

Extending the Borders of our Professional Outreach

Whereas Oregon Nurses Association has historically had a bulk of membership from labor union represented nurses. The majority of these numbers have come from hospital and hospital network settings. We as an organization are set to change our professional advocacy resources to extend to our fellow Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner colleagues in their practice beyond hospital settings.

Whereas ONA as a professional association exists beyond the limits of represented facilities to all nursing in Oregon; our efforts to enact change through law strives to include all nurse healthcare settings. We are the collective voice of nurses, as leaders, driving healthcare policy and practice

Whereas the ANA states nursing is the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, communities, and populations thus our advocacy should reach all registered nurses and nurse practitioners in this endeavour.

Whereas the ANA states an increasing body of evidence shows appropriate nurse staffing contributes to improved patient outcomes and greater satisfaction for both patients and staff. In Oregon, however, the need remains for appropriate safe staffing policy in all health care settings. We strive to have nurses lead the discussion on what is appropriate for the health and safety of our patients.

Resolved ONA staff and nurse leadership will look for ways to make and/or change public policy initiatives to include more healthcare settings in our communities outside of hospitals. These settings are to include, but not limited to home care, prisons, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient clinics, and schools.

Resolved civic advocacy in nurse staffing laws/reform will be given the resources and efforts for guidelines that extend beyond the hospital setting. Staffing law reform and language efforts shall protect our patients safety and our licenses in primary, secondary, tertiary, quaternary, home, and community care.

Resolved ONA advocacy in healthcare worker safety laws/reform will seek to include safety for nursing in all care settings. Safety for nurses is our goal in these efforts. We will seek coalitions with other professional and labor organizations to include this language.

Resolved ONA seeks to foster an equitable and diverse voice in leadership for all healthcare settings. We will seek out leaders and experts in a variety of healthcare workplace settings so our organization can have more representation to reflect the diversity of our field.