



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

Workforce Advocacy – Conflict Engagement

WNA is partnering with the Center for American Nurses on promoting the adoption of their Conflict Engagement Program in health care facilities and agencies. 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:

<b>Legislation/Rule</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
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.	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. WNA was a member of the Impaired Professionals Procedure Task Force and will be monitoring administrative rule changes.	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

<b>Special Interest Group (SIG)</b>	<b>Summary of Activity</b>
Advanced Practice Nurse Forum	The APN Forum continues to implement their 2009-2010 Strategic Plan. The Action Plan includes government affairs, education, practice and workforce advocacy services for APNs.
WI Parish Nurse Coalition	The Coalition Steering Committee coordinated and sponsored their annual Parish Nurse Conference in conjunction with WNA’s Annual Meeting and Conference on October 22, 2009. They are also finalizing the publication of the standardized curricula for Parish Nurses.
Wisconsin Environmental Health Nurses Coalition (WEHNC)	WNA and WEHNC are implementing the goals and activities of Health Care Without Harm Grant. The purpose of the grant to bring together nurses from two other states to develop advocacy strategies for promoting environmental health.

**Core Issue #2 - Appropriate Nurse Staffing & Nurse Shortage**

<b>Legislation/Rule &amp; Policy</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
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!**

<b>Nurses Day at the Capitol</b> – Tuesday March 9, Monona Terrace, Madison.	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Annual Pharmacology and Clinical Update</b> – Thursday – Saturday, April 22-24. Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.
<b>Wisconsin Association of School Nurses</b> Spring Conference April 28-30, Madison Marriott West, Middleton.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jail Health Care Conference</b> – Thursday-Friday, May 13-14, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells.
<b>WNA 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration</b> – <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 - October 19, 2009 – January 12, 2010**

Topic	Audience	Location	Date
Nursing Workforce Data Collection	Meeting with Sec. of Department of Workforce Development Subcommittee on Data Collection	Madison	10/19/09
WNA Convention	Media Interview on WNA's 100 <sup>th</sup> and Role of WNA	Milwaukee	10/20/09
APN Legislative and Policy Update	UW Hospitals & Clinics APN Council	Madison	10/27/09
WNA Member Recruitment	ANA Consultant – Conference Call	Madison	10/27/09
Bisphenol A Legislation	Meeting with Representative from WISPRIG	Madison	10/28/09
ANA Constituent Assembly	Virtual meeting with CMA Presidents & EDs	Madison	10/31
RN Role in Influencing Policy	MSOE Nursing Students	Milwaukee	11/3/09
Nurse Survey Issues	DR&L Representative and WHA Representative	Conf Call	11/3/09
Conflict Engagement Training	Presentation to La Crosse Nurse Leadership	La Crosse	11/4/09
Nursing Practice & Education Issues	Board of Nursing Meeting	Madison	11/5/09
Patient Simulation	Tour of Patient Simulation Lab	Madison	11/5/09
Mental Health Parity Hearing	Submitted testimony supporting MH Parity	Madison	11/10/09
Prescriptive Authority for Psychologist	Meeting with Rep. Sandy Pasch	Madison	11/10/09
Nurses Role in Influencing Policy	Presenter at UWM Convocation	Milwaukee	11/10/09
Legislative Hearing on Family Care	Attended Hearing	Madison	11/12/09
Nurse Survey	Meeting to Refine RN Workforce Survey	Madison	11/16/09
Nursing Workforce	Attended Meeting Workforce Collaborative	Madison	11/16/09
Nurse Survey	Continued Development of RN Workforce Survey	Madison	11/17/09
Bisphenol A Hearing	Submitted Testimony Supporting Banning of Bisphenol A	Madison	11/17/09
Child Protection Legislation	Meeting with Rep. Terese Buceau to Discuss her Legis.	Madison	11/17/09
Milwaukee Chapter of the Black Nurses Associations	Attended Annual Luncheons and Scholarship Awards	Milwaukee	11/20/09
Professional Accountability	Lecturer Blackhawk Tech College Nursing Students	Monroe	12/1/09
Nursing Practice & Education Issues	Board of Nursing Meeting	Madison	12/3/09
WNA Strategic Planning	WNA Members Participated in Annual Leadership Day	De Forest	12/4/09
Peer Assistance	Meeting of WNA Peer Assistance Advisory Council	Madison	12/11/09
Medical Marijuana Legislation	Provided Testimony at Assembly and Senate Hearing regarding WNA Support of Medical Marijuana	Madison	12/15/09
School Nurse Legislation	Provided Public Testimony Supporting School Nurse Legislation	Madison	1/12/10
Surgical Technologist Legislation	Met with Lobbyist for Surgical Tech regarding Scope of Practice legislation.	Madison	1/12/10

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