



WNA Working for You – Late Winter 2010
Core Issue #1 - Workforce Health, Rights & Safety

Workforce Advocacy – Conflict Engagement

WNA is partnering with the Center for American Nurses on providing their Conflict Engagement Program in the La Crosse area. The program is designed to address the JCAHO Standards on Conflict in the Workplace.

Workforce Advocacy – Conflict Engagement Legislation/Regulation

WNA is working on the following policy strategies related to promoting nursing’s workplace health, rights and safety:

Legislation/Rule	Activity	Target Group
Criminalization of RN for Medical Error	Sen. Judy Robson is working with WNA on the development of legislative drafting instructions on language that will support the decriminalization of health care providers for unintentional medical errors.	Nursing workforce
Supervision of APNP by Physician as a Requirement under the Patient Compensation Fund	The approved changes to the patient injured compensation fund administrative code related to physician supervision of APNPs are about to become law. The proposed rules clarify the conditions under which the supervision requirement is met. WNA was involved in the development of the new language. The final rule is expected to be published 4/1/10.	Nurses with Prescriptive Authority
Statute Changes for Inclusion of APNP as Health Care Provider	WNA is working with Rep. Louis Molepske, who has provided legislative drafting instructions on language that allow APNPs to sign disability certificates for disabled hunters; sign statement indicating military veteran eligibility for needed services; and perform special examinations under DOT rules.	Nurses with Prescriptive Authority
DHS 35 – Certification of Medicaid Outpatient Mental Health Clinics	The Board of Nursing acknowledge the new DHS 35 ruling that exempts Board Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses from the required 3,000 hours in order to provide psychotherapy, providing there is demonstration of the necessary education, training and experience. WNA requested this clarification.	Nurses with Prescriptive Authority
DR&L Impaired Professionals Program	WNA has reviewed the final recommendations related to the Impaired Professionals Procedure Program that were submitted by the Department of Regulation and Licensing. DR&L has developed a scope statement which begins the rule-making process.	RNs
Promoting the Role of RNs in Family Care	The Reference on promoting the role of the RN in Family Care was adopted at the 2009 WNA Annual Meeting in October. Strategies for implementation are pending.	RNs working in Family Care
Promoting the Role of APNs in Medical Homes	The Reference on promoting the role of the APN in Medical Homes was adopted at the 2009 WNA Annual Meeting in October. Strategies for implementation are pending.	APNs

Supporting WNA’s Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Group (SIG)	Summary of Activity
Advanced Practice Nurse Forum	The APN Forum sponsored an APN Summit with the other APN Associations to discuss policy issues and identify areas of collaboration.
WI Parish Nurse Coalition	The Coalition Steering Committee’s document, Basic Curriculum for Parish Nursing was approved by the WNA Board of Directors and will be published in the near future.
Wisconsin Environmental Health Nurses Coalition (WEHNC)	WNA and WEHNC are sponsoring a one-day workshop on nurses role in advocating for environmental health practices on April 9. This is funded through a grant from Health Care Without Harm.

Core Issue #2 - Appropriate Nurse Staffing & Nurse Shortage

Legislation/Rule & Policy	Activity	Target Group
Safe Nurse Staffing	The WNA Public Policy Council will be seeking input on the final desired language for the Safe Nurse Staffing legislation.	RNs
Mandatory Overtime	The banning of mandatory overtime legislation was passed out of the Senate Health Committee. The Senate Majority Leader, Decker, is hesitant to schedule the bill for a full vote by the Senate.	RNs
RN Data Collection & Analysis	Thanks to the work of Sen. Judy Robson , the first mandatory RN Workforce Survey tied to license renewal is taking place January – February 2010. The analysis of the data will be conducted by the Wisconsin Center for Nursing. WNA actively lobbied for these two legislative	RNs

	proposals.	
Nurse Fatigue & Patient Safety	WNA, along with the Wisconsin Nursing Coalition, is finalizing a joint position paper to raise awareness of impact of nurse fatigue and patient safety.	RNs

Core Issue #3 - Continued Competence & WNA Educational Offerings for 2009

Legislation/Rule/ Policy	Activity	Target
Mandatory Continuing Education for RNs	Reference passed at WNA Annual Meeting that supports strategies for demonstrating continued competence. WNA Reference is available on the WNA website.	RNs
Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses	The Nursing Education Council continues to work on the development of a white paper related to the reference passed at 2008 WNA Annual Meeting directing WNA to assume leadership role in developing initiatives that encourage registered nurses in WI to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing within 10 years of initial licensure.	RNs

Educational Offerings 2010– Mark Your Calendar!

