

President's Message



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Code News

It has been a busy year already. We applied for the State Council Achievement Award after the Indiana ENA Board met in Dec and wrote their goals for 2007 and we incorporated these goals into a strategic plan for the year. We posted the Scholarships that we proposed in 2006 with applications on the web site and first deadline this year is March 15, 2007.

We have applied for grants for TNCC and ENPC for rural critical access hospitals in Indiana through the State Dept of Health and just received word, that these were approved.

We have been actively seeking an Injury Prevention Chair for Indiana and Sue Sams-Tinker has agreed to take on this challenge. We have to work towards a revival of old ENCARE chapters with the new ENA programs. We have a proposal for the state ENA to purchase the programs and loan them out from the state injury prevention chair. We also wrote a small grant to assist with this purchase and to assist with a provider training for the state of Indiana prior to June 1, 2007. This grant through the State Dept of Health is in consideration.

We held a Chapter Leaders meeting in Indianapolis on January 27th, to try to improve our communication among our state council and



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our chapter leaders and to update all on the Accounting and Tax deadlines for the year. The chapter leaders meeting proved to be good networking and 1099's should be out soon. Don't forget to get your chapters to always use the Expense form when writing checks for any item. It will help the accountant to track expenses for the Indiana ENA and its' affiliates, all of our chapters.

We added a new chapter this year. The East Central Indiana Chapter at Muncie with Karen Dunn as President just received their charter on January 10, 2007. They are chapter 448 if you want to join their chapter. All the Chapters and their officers and any meeting dates that we could get from the chapters are posted on the web site. We appreciate all of you who help to send us information to get the web site as current as possible.

Pam Jahnke and India Owens joined other National ENA members at the government Affairs workshop in Washington DC on Jan 27, 2007. Pam and India have been busy tracking legislation on Seat Belts in trucks, graduated driver's license for new drivers, and AED's in Fitness clubs and many others. They have encouraged ENA members to contact their representatives when bills are in committee and to help testify to legislation when asked. We do have web stickers on www.indianaena.org web site that allow you to find out your legislative representatives both in the Indiana State House and in Washington, D.C. and tells you how to call, e-mail or write to them.

As we prepared to go to the Leadership challenge in Boston, Mass. We had a message from the Component Relations at ENA that we won the ENA State Council Achievement Award! What an honor for me to be a part of such an active group of emergency nurses.

Thanks to all the State Leaders Annette Chard, Larry Addison, Merry Addison, Teri Joy, Yonna Heath, Pam Jahnke, Ron Kraus, Greg Strine, Jackie Shoemaker, India Owens and Patty Sandor. It makes me proud to always call myself an Emergency Nurse.

Terrie



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“Make an Impact on Issues you care about”

Have you found yourself sitting around the nurse's station lately lamenting the on-going violence that occurs in your department and others like it daily? Maybe while running down the hall taking care of patients in rooms, hallways, closets and the waiting room you've wondered if anyone but you is trying to figure out how to relieve ED overcrowding?

Each day in Washington lobbyists employed by the Emergency Nurses Association are bringing these issues and others to the forefront. These same lobbyists watch bills in Indiana and other states as well. Utilizing an online service emails are sent out to update ENA members who have signed up for the service when legislation pertinent to nursing, healthcare and public health is moving. This allows constituents who are also emergency nurses, a powerful voice, to contact their elected officials to voice their desires regarding the legislator's vote.

Kathy Ream, ENA's legislative liaison reminds nurses that elected officials are 'employed' by us, the voters. "Your legislator is in his/her position as a result of your good will." As a result, legislators are interested in the voter's outlook on issues before them.

Pam Jahnke, Indiana ENA Legislative Committee Chair and India Owens in January attended the ENA Government Affairs Conference in Washington DC. Joined by Government Affairs chairs from all 50 states, the current ENA president, Donna Mason and President-Elect Denise King, the group attended a full day and a half of interactive activities and lectures aimed at increasing effective communication with elected officials and at fine tuning the approach. The work was exhaustive, exhilarating and informative.

Key points highlighted throughout the learning activities were to contact legislators often, keep your personal and written opinions clear, concise and factual.

Effectiveness in any interaction is based on building a relationship. The relationship with your elected representatives is no different. Through ongoing and consistent contact your legislator learns to respect your opinion, trust your judgment and begins to view you as his or her expert on call in the area of healthcare.

Keeping your communication clear is best achieved by limiting your letter or personal contact to three or fewer key points. This clarity is appreciated by a busy legislator who must listen to many diverse opinions on the way to making a voting decision. Remember to approach your elected official in a respectful manner and maintain your professionalism. Professionalism in appearance and personal presentation is just as important in the state house as it is in our workplace.

Legislators, few of whom have a background in healthcare or the medical field, are appreciative of a factual presentation that enables them to understand the implications of their vote on healthcare related issues. Your knowledge and experience are important assets to a lawmaker who must defend his vote. Consider supplementing your letter or personal meeting with well designed and fact based leave behinds. Graphs are a great way to demonstrate your point in an easy to understand, visual way. Remember to ensure your research is current and factual. You are creating a relationship and it is important to being heard as a professional that your points are reliable and referenced.



