

# NJSNA/IFN CEO Report for NJ Nurse



## Political Updates:

Although co-sponsors continue to be added to the following bills, there has only been movement of S1949 as of 3-12-25. The Legislature is holding hearings on the budget which is taking up much of their time. A new bill (A5595/S4286) was introduced concerning health care workers and mental health.

## Legislation Watch:

- Removal of APN/Physician Collaborating Agreement (A944/S1983)
  - Referred to Assembly Health Committee
  - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
  - 38/80 Assemblypersons and 21/40 Senators are sponsoring bill
  - Asm. Conaway major obstacle to movement of bill now in Congress
  - Asw. Carol Murphy appointed Assembly Health Committee Chair
- Nurse Staffing Committees (A966)
  - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
- Nurse Title Protection (A4202)
  - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
- BSN in 10 (A1017/S1050)
  - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
  - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
- Establishes initiatives related to nurses (A1659/S1949)
  - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
  - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
  - Bill amended and broken into 4 parts. New bills introduced:
    - S4266 moving CNA to NJBON

- S4267 Nurse Practitioner preceptor tax credits
- S4268 Nursing School Expansion Grant

## Referred to Senate Commerce and Budget Committee

- Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs (A2805/S1761)
  - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
  - Referred to Senate Commerce Committee
- Nurse Ratio bill — Sets mandated nurse to patient ratios (A3450/S1941).
  - Referred to Assembly Health Committee
  - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
- Establishes certain protections for health care professionals who receive behavioral health care and apply for State licensure (A5595/S4286)
  - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions
  - Referred to Senate Health

## Meetings held with NJ Legislators and/or their staff regarding Nursing focused bills:

- Senator Parker Space (R) District 24 (Sparta) regarding support of APN bill.
- Senator Paul Sarlo (D) District 36 regarding support of APN bill
- Senator Robert Singer (R) District 30 regarding support of APN bill
- Assemblywoman Margie Donlon (D) District 11 regarding support of APN bill

## Collaboration with the New Jersey Board of Nursing:

- All NJ Board of Nursing positions have been filled except one LPN and two public members.
- Continuing to facilitate resolution to problems that NJSNA members and non-members are experiencing. The NJSNA Executive Board met with leadership in the Division of Consumer Affairs last year to discuss issues that our members were having when contacting the board of nursing. This dialogue will remain open until resolutions are obtained.
- NJSNA continues to assist its members with any issues regarding licensure.
- NJBON subcommittee reviewing a proposed rule to add procedures to the APN joint protocols. Nursing Organizations including NJSNA have sent letters opposing this proposal. NJBON sent proposed rule to the Attorney General's (AG) office for legal opinion. Still waiting for a response from AG's office.

## Collaboration with the American Nurses Association (ANA):

- Attended Quarterly Open Business Meeting
- Attended Leadership Society of ANA-PAC
- Attended Quarterly CEO session with ANA CEO
- Attended ANA Membership Assembly Proposed Bylaws hearings
- Attended ESREC (Eastern Seaboard Regional Executive Committee) meeting re: ANA Membership Assembly proposed bylaws

## Collaboration with other organizations:

- NJSNA continues to network with and provide valuable input into the following:
- NJ Business and Industry Health Care Policy Committee

- Clinicians for Climate Health.
- Jersey Renews
- Consortium of New Jersey Nurse Educators
- ONL NJ Legislation and Advocacy Committee
- Rutgers University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Kean University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Felician University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Thomas Edison State University Advisory Committee
- New Jersey Collaborating Center
- New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- New Jersey State School Nurses
- New Jersey Nursing Students
- Nurses Service Organization (NSO) In-

surance Company

- Lorna Breen Caring for Caregivers NJ Executive Committee
- Nursing Coalition Group
- Society of Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses

### Meetings attended:

- Attended Middlesex Regional Black Nurses Association Awards and Scholarship Brunch
- Attended and spoke at Statehouse Rally on supporting Medicaid rate increase for home care LPNs.
- Met with AANP government relations staff re: APN bill in NJ.
- Attend Institute for Nursing CARES Awards
- Attended Health Expo in Mount Laurel NJ

- Attended Edna Cadmus (New Jersey Collaborating Center) Retirement Luncheon
- Attended Region 3 General Membership Meeting
- Attended American Association of Indian Nurses Week Celebration
- Attended meeting with Davita Government Relations Department regarding potential legislation regarding LPNs in Dialysis units.
- Attended Ocean County Vocation Technical School Health Career Days
- Attended Region Six General Membership meeting
- Presented Nursing Advocacy and Legislation to Capital Health Nurse Residents. ■

## Region 1 (Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren)

Karen Kinsley MSN, RN, OCN, Region 1 President

### Region 1 Call for Nominations: Term of office: 1/1-2026 – 12/31/2027

- President-Elect
- Vice-President for Membership
- Vice-President for Fundraising
- Vice-President to the Congress on Policy
- Sussex County Coordinator
- Morris County Coordinator
- Nominations Committee (2)

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positions or you may contact Jacqueline Galante, Chair, Nominations

Committee, at [jax963@gmail.com](mailto:jax963@gmail.com) for more information.

**Accolades:** Region 1 Members Susan Weaver & Daniel Misa have an article published in the May issue of Nursing Management

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NEA-BC, CMSRN; Tobler, Dawn MSN, RN, NE-BC; Weaver, Susan H. PhD, RN, CRNI, NEA-BC. Navigating challenging patient situations: The role of the administrative supervisor. Nursing Management (Springhouse) 56(4):p 34-39, May 2025. | DOI: 10.1097/nmg.0000000000000241