TUALATIN Ore. – The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) has named Jenn Baker, BA, to lead its government relations program. Serving as the Association’s political communications liaison, then political organizer, Baker has extensive experience involving ONA members in the political process and strengthening the voice of nursing in Oregon.

During her tenure at ONA, Baker also served as Rob Nosse’s campaign manager, an endeavor that successfully elected a strong nurse advocate to the State Legislature in May 2014.

“This is a critical time for ONA and our partner organizations that work to ensure working Oregonians have a voice on the job,” Baker noted. “I am looking forward to continuing my work with Oregon’s nurses to ensure they are able to advocate for their patients and their practice. It’s vital that nurses continue to weigh in on important health policy discussions, like hospital nurse staffing and Medicaid expansion. Our nurses bring an invaluable set of skills and expertise that needs to be included. I’m honored to continue to help facilitate their involvement throughout Oregon.”

Baker earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Portland. Prior to joining ONA, she worked as a field director for now Representative Dan Rayfield in his 2010 campaign and as a legislative aide for Senator Richard Devlin during the 2011 Legislative session.

ONA was founded in 1904 as the professional association for nurses in Oregon. It is a nonprofit association and a labor union representing registered nurses. ONA’s mission is to advocate for nursing and quality health care.

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