



WNA Working for You – February, 2016

WNA is working on policy and other strategies related to promoting workplace health, rights, and safety, safe nurse staffing, continued competence, and patient safety/advocacy. Please see the following:

Nurse Workforce Health, Rights & Safety

Topic	Activity	
APRN Title Protection Act	WNA met with legislators willing to assist in advancing legislation that address APRN licensure, title protection and scope of practice. 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 address 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 is a public hearing scheduled for March 10, 2016. WNA and others will be providing testimony.	APNPs
Addressing Workplace Violence	WNA’s Task Force on Workplace Violence is completing the addendum to ANA’s position statement related to bullying, incivility and workplace violence. The legislative proposal was not introduced this biennium. To see 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 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. More information is available in the 2015 Annual Report located 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 go to WNA’s website and click on the events tab

Nurses Day at the Capitol – March 8-Madison	APRN Annual Clinical & Pharmacology – 4/28-4/30 Madison
Surviving Your 1 st Year – Spring 2016 Location TBD	WNA Membership Assembly & Education – 10/20-10/23

Appropriate Nurse Staffing & Nurse Shortage

Topic	Activity	
Healthcare Workforce Planning	The Governor’s Health Workforce Academy has been transferred to the Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce (WCMEW). The work focus on data on healthcare workforce, 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 information 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> 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 the development of a mentorship program.	RNs
Future Nurse Leader	WNA's Mentorship Committee launched WNA's Future Nurse Leader Award. The first award was given during Fall graduating class.	RNs

Patient Safety/Advocacy

Topic		
(WI-HIPP) Steering Committee	WNA is a member of the Wisconsin Health Improvement Planning Process Steering Committee which is charged with the guiding and overseeing the development of public health priorities, goals, objectives and strategies to improve the health of all people in Wisconsin.	RNs
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
Influenza Vaccination	WNA's position statement on Influenza Immunization and the responsible and ethical role of the nurse has been revised and can be found on the WNA website – Advocacy tab.	RNs

You Were Represented November 2015 - January 2016

Topic	Audience	Location	Date
Leadership	Presented WNA's priorities to the WI Rural Health Cooperative BOD.	Sauk City	11/6
Education	Hosted WNA's SYFY Conference for new nursing graduates.	Oshkosh	11/9
Policy/Advocacy	Met with Sen. Harsdorf to work on APRN Legislative Draft	Menomonee	11/10
Policy/Advocacy	Attended Wisconsin Board of Nursing Meeting	Madison	11/12
Education	Presented information on delegation to nursing students	Oshkosh	11/13
Leadership	Hosted Wisconsin Nursing Coalition Meeting	Madison	11/19
Policy/Advocacy	Participated in WI-HIPP Steering Committee Meeting	Madison	11/23
Leadership	Joined the ANA Board of Directors Meeting call	Conf call	12/2
Policy/Advocacy	Hosted conference call with APRN Forum to discuss legislative draft	Conf call	12/4
Membership	Hosted call with members from Waukesha to discuss MIG formation	Conf call	12/5
Policy/Advocacy	Participated in WHA sponsored Task Force on Telemedicine/Telehealth	Conf call	12/7
Membership	Presented WNA Future Nurse Leader Award to MATC nursing student	Milwaukee	12/8
Leadership	Attended WNA APRN Forum Board of Directors Meeting	Madison	12/12
Leadership	Participated on Wisconsin Center for Nursing Advisory Council Meeting	Summit	12/17
Policy/Advocacy	Meeting with Sec. Ross from Department of Safety & Professional Ser.	Madison	1/5
Policy/Advocacy	Participated in WHA sponsored Task Force on Telemedicine/Telehealth	Conf call	1/6
Policy/Advocacy	Attended Board of Nursing Meeting	Madison	1/14
Policy/Advocacy	Presented testimony on Nurse License Plate Legislation	State Capitol	1/14
Leadership	Participated in WNA APRN Forum Board of Directors Meeting	Madison	1/16
Policy/Advocacy	Hosted APRN Coalition meeting regarding APRN legislative draft	Conf Call	1/17
Policy/Advocacy	Presented testimony on nurse license plate bill	State Capitol	1/21
Leadership	Hosted Wisconsin Nursing Coalition Meeting	Madison	1/28
Policy/Advocacy	Hosted APRN Coalition meeting regarding proposed changes to N8	Conf Call	1/28

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