



**WNA Working for You April 2016**

WNA is working on political advocacy for nurses and patients along with professional development strategies to support nursing practice, competence, and personal health. Please see the following:

**Nurse Workforce Health, Rights & Safety**

	<b>Activity</b>	
APRN Title Protection	Between now and the November election WNA will be working with the APRN Coalition to inform legislative candidates of the need for title protection for advanced practice registered nurses . More information can be found on WNA’s website under the Advocacy Tab.	APNs
Board of Nursing Rules Revision to Chap. N2 & N5	WNA provided testimony supporting the proposed changes developed by the Board of Nursing to N2 & N5 which addresses licensure and renewal. The change will move N5 renewal requirements into N2 and repeal N5.	RNs
Board of Nursing Rule Revision to Chap. N6	WNA provided testimony supporting the proposed changes developed by the Board of Nursing to N6 Standards of Practice. The rules will combine medical and nursing delegation and add APNPs as delegators.	RNs
Board of Nursing Rule Revision – N8 (APNPs)	The Board of Nursing has approved changes to N8 and has sent it forward to the Clearinghouse on Administrative Rules. There was a public hearing on March 10, 2016. WNA and others provided testimony supporting the changes but also wanting the physician written collaboration agreement removed.	APNPs
Addressing Workplace Violence	WNA’s legislative proposal was not introduced this biennium. Legislative candidates will be informed on the need for this legislation. To view the proposed language go to WNA’s website and search under the Advocacy tab.	RNs
Healthy Nurses	WNA’s Healthy Nurse Task Force has developed a set of priorities for promoting the health of Wisconsin’s nursing workforce. The Task Force will focus on nurses with hypertension and provide support and strategies for self- management.	RNs
Emerging Role of the Nurse	WNA’s Task Force on the Emerging Role of the Nurse is working on a survey to identify the newer roles of RNs. The end-product will be a compendium of the emerging roles of nurses. Read the Reference Report on WNA’s website under the About WNA tab.	RNs
APNPs as Hospitalist	Research has been conducted on identifying the barriers for APNPs to admit patients to critical access hospitals.	APNPs

**Continued Competence & WNA Educational Offerings for the remainder of 2016 - WNA’s website under Events tab**

Surviving Your 1 <sup>st</sup> Year – April 11 & October 21, 2016	APRN Annual Clinical & Pharmacology – 4/28-4/30 Madison
Latest Practices in Blood Pressure Measurement 4/28	Palliative & End-of-Life Care and Nursing 10/20 Madison
Clinical & Education Considerations for Patient-Centered Team-Based Care – 10/21 - Madison	Ready to Vote? Latest update on the National and State Elections - 10/22 Madison

**Appropriate Nurse Staffing & Nurse Shortage**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Activity</b>	
Healthcare Workforce Planning	The Governor’s Health Workforce Academy has been transferred to the Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce (WCMEW), of which WNA is a member. Focusing on healthcare workforce data, health care delivery design models and integration of behavioral health.	RNs
Patient-Centered Team Based Care	WNA, in conjunction with other healthcare providers, educators, and associations developed a working model “Wisconsin Concentric Model of Patient-Centered Team-Based Care. The model can be viewed along with other info on WNA’s website under Advocacy.	RNs

Interprofessional Education	WNA's Task Force on <i>Interprofessional Education leading to Team-Based Care</i> is working researching best-practice models of interprofessional education related to team-based care.	RNs
Academic Progression	WNA's Task Force on <i>Academic Progression</i> is working on an awareness campaign for recruiting and retaining nurse educators. They are working on a white paper that will explore the key issues.	RNs
New RN Grads	WNA's Mentorship Committee is working on a mentorship program.	RNs
Future Nurse Leader	WNA's Mentorship Committee launched WNA's Future Nurse Leader Award. The first award was given during the Fall graduating class.	RNs

### **Patient Safety/Advocacy**

Topic		
Prescription drug abuse epidemic	WNA is a member of the Opioid Reduction Task Force formed by the Wisconsin Hospital Association.	RNs
Patient-Centered Team Based Care	WNA received a grant from the Division of Public Health advancing patient-centered team-based care for patients with hypertension and diabetes.	RNs
Telehealth Services	WNA is part of a WHA sponsored Task Force that is identifying the barriers to providing telehealth services. WNA is focusing on the role of the RN.	RNs

### **You Were Represented: February 2016 – March 2016**

Topic	Audience	Location	Date
Policy/Advocacy	Testified in support of a specialty license plate for nursing scholarships	State Capitol	2/2
Leadership	Participated in Pharmacy Society of WI meeting on Collaborative Practice	Madison	2/3
Education	Presented at Medical College of WI Conference on Team-Based Care	Pewaukee	2/4
Leadership	Presented at Wisconsin Student Nurses Association Conference	WI Dells	2/5-6
Policy/Advocacy	Attended Board of Nursing Meeting	Madison	2/11
Practice	WNA Tri-Council Meeting – working on Palliative and EOL care	WNA	2/12
Practice	Planning meeting to promote improved blood pressure measurement	Madison	2/15
Leadership	Collaborating with Wisconsin Center for Nursing strategic plan	Madison	2/15
Practice	Working with Wisconsin Hospital Association addressing opioid prescribing	Madison	2/17
Practice	Working with WI Hospital Association on the increased use of telehealth	Madison	2/19
Education	Presented the topic of nurses and policy to UW graduate nursing students	Madison	2/22
Education	Presented the topic of nurses and policy to NursingMatters Expo event	Madison	2/23
Policy/Advocacy	APRN Coalition Meeting to discuss Board of Nursing changes to N8	Call	2/24
Education	Presented on the topic of nurses and policy at Edgewood College	Madison	2/26
Policy/Advocacy	Preparation for Board of Nursing Public Hearing on N8	Call	2/27
Policy/Advocacy	Meeting with Nurses Day at the Capitol keynote speaker	Madison	3/7
Policy/Advocacy	Sponsorship of WNA at the Nurses Day at the Capitol Conference	Madison	3/8
Education	Presentation on topic of nurses and policy at UW-Madison	Madison	3/9
Policy/Advocacy	Testimony on Board of Nursing Public Hearing on APNP rule changes	Madison	3/10
Practice	Development of WNA Position on Palliative & End-of-Life Care	Madison	3/11
Policy & Practice	WNA APRN Forum Board meeting	Madison	3/12
Policy/Practice	Attended WI Council on Medical Education & Workforce meeting	Madison	3/15
Practice	Task Force meeting on Emerging Role of the Nurse	Call	3/15
Policy	Panelist on policy issues regarding nursing education	State capitol	3/16
Leadership	Wisconsin Center for Nursing strategy mtg on sustaining the work of IOM	Waukesha	3/18
Leadership	Meeting of the Wisconsin Nursing Coalition	Madison	3/24
Leadership	WNA Board of Directors Meeting	Madison	3/24-25

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