have experienced how policy can affect direct patient care, and how vital it is to have leaders who understand the genuine struggles and stressors that bedside nurses endure, especially in these turbulent times.

Given my background and continued clinical work, rest assured that I will always work to better PSNA and its finances with you, the nurses of Pennsylvania, in mind. And, if given the opportunity to be your Board Member, I will do everything in my power to ensure these qualities and skills are upheld to the standards of PSNA and nurses across the Commonwealth.

**How do you plan on helping PSNA meet its mission to lead, advocate, educate, and connect with registered nurses across the Commonwealth?**

I plan to help PSNA meet its mission by using some of the same skills that I use every day as an ED nurse. I am currently helping train and orient new nurses on the front lines to care for patients who are battling the fatal and insidious COVID-19 virus. I have stepped up within my organization to lead my fellow nurses, and I plan to take my leadership skills and educational background to help PSNA learn from and heed front line nurses' concerns, including connecting with and visiting nurses throughout the state. With this connection and reaching out to more nurses in the Commonwealth, I plan to take their concerns to PSNA as well as local and state governments. It's well past time that legislators not only listen to our advice, but rather take that advice and put it into effective policy and legislation. Making sure nurses' voices are heard is something that I am currently doing on PSNA PAC, but plan to expand more if elected to PSNA Board Treasurer. Finally, leading, connecting and advocating for nurses across the state will also require education clinically and via advocacy. We as nurses are a proud profession- let's use that pride and passion to promote our concerns and ensure that PSNA helps our state and local governments enable these concerns to be addressed.