

LSNA Legislative Update

HB 246 MEDICATION ATTENDANTS—FINAL PASSAGE(78 – 12) from the HOUSE FLOOR this week (*Wednesday, June 6 2007*), received in the **Senate, Thursday, June 7, 2007**, “*read first time by title, and lies over under the rules.*” The next step will be on to the **Senate H&W Committee Hearing** for consideration and if **reported favorably**, then will move on to the full **Senate** for consideration. We have no date at this time for the hearing before the **Senate H&W Committee**. Now is the time to **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SENATORS** and make them aware of LSNA’S POSITION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION.

HB 251 RESPIRATORY THERAPIST SCOPE OF PRACTICE FINAL PASSAGE (101 – 1) from the HOUSE FLOOR this week (*Tuesday, June 5, 2007*), received in the **Senate, Wednesday, June 6, 2007**, “*read first time by title, and on Thursday June 7, 2007* “*read second time by title and referred to committee on Health and Welfare* If **reported favorably** by the **Senate H&W Committee** then will move to the full **Senate** for consideration.

HB 673 RN PERFORMING MEDICAL SCREENING EVALUATION IN RURAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS. This bill has been deferred and turned into a **STUDY RESOLUTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING.** The current draft of the resolution may be further amended to include additional entities in the study; however, that remains to be determined. As currently written, LSNA is included in the study. We will keep you updated as further developments occur. **ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND OUR VOICES HAVE BEEN HEARD!**

SB 322 CRNA-Provides for authority of professional nurses to administer anesthetics. LSNA SUPPORTS THIS LEGISLATION. This bill was **REPORTED FAVORABLY** by the **Senate H&W Committee, Wednesday, June 6, 2007**. It was “*received in the Senate, read by title, engrossed and passed to a third reading.*” [Thursday, June 7, 2007] **For those of you who attended at the H&W Committee Hearing this week, or may have watched via internet, you are aware of the misinformation presented by the opposition There may be Legislators who are not aware of the educational requirements of CRNAs and may be happy to have the CORRECT information presented to them.**

REMEMBER, IT IS UP TO US AS PROFESSIONAL NURSES, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND ON OCCASION OTHER PROFESSIONALS NOT ONLY ABOUT THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE. WE MAY ALSO SOMETIMES NEED TO REASSURE THEM WE HAVE BEEN PROPERLY EDUCATED AND HAVE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ALONG WITH THE CARING AND COMPASSION VIEWED BY MANY AS THE IMAGE OF NURSES.

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AS SOON AS WE ARE AWARE OF THE DATE OF THE H&W COMMITTEE HEARING, WE WILL ISSUE AN ALERT; HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THIS AGENDA IS NOT USUALLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. THE COMMITTEE USUALLY MEETS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 9 a.m.; therefore, anticipate BEING ALERTED TUESDAY THAT THE BILL WILL BE HEARD ON WEDNESDAY.

If you are available to attend any of these sessions, it is a wonderful experience and once again, I urge everyone to come out and join us in being a part of the VOICE OF NURSING.

Please keep checking <http://www.legis.state.la.us/> for updates on the status of these and other bills. As we become aware of dates and times these bills will be considered in committee, we will inform you via special **LEGISLATIVE ALERTS.**

RN License Plate Now Available

The specialty RN license plates are ready!! Look for the article in the new Pelican News due out in early June.

ANA Announces New Appointment of CPO

Dr Elizabeth Nelson will be filling the upcoming vacant CPO position. Betty will become the new Chief Programs Officer on July 9th. She comes with an impressive back ground in all dimensions of the nursing profession ... clinical practice, administration, education, research and policy. She also has over a decade of association management experience. She has been a member of ANA her entire professional career and has served on committees, task forces and boards at a variety of CMAs through the years.

