

	NEW HAMPSHIRE NURSES' ASSOCIATION	Approved	MEETING MINUTES
Committee:	Government Affairs Commission	Time called to order:	5:30 p.m.
Date:	April 25, 2017	Time adjourned:	7:00 p.m.
Presiding Officer:	Pam DiNapoli, Chair		
Members Present:	BJ Bockenbauer	Members Excused:	Lea Ayers LaFave
	Cynthia Cohen		Laurie Harding
	Barbara Cormier		Susan Smith
	Janice Deziel		Wendy Stanley Jones
	Briana White		
	Jeannie Gonyer (via conference line)		
Staff Present:	Joan Widmer		
Others:	Robert Dunn		CJ Young (NHPHA)
	Rep. Polly Campion		Michelle Andrejak (AORN)
	Meredith Shevitz (Maggie Hassan's aide)		Pam Doubleday (AWHONN)
			Sara Kellogg Meade (AWHONN)
Recording Secretary:	Joan Widmer		

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Bill discussion	Discussed various bills circulated to membership, results of these discussions to follow:	
1. HB-400	Title: Requiring the department of health and human services to develop a 10-year plan for mental health services. Discussed by Robert Dunn	Hearing on this bill today with an amendment adopted to include addition mental health beds, along with a host of other provisions. Look like it will pass in the Senate and will have the Governor's support. Should not impact HB-208.

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2. HB-322	Title: Adding rulemaking authority to require completion of a certain survey as part of the license renewal process for health care providers Discussed by Polly Campion	Hearing scheduled for 4/26/17. Polly Campion, Laurie Harding and Joan Widmer to attend in support of bill. Some concern Chair of Senate Committee on Executive Depts & Admin, Senator Carson, has reservations about the bill.
3. HB-234	Title: Relative to hypodermic syringes and needles containing residual amounts of controlled drugs and authorizing the operation of syringe service programs in New Hampshire. Discussed by Robert Dunn	Looks like this bill will move forward with some minor amendments
4. SB-137	Title: Relative to licensure by endorsement granted by the board of nursing Discussed by Robert Dunn	This bill allows for granting temporary licenses (120 days) for non-compact contiguous states. It no longer includes LNAs. Denise Nies from BON has been involved with amendments and is supportive.
5. SB-152	Title: Relative to criminal history background checks for certain health care workers. Discussed by Robert Dunn	This bill has been amended to concern LNA's only.
6. HB-362	Title: Immunization Requirements for Noncommunicable Diseases Discussed by Polly Campion	This bill was initially opposed by NHNA, but has subsequently been amended to specifically exclude Hep B vaccines. This bill has passed in both House & Senate.
7. HB-538	Title: Requiring occupational regulatory boards and commissions to post reciprocity information Discussed by Robert Dunn	This bill would grant temporary licenses in any occupation for 120 day, but has been effectively killed.
8. SB-212	Title: Establishing the physical therapy licensure compact. Discussed by Robert Dunn	This bill is moving forward and likely to pass.
9. Other Bills	A Senate bill to identify a fetus as a second person in criminal proceeds has been retained. A bill concerning health savings accounts has been retained for further reading. The full-day kindergarten bill has had full funding restored today. The House did not approve a budget this year, first time in about 50 years that this has happened. The Senate is putting together a budget bill and House will have to vote for/against that bill.	
Specialty Groups	Nurse specialty groups were invited to participate in this meeting and to meet Meredith Shevitz, an aide for Senator Maggie Hassan. Meredith wanted to hear about Federal legislative issues of importance to the various nursing groups in NH.	

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	CJ Young (NHPHA): inmates with mental illness within the prison populations are straining the system, not enough beds and insufficient staff to properly care for them.	
	Sara Meade (AWHONN): On a national level, no major issues at this time, overall healthcare legislation (ACA vs. AHCA) is the primary concern. Did share issue of safe sleep, banning sale of infant crib bumpers – possible state initiative next year.	
	Michelle Andrejack (AORN): working on legislation regarding safe smoke in ORs and requiring the circulator in the OR to be an RN. In NH, all hospitals follow CMS regulations, which have this regulation, but stand-alone surgical centers are not required to follow CMS regulations. This is a possible legislative initiative for next year.	
Upcoming Meetings	Next meeting is May 23, 2017	Specialty groups were invited to sit in on future CGA meetings as contributors but non-voting members. All were interested in this opportunity, but perhaps the representative would be alternated among a few members.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.	