Pam Jahnke and India Owens in Washington D.C. at the ENA Government Affairs Conference

Nursing 2000 Dinner



Indiana ENA and local Indy Roadrunner chapter co-sponsored a Patron table at the annual Nursing 2000 Scholarship Dinner. The following members were there representing ENA, left to right: Pam Jahnke, Natalie Catlow, Sue Dunham, Terrie Will (President IN ENA), Terri Joy, and Ruth Slabach (not pictured). There were also several other ENA members at the dinner sitting at their respective hospital sponsored tables. This year's dynamic speaker was Rhonda Scott PhD, RN, CS, the Chief Nursing Officer of Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia. She was recently appointed to serve on the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice. She is also known as a champion for patient satisfaction and increasing nursing retention. She spoke on "The Courage to Nurse" emphasizing "Courage, Commitment, Accountability, and Ownership of our Practice".

Exceptional Emergency Nurses **The 2007 Indy Star**

“Salute to Nurses” Honors Two Very Special Emergency Nurses.



Emergency Nurse Sue Dunham of Clarian – Methodist Hospital Honored

Sue Dunham RN, Clinical Manager Emergency Medicine and Trauma Center, Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis was given the Lifetime of Compassion award from the Indy Star “Salute to Nurses”. She was nominated by fellow co-worker Deb Fabert RN who spoke of Sue “as a mentor, who taught me skills helped me develop my sixth sense and taught me how to connect with my patients by truly caring about them.” Sue was a founding member of the Indy Roadrunner

Sue Dunham and her nominator Deb Fabert

Chapter of ENA and has been a TNCC instructor for many years. She also sits on the EMS commission as a nurse liaison. She has traveled with the CART racing team for 19 years. Sue is passionate about Emergency Nursing and says she can’t imagine doing anything else. Sue has worked hard through the years. She has worked in many different roles in the Emergency Dept and is a testament to hard work and perseverance will get you where you want to be.

Congratulations to Sue from ENA

Emergency Nurse Kim White of Columbus Regional Honored

Kim White RN, MS from Columbus Regional Hospital , Manager of Emergency Services, was honored as nurse of the year. Kim received honorable mention last year during the Salute to nurses and was nominated for her excellent customer service in the hospital. This year she was nominated for her excellent service to the community. She was nominated by Victoria Baker of the Cummins Child development center for the volunteer work she does in reviewing and recording immunization records for children, offering training for 50 employees and parents on how to keep children well, the importance of immunizations and safety for children.

Kim says she was very surprised when she found out she won this year. She says she was meant to be a nurse and highly encourages nursing as a great specialty for everyone.

Congratulations Kim from ENA.

Application Process for Indiana ENA General Assembly Delegates National ENA

Delegate Qualifications:

- Delegates must have a current active membership in ENA.
- Qualified candidates should attend 50% of their local chapter meetings since the previous General Assembly.
- Candidates should have served in an elected or appointed position of the local, state, or national level during the past three years.
- Participation in at least one of the following activities related to Emergency Nursing since the previous General Assembly:
 - A. Lecturer (other than that which is required to perform nursing role)
 - B. Projects (public education, legislative involvement, chapter projects)
 - C. Research in Emergency Nursing
 - D. Publication on topics) related to emergency care.
 - E. CEN certification
- Qualified candidates should have a letter from their chapter president attesting to the qualifications.

Delegate Responsibilities:

All delegates should attend all business sessions and special delegate activities at the General Assembly. Delegates are representatives of their constituents at the business meetings of the association and should seek information on all issues under discussion and act in the best interest of their constituents. Delegates are to report back to their constituents all activities and actions taken regarding voting and discussion by the delegates.

Delegate Selection for the General Assembly in Indiana

Delegate selection in Indiana is done by a lottery method. Every effort is made to choose one delegate per chapter in Indiana. Delegates whose names are submitted and meet the qualifications are entered into a lottery by chapter. One delegate from each chapter is chosen. The names of all candidates who are not chosen are in the second drawing for the remaining delegates. Indiana usually has ten delegates inclusive of all state officers. The number of delegates is based on the number of ENA members in Indiana at the June/July listing.

