

	NEW HAMPSHIRE NURSES' ASSOCIATION	Draft as of 05-29-17	MEETING MINUTES
Committee:	Government Affairs Commission	Time called to order:	1739
Date:	5.23.17	Time adjourned:	1914
Presiding Officer:	Pam DiNapoli, Chair		
Members Present:	Jan Deziel	Members Excused:	
	Sara Meade		
	Cynthia Cohen		
Phone	Sherrie Palmieri		
	Sue Smith		
Staff Present:	Joan Widmer		
Others:	Robert Dunn		
	Polly Campion		
Recording Secretary:	Jeannie Gonyer		

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intros • April 2017 minutes, previously circulated, approved. • Feb/Mar 2017 minutes to be circulated at next meeting. • Jeannie will take notes going forward & in her absence a member should volunteer as Pam cannot run meeting watch clock & take minutes. 	Pam DiNapoli to finish drafting these minutes

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Specialty groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara Meade (AWOHNN) - no new info. Plan is to have Sara & Pam Doubleday rotate participation in CGA monthly meetings. 	2 members rotating
ARON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARON talked last month about wanting to introduce bill introduce a bill to NH legislature to require an RN Circulating Nurse for every OR case. NH hospitals follow CMS rules that require a circulating nurse for every OR case. But stand-alone surgical centers only require an RN in the building, who could be responsible for multiple cases. Could pose major problem if RN pulled away for any reason. 	Requesting support, meeting between Pam DiNapoli, Joan Widmer and Danielle Glover of AORN is currently being scheduled to explore providing this support.
ANA Advocacy Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeanie Gonyer submitted as candidate for ANA institute advocacy group. This is a year-long fellowship. Jeannie will report back on what is shared in the bi-monthly meetings, attend legislative hearings and write a quarterly column with support of Susan Feltzer for NH Nursing News. ARON request to also send Michelle Andrejack to represent AORN through NH. Jeannie has been submitted as candidate & we await ANA approval for sending Michelle. The rep will attend a 2 day conference in DC in Oct and participate in routine conference calls; advocate at state level and update membership on National concerns. 	Joan Widmer has submitted request for sending two candidates from NHNA. Await ANA approval
Commission Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam announced that Lea Ayers has resigned her position on the CGA and questioned when and how vacant positions are filled. Current NHNA Bylaws state that commission memberships should be at least nine members (no upper limit) and members can be elected each year or appointed between elections by the Board of Directors. NHNA Bylaws also indicate that commission members can be asked to resign if they miss more than 2 consecutive meetings. 	

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Commission Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members thought two consecutive meetings might be too few, perhaps three consecutive meetings – this would require a change in Bylaws but we are past the window to do this for the next annual meeting – can consider for the following year. In the meantime can just not enforce the two meeting rule but use three meeting, just be consistent in practice. • Sherrie suggested sending a letter to members who have missed 2 or more meetings to see if the member wants to continue. • We have several members that fall into this latter category, but that overall membership currently exceeds nine members (this count does not include ex officio members who are non-voting members). Not immediate need to fill Lea's position. • Some of these inactive members have requested permission to continue to receive copies of CGA meeting minutes. Judy Joy, prior ED did not want to do this. • Commission members felt that commission information should be transparent. • Joan Widmer reported that she is currently working on creating a location on the NHNA website for posting meeting minutes. 	Joan will look into amending Bylaws.
Polly's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polly Campion reported (Bob late, at Senate finance hearing) • Some discouraging things such as state loan repayment plan not passed! Senator Reagan 680,000 was less than originally requested. 	

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Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB322 (Survey bill) passed as amended; Senate amendment r/t confidentiality conditions, data not be shared but aggregate health • SB 137 (Granting licensing by endorsement) CT, MA, NY, VT can issue temp license to all after NH application is in process; NY eliminated because no background check; has a 2 yr sunset clause encourage them to participate in compact. This clause only effects RN & LPN because current language in statue is related to temporary license & LNA doesnt have that option. • SB152 (LNA temp licence) ought to pass • Mass is pursuing compact, Maine is already a compact state. • HB575 (acupuncture detox certification) Amended - passed in Senate; Committee of conference house mbrs & senates members creating greater latitude & control to board of acupuncture; Ldacs could do particular technique 5 needles • Concerns for lack of interest; opinion from NHNA-interest or knowledge in ladc or acupuncture practice. Will find out from commission on etoh and other drugs-will follow up <p>Bob checks in 615pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate finance - Final votes on Wednesday • HB400 lots of funding into mental health system; going to result in more funding & for more nurses in psych at NH Hospital. Issue is senate HHS to amend to committee need to end unacceptable situation of patientt being housed in corridors updates twice a day, barbaric practice. Govenor committed to that changing & funding. • Sen Fuller-Clark: 9 psych nurse positions vacant & eliminated. • Looking to create Respite care & mobile response team (Some in the house say great; mental health patients are safe in the hospital & not on the streets!) • This is Best public health responses since Medicare expansion. 	Wed or June updates

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Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question SB 235 will depend on covered service?? If covered service & student by school district then school will pay half of cost then rest feds covers. Pam- Is there money to cont services??? Must have program in place first then money. Bill is incumbent on local school district school district can go after fed money not state because it's not avail! Bill is online for reading. (Fed budget seeks to eliminate that very funding). Children with severe emotional disturbances cost avoidance associated with it. Passed house & senate going to governor. Depends on budget bill. Will know wed • Another issue, Sen Delassandro created 3 new nursing positions for Dept of Corrections, but voted down. Created one position for woman's prison?? Not sure if for both men & woman. No medical coverage at night they have to call 911. • SB 235 (Needle Exchange Program) bill passed on its way to governor. • HB 208 (Creates a Commission Involuntary Admission) Passed. Joan asked when this bill will come out of reconciliation. Bob said should be in the next week or so, before summer recess. • HB 264 (OTC Contraceptives) Signed into law, Chapter 23 in 2017 laws. They will let Sara Meade know when she should go to commission meetings. House clerks should send notices to each entities rep, NHNA would say Sara Meade & she be added to list for meeting times. 	
Updates from Commission Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission representatives should plan to prepare a bi-monthly report on the activity within the commission they participate on. This report should be sent to the CGA and the NHNA Board. • It should be 1-2 pages long. • Current Commission Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cynthia Cohen: Governor's Commission on AOD, Healthcare Task Force • Todd Gardner: Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Prevention, Intervention & Treatment • Pam DiNapoli: Council on Autism • Bob Dunn suggested we add to NHNA website that we have members on these commissions. 	Commission members to submit updates bi-monthly to CGA and NHNA Board.

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Misc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we have meeting during the summer when the legislature is not in session? • After some discussion it was decided to not hold meetings in June and July. We will resume meeting in August in case we decide we want to introduce a piece of legislation. • In the meantime we will communicate via email. 	Prioritize or find other topics
Upcoming Meetings	Next meeting is August 22, 2017	Will connect via email
Adjourned	1914	