Strategies and Tactics for Successful Legislation to Remove Barriers to APRN Practice and Care

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High-quality, patient-centered health care for all will require a transformation of the health care delivery system.

One of the most-viewed online reports in IOM history.
All Americans have access to high-quality, patient-centered care in a health care system where nurses contribute as essential partners in achieving success.
The IOM Report:
Key Messages and Recommendations

• Key message #1 Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training

• Recommendation 1: Remove scope-of-practice barriers

• For state legislatures:
  Reform scope-of-practice regulations to conform to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model Nursing Practice Act
North Dakota’s Legislation

SB 2148

• A bill to remove the regulatory requirement for APRNs to have a physician signed affidavit on file with the Board of Nursing
• Passed overwhelmingly
• Made effective August 1st, 2011

- Link to SB 2148
Prescriptive Privileges
State Dynamics: Pre-Legislation

• State demographics
  ▪ Rural, geographically sparse
  ▪ Conservative
  ▪ Culture of hierarchy
  ▪ Communication and networks

• Incremental Legislative Efforts
Strategies and Tactics for Successful Legislation

• Preparedness
  ▪ NDNPA
  ▪ Partner with NDBON
  ▪ Stakeholders and opponents
Strategies and Tactics for Successful Legislation

• Willingness
Strategies and Tactics for Successful Legislation

• Strategies
  ▪ Bill sponsor, bi-partisan co-sponsors
  ▪ Lobbyist
  ▪ Developing our story
  ▪ Communicating – Highlight local impact
  ▪ Engaging NPs
Consensus Model Implementation

Source: NCSBN’s website - https://www.ncsbn.org/2567.htm
Lessons Learned
Maryland’s 2010 Legislation

• The 19 page written collaborative agreement was replaced by a one page attestation statement
• Legislation was jointly promulgated by the Maryland Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland with the Board of Nursing
• Important for nurses to speak as one voice
• AARP Maryland added the consumer’s voice
Federal Updates

- Supreme Court Decision
- Legislation
- Regulatory/Administrative Actions

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- Themes in the Action Coalition Quarterly Reports (handout)
- AC leads submitted names of Recommendation 1 workgroup leads
- Monthly teleconferences planned
- Quarterly webinars
- New CCNA/CFA website will be launched in September
Question and Answer Session

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