Nurses Day at the Capitol – Tuesday March 9, Monona Terrace, Madison.	24th Annual Pharmacology and Clinical Update – Thursday – Saturday, April 22-24. Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.
Wisconsin Association of School Nurses Spring Conference April 28-30, Madison Marriott West, Middleton.	16th Annual Jail Health Care Conference – Thursday-Friday, May 13-14, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.
WNA 100th Celebration – <i>Rich Past – Bright Future.</i> Annual Meeting and Conference. October 7 – 9, Monona Terrace Madison	

Core Issue #4 - Patient Safety/Advocacy

Nurses Agenda for Health Care Reform- The Community of Nursing Agenda for Health Care Reform is being used to promote health care reform legislation. To view WNA's position on patient advocacy legislation, go to our website and click on Legislation & Policy.

You Were Represented – January 13, 2010 – March 2, 2010

Topic	Audience	Location	Date
Workforce Advocacy	WNA WFA Advisory Council Meeting	Madison	1/15/10
Promoting Nurse Sensitive Data Collection	NDNQI National Conference	New Orleans	1/22-23
Health Care Without Harm Grant	Meeting with HCWH grant representatives	Madison	1/25/10
Health Care Without Harm Grant	Planning meeting for grant implementation	Madison	1/25/10
WNA Pre-convention Program	Planning meeting on Patient Simulation	Madison	1/26/10
Decreasing incidence of heart disease & strokes	Heart Disease and Stroke Alliance Planning Meeting	Madison	1/26/10
Conflict Engagement Program	Planning meeting on Conflict Engagement Program	Madison	1/26/10
Promoting School Nurse Policy	Testimony State Capitol	Madison	1/27/10
Promoting Nurse Sensitive Data Collection	Wisconsin Nursing Coalition Annual Retreat	Madison	1/28/10
Update on Nurse Survey	Presented at DR&L meeting on Nurse Survey	Madison	1/29/10
2010 WNA Convention	Educational sessions planning committee meeting	Madison	1/29/10
Nurse and Patient Advocacy Policy	WNA Public Policy Council Meeting	Madison	1/30/10
Testimony – Nurse Midwives	Assembly Health Committee Hearing	Madison	2/3/10
Decriminalization for Medical Errors	Meeting with Senator Judy Robson	Madison	2/4/10
Loan Forgiveness Legislation	Wisconsin Hospital Association Lobbyist Mtg.	Madison	2/5/10
Exhibit and Present WNA Information	Wisconsin Student Nurses Association	Wisconsin Dells	2/6/10
APN Forum Summit on Policy Issues	APN State Association representatives	Madison	2/8/10
Advocacy for Environmental Health Summit	Planning Committee meeting	Madison	2/9/10
Support of SB 460	Submitted written testimony on support of prescribing antibiotic for partner of patient with STD	Madison	2/10/10
ANA Update	Participated in a conference sponsored by ANA	Madison	2/11/10
Nurses Foundation of Wisconsin	Participated in NFW Board of Directors meeting	Madison	2/12/10
Fundraiser for Cong. Tammy Baldwin	Represented ANAPAC at Baldwin fundraiser	Madison	2/15/10
Professionalism and Accountability for RN	Present to Viterbo BSN Completion Program students	Madison	2/16/10
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APN Forum Board Meeting	Participated in APN Forum Board of Director meeting	Madison	2/18/10
WNA Board of Directors meeting	Participated in WNA Board of Directors meeting	Madison	2/19/10
Healthcare Workforce Data Collaborative	Meeting on RN Workforce Survey and next steps	Madison	2/22/10
Update on APN Policies Impacting Practice	Presentation to APNs at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital	LaCrosse	2/22/10
WNA Update	Provided update to WNA District Presidents	Madison	2/25/10
Exhibit	Madison Student Nurses Conference	Madison	2/27/10
APN Loan Forgiveness Legislation	Testimony on Rural Healthcare Access Act	Madison	3/2/10

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