Dr. Nelson is currently the Chief Nurse/ Director of Patient Care Services at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia. She is also a RWJ Executive Fellow with a strong network of nursing and health care contacts

American Nurse Today CE Module Targets Intimate Partner Violence

The latest issue of *American Nurse Today* features the CE module, *When Closeness Breeds Cruelty: Helping Victims of Intimate Partner Violence*. Health Care providers may encounter domestic abuse victims in the course of routine care or when caring for a physical or psychological condition caused by such abuse. Because of our frequent contact with potential abuse victims and the nature of our relationship with them, we're in a unique position to screen for abuse and intervene appropriately. We also play a legal role. Police and prosecutors may rely on our assessment and documentation of abuse-related injuries and in some states we're required by law to report suspected cases of domestic abuse. **Go to the CE catalog...**<http://nursingworld.org/ce/journal/>.

Call for Abstracts-NDNQI National Data Use Conference

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is hosting the 2nd annual National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI®) national data use conference on **January 30-February 1, 2008**, in Orlando, Florida at The Royal Pacific Hotel. The theme for this year's conference is *Workforce Engagement in Using Data to Improve Outcomes*. Abstracts are now being sought for presentations or posters. The **deadline** for abstract submission is Monday, **July 23, 2007**. **More...** <http://nursingworld.org/QUALITY/conference/index.htm>

Honor a Nurse Campaign

The American Nurses Foundation (ANF) thanks individuals who continue the tradition of *Honor a Nurse* in celebration of nurses everywhere! In celebration of Nurses Week 2007, each of these nurses were honored with a special gift to ANF. **More...** <http://www.anfonline.org/>

HRSA 2007 Nursing Scholarships

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) have just posted the application for the FY 2007 nursing scholarship. Through this program, nursing school students can receive scholarships to pay for their tuition and fees, as well as a \$1,200/ month stipend. **More...** <http://nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#scholarships>

Call for Nominees for FDA Risk Communication Advisory Committee

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting appropriate nominees for its recently established **Risk Communication Advisory Committee**. This committee is intended to advise FDA on helping the public understand product benefits and risks and make the best possible decisions concerning optimal use of all FDA-regulated products. **More information here...** <http://nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#FDA>

ANA and NYSNA Condemn Exploitation of Filipino RN

The American Nurses Association (ANA) and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) today condemned the exploitation of immigrant RNs by unscrupulous U.S. employers and called for better enforcement of immigration laws. They cited the case of 26 registered nurses from the Philippines who say they were brought to New York under false pretenses and denied the rights guaranteed by their employment contract. **More...** http://nursingworld.org/pressrel/2007/pr_sentosa_601.pdf

ANA Calls for Nurses to Vote in Modern Healthcare's 6th Annual "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare"

The American Nurses Association (ANA) encourages you to show **support for the leaders** in our profession by voting for the nurses nominated in Modern Healthcare's 6th Annual "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare" competition. The nominees this year include ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, and CEO Linda J. Stierle. **More...** <http://nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#100Powerful>

Learn from Leaders in Disaster Issues..

Nursing Care in Life, Death and Disaster. For more information and to register... www.nursingworld.org/meetings/2007/quadpolicy/

ANA's New Book/CD: Teaching IOM- Free Shipping through September 30

Nursing faculty can use this as a teaching tool to discuss contemporary issues with graduate or undergraduate students. These include identifying work redesign in terms of integration of technology; addressing patient safety, quality, and national quality indicators, using electronic medical records and documentation, and funding from research, education, and health policy agencies and professional organizations. Clinical educators will find the book useful to update nurses as to the why dramatic changes are taking place in their work environment. **Go to nursesbooks.org**
<http://nursingworld.org/books/pdescr.cfm?cnum=11#06IOMC09>

FT Nurse Faculty Member Applications Now Accepted

School of Nursing – William Carey University
New Orleans Campus – BSN Program

Start Date: 8.15.2007

Doctorate in Nursing Preferred; Masters in Nursing Required
Applications, inquiries, or nominations should be sent to:

Dr. Mary W. Stewart, Dean
498 Tuscan Avenue, WCU Box 8
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
1.800.962.5991 Ext. 478
mary.stewart@wmcarey.edu

CE Opportunities in LA

October 23-24, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, "Hansen's Disease in the United States-Diagnosis & Treatment, National Hansen's Disease Programs, Josie Major, 225-756-3761, jmajor@hrsa.gov, # of contact hours 13.4

Become an Expert in Patient Education, Our Lady of Lake, Melissa Stewart, 16.9CE, 225-931-3683, 10%discount for LSNA member