

ANA-NY 2019 Annual Meeting Report



Name of committee

Legislative Committee

Report details/accomplishments

Overall Legislative priorities:

The 2023 ANA-NY Five Legislative Priorities were:

1. Nursing workforce development and support;
2. Public health and health equity prioritization;
3. Ensuring access and recognition of nursing education and training;
4. Health system transformation;
5. Ensuring future pandemic readiness.

Position Number Support 41

Oppose 4

Watch 23

No Position 2

During the 2023 legislative session 98 bills impacting ANA-NY were introduced. Twenty of those bills passed in both the assembly and the senate.

One significant bill signed by Governor Hochul allows for one third of clinical training to be completed through simulation experiences. This bill will go into effect on November 11, 2023.

Another bill which was signed enables registered nurses to carry out certain procedures without a patient-specific order from the attending practitioner. These include electrocardiogram tests to detect signs and symptoms of acute coronary syndrome, point-of care blood glucose tests to evaluate acute mental status changes in persons with suspected hypoglycemia, administering test and intravenous lines to persons that meet severe sepsis and septic shock criteria and administering tests to determine pregnancy.

The Legislation committee issued a memorandum in support of the clinical preceptor tax credit which would provide an income tax credit to health care professionals who provide preceptor instruction to health care professional students.

ANA-NY continued coalition efforts to raise awareness on the value of immunizations and continued work with the Tobacco-Free New York Coalition. We supported the bill that would end the sale of all flavored tobacco products and raise the cigarette tax to make tobacco products less appealing and more expensive for youth to prevent another generation falling victim to this deadly addiction. Although this did not pass, there was an increase in the per-pack tax on cigarettes purchased in New York.

On May 9th 2023 ANA-NY had a joint Advocacy Day in Albany with the New York State Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NYSANA). There were 150 members from both associations in the building, that had 130 legislative meetings. There was a rally with all the attendees from both associations with Assemblywoman Reyes, who is in support of the CRNA practice bill.

There was also a Voter Voice Campaign for those who were unable to join us in person, that resulted in 224 individual outreaches to legislators from 122 ANA-NY members, which is a significant increase from the 44 ANA-NY members that utilized the Voter Voice Campaign last year. NYSANA also uses Voter Voice and between the 2 associations there were over 600 individual outreaches to legislators.

Chair Name

Jessica Varghese

Committee Members

Sarah Valentine
Alyssa Ballentine
Thomas Bonfiglio
Cathy Finlayson
Veronica Valazza
Brittany Richards
Kaleena Soorma
Faye Wang
Glennie Millard

Board Liaison

Susan Chin

Number of meetings held

7

Comments/recommendations to the Board of Directors

No recommendations.

Goals for Coming Year:

(Taken from leg priorities 2024 draft document)

Creating a steady nursing pipeline & a safe work environment

We are seeing many challenges to enrollment, recruitment and retention of nursing students and nurses already in the workforce, and we will support legislative and regulatory priorities to bolster the profession. We will also continue to explore new workforce development ideas such as nurse residency programs, preceptorship tax credits and working to support New York becoming the 42 state to join the Nurse Licensure Compact. We support scope of practice legislation that acknowledges all facets of nurse education and training for registered and advanced practice registered nurses.

Public Health and Health Equity Prioritization

We support measures to support public health including: ensuring people receive needed vaccinations to prevent the spread of disease; protecting healthcare workers from the threat of prosecution for performing their jobs within the purview of New York State law; protecting New Yorkers from the threat of gun violence; understanding the health risks associated with smoking and other risky behaviors; developing and supporting programs to ensure that individuals can pursue and achieve a healthy lifestyle; developing and supporting programs focused on behavioral health; and evaluating and responding to the social and environmental determinants of health.

We support measures that will address structural health inequities that are distributed unjustly by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, geographic location or other identity or experiences. ANA-NY will support timely legislation that is critical to public health and ensuring adequate access to healthcare for all New Yorkers.