Applications must be received by June 1. Send completed applications to
Larry Addison, 8809 S 275 E, Hillsdale, IN 47854-8021

Michiana ENA Nurses Teach Seatbelt Safety by Racing Eggs at the Children's Museum

Candace Andersen, Jan Ringer, Stacy Tavenner, and Deb Whitfield came prepared to race eggs for the ENA booth for the Nurses' Day celebration at the Children's museum on April 28, 2007 sponsored by the Nursing 2000 in Indianapolis. In their tie dyed T shirts and armed with colorful pencils and activity pages, the crew set up their egg race track on the egg highway. They cleaned and shined the two egg race cars and set out their 12 ½ dozen eggs for the day. Children who wanted to race prepared their eggs by painting a face and choosing the fate of their egg by selecting "seatbelt or no seatbelt." This created a good discussion about the child's current habit of wearing a seatbelt and the opportunity for ENA education on seatbelt safety. *Then the race was on! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!* At the end of the track, there was an abutment that caused the cars to crash and of course the unbelted egg always flew out, which was a delight for most boys in the group! However, the egg that was belted in stayed secured in the car and sometimes had a small crack in which the nurses educated the young racers on minor injuries that can happen in an automobile accident. Further explaining that it was much better than having a cracked egg! ENA seatbelt education was a messy lesson on this busy Saturday at the Indianapolis Children's Museum, but certainly a great lesson learned by all the kids who *raced on the egg highway!!*



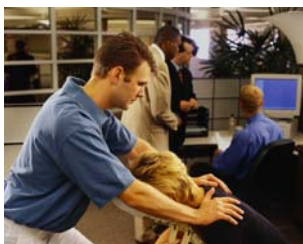
New State Legislation for 2007

These bills passed:

SB 10 Repeals scoliosis screening of students in schools.

SB 43 Neglect of a Dependent, Specifies that a person who has the care of a dependent commits neglect of a dependent as a class C felony if the person's abandonment or cruel confinement of the dependent (1) deprives the dependent of food, water, sanitary facilities, (2) confines the dependent in an area not designed for human habitation, (3) involves the unlawful use of physical restraints.

SB114 Prohibition of favored nation clause. Prohibits HMOs from requiring Health Care Entities to charge a lesser fee for services.



SB 134 AED in Health Clubs, requires Health Clubs, with 50 members or more, to have AEDs and to have someone working at the club during the hours of operation who knows how to perform CPR and operate the AED.

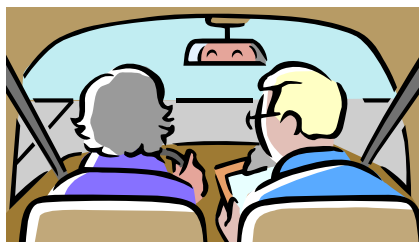
SB 191 Coroner Issues, Mandates successful completion of initial and annual training for coroners and deputy coroners. Requires autopsy reports to be completed and available within a certain time frame.

SB 207 Medical Adverse Event Reporting Requires the State Dept of Health to enter into an agreement with an agency to collect, analyze, interpret and disseminate findings relating to patient safety.

SB 327 HPV immunization information for school age girls.

HB 1116 Requires a training program on diabetes for school employees and school nurses who will help care for diabetic students and requires teachers to have CPR training when initially being licensed as a teacher.

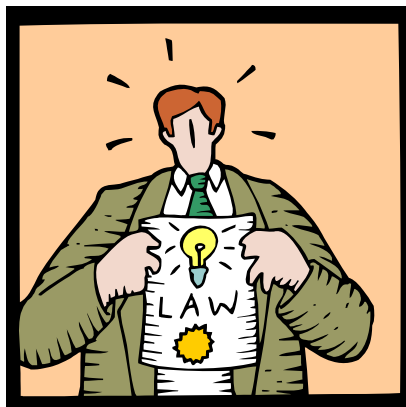
HB 1220 Adult Protective Services, Requires the Division on Aging to provide coverage for specified adult protective services, such as investigating abuse.



HB1237 Expands seat belt law requirement to adults in the back seat of the car, and requires passengers to wear belts while riding in a vehicle with truck license plates. Prohibits local police from using seat belt check points to check for violators. These requirements increase our states eligibility for > \$15 million in federal highway money each year.

HB 1241 Covers licensing of Physicians Assistants, and prescriptive authority of Physician's Assistants working with a physician.

HB 1386 Sex Offender and criminal procedures, covers human trafficking, child pornography, sexual assault of children, sex offender regis-



tration requirements, and penalties.



HB 1468 Allows a pharmacist to administer immunizations under a drug order or prescription.

HB 1503 Coroners' and child deaths, requires State Dept of Health to adopt rules for hospitals and physicians to identify suspicious deaths of children.

HB1654 Sex Crime victims and polygraph exams, prohibits any polygraph requirement for a sex crime victim for the prosecution of their case, and removal of reporting requirement of sex crime victims to police in order for a victim to have a forensic exam. Requires SARTs to be set up throughout the state and led by the prosecuting attorneys.

HEA 1678 This includes the 44 cent cigarette tax and the new state plan to cover the uninsured.

The following did not pass:

SB 487 Graduated Driver's Licenses

SB 418 Scholarships for graduate nursing students was amended into **SB 577** which covered the Governor's proposal to "franchise the Hoosier Lottery". The upfront payment was to be used for higher education.

HB 1240 Multi-state Nurse Licensure Compact

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**Next Newsletter
Deadline**

July 20, 2007

**ENA
General Assembly
Salt Lake City
September 2007**

**Remember to fill out your Application
now to become a delegate to the Na-
tional ENA General Assembly in Salt
Lake City this September. The Appli-
cation is on line and in this newsletter.**

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