Our first Interim Legislative Update Call is planned for this Friday, September 8th at 12:00 PM CST. See below for the legislative update that we will review during the call.

**Here is the Connection Information:**

1. **Join the meeting:** [https://join.me/NDnursingcenter](https://join.me/NDnursingcenter)
   
   On a computer, use any browser. Nothing to download.
   
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   Dial a phone number and enter access code, or connect via internet.
   
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   Access Code: **732-654-122#**
   
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*Legislative Update for September 8th*

The ND State Legislature has organized into Interim Committees and prioritized interim studies. We will track the interim process through our
legislative tracking teams. See below for a list of legislative tracking teams, legislative committees and bills that are in the implementation stage that we will be monitoring. We also have several tracking teams that monitor ND Center for Nursing policy briefs including implementation. You can sign up for any of these tracking teams by filling out a leadership application form at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHMMJ9Y

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Health Care Reform Legislative Committee - study state medical assistance, managed care, federal changes to the ACA, public employee health insurance plan http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/health-care-reform-review-committee

- Meeting Notices/Agendas/Minutes
  - August 3, 2017 Meeting Agenda
  - September 14, 2017 Meeting Notice
- Committee Memorandums
  - Affordable Care Act Status Study Background
  - Public Benefits Managed Care Study Background
  - Public Employee Health Insurance Plan Study Background
- Tracking Team Notes
  - The committee is currently working on defining managed care, determining how it might be implemented in ND, examining self-insurance models for PERS and watching federal health care reform carefully. This committee will be responsible for reacting to any federal ACA changes. Any nurses with expertise or opinions on managed care are encouraged to contact the committee to testify at a future meeting.
Health Services Legislative