Washington State Nurses Association

2009-2011 Issues & Priorities Assignments

Board of Directors

- Membership Campaign / Students (NSWS)
- Financial Stability & Growth
- Increase Direct Communication with Members
- Association Operations Effectiveness
- Develop New External Relationships
- Strengthen Districts
- Visiblity / Nursing Image Campaign
- Support Washington Center for Nursing
- Enhance Relationships with ANA, NFN and Related Entities

Legislative & Health Policy Council

Issues
- Nursing Shortage
- Target Funding for Nsg. Ed. Programs
- Access to Care & Health Care Reform
- Health Care Financing
- Federal / State Policy Priorities
- Patient Safety & Quality Improvement in HC
- WSNA Legislative Agenda
- Health & Safety
- Safe Staffing

Target for Member Involvement
- Expanding Political Grassroots Network
- Nurse Legislative Day

Mechanisms to Address Issues
- Propose / Respond to Legislation
- Propose / Respond to Regulation
- WSNA-PAC
- Coordinate Agenda with Other Speciality Orgs
- Educational Workshops
- Action Alerts

Professional Nursing & Health Care Council

Issues
- Nursing Workforce Issues
- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission
- Multistate Licensure / Interstate Compact
- Continued Competency
- Evidence-based Practice
- Scope of Practice / Encroachment
- Erosion of Public Health Nursing
- Patient Safety: Medical Errors / Systems Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Master Plan for Nursing Education
- Multicultural Competence
- Advanced Practice, Educators, & Non-CB-Represented Nurses
- Environmental Health & Safety

Target for Member Involvement
- Build Relationships with Schools of Nursing, NSWS, and Other Groups of Nurses

Mechanisms to Address Issues
- Seek Direct Input from Membership, WSNA Org. Affiliates, WCN & Other Target Nursing Groups
- WSNF (Support Research & education)
- Development of Position Papers

Cabinet on Economic & General Welfare

Issues
- Staffing Standards / Levels / Ratios
- Mandatory Overtime / On-call / Rest Breaks
- Health & Safety (Violence / Fatigue / Safe Patient Handling)
- Wages / Working Conditions
- AFL-CIO Local Affiliations
- Protection of Nursing Practice

Target for Member Involvement
- Strengthen Local Units (Minimum 75% in all Local Units)
- Leadership Development Conference

Mechanisms to Address Issues
- Propose Contract Language
- Develop Local Unit Structure
- Local Unit Leadership Council and Regional Councils
- Develop Relationships with Labor Community

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