



Nationwide State Legislative Agenda

Objectives

To

- achieve a focused and coordinated approach to state legislative / regulatory initiatives nationwide.
- promote initiatives through strategic alliances with external groups on a state and national level.
- advance initiatives at the federal level



Benefits

- Better utilization of resources
- Greater legislative clout at the state level
- Coordinate state activity with federal
- Potential increase in CMA / ANA membership



History

- ❑ 1999 – approved by Constituent Assembly
- ❑ March 2000 – approved by ANA Board
- ❑ June 2000 – participants at lobbyist meeting – staffing as central issue
- ❑ Summer 2000 – CMA workgroup identified state staffing legislation



Recommended for Inclusion

- Prohibition of Mandatory Overtime
- Whistleblower Protection
- Nursing Workforce Data Collection
- Expansion of BON authority to address system issues
- Regulation of Health Facility Administrators



Recommendations for Inclusion

- Patient Abandonment
- Staffing Systems
- Nurse Manager Requirements
- Notification for Insurance Regulatory Purposes
- Center for Nursing Integration



It all began.....

The first ANA / CMA Lobbyist meeting
held to discuss the
**Nationwide State Legislative
Agenda**
was
September 7-8, 2000



2001

- ❑ February – ANA Press Conference
Staffing Survey and Nationwide State
Legislative Agenda

- ❑ CMAs followed



Plans for Implementation

- Annual ANA / CMA Lobbyist meetings
- ANA / CMA Conference Calls
- Suggested state legislation
- Shared background information
- Coordinated press coverage
- Work with national associations representing state legislative interests
- Build coalitions



2002 Priorities

- Achieve valid staffing standards (including initiatives from 2001 agenda)
- Obtain funding for nursing education
- Explore leg/reg incentives for facilities to attain ANCC Magnet recognition
- Maximize lobbying efforts
- Advocate for resources to increase the capacity of nurses to respond to national disasters



2003 Priorities

- Protect nurses from musculoskeletal injuries in the workplace
- Determine appropriate delegation of nursing tasks
- Promote adoption of principles outlined by ANCC Magnet Program
- Develop enforcement mechanisms related to staffing



2003 Priorities Continued

- Protect the “title” nurse through legislation and regulation

- Build upon work from prior years



2004 Priorities

- Nursing Crisis – refine and expand measures previously identified
- Scope of practice expansion by other health care professionals
- Delegation and utilization of appropriate mix of nursing personnel
- Health care reform
- Coordination of policy and legislation between ANA, CAN, and UAN



2005 – 2007 Priorities

- Elimination of Mercury in health care
- Mandatory Overtime Prohibition
- Nursing Education
- Nursing Quality Indicators
- Nursing Staffing Plans and Ratios



2005-2007 Priorities

- Nurse Workforce Data Collection
- Safe Patient Handling and Movement
- Title “nurse” Protection
- Whistleblower Protections



2008

- What should be included in the agenda going forward ?(CMA Lobbyist survey findings)
- Lobbyist Meeting of the future ?????
- Other suggestions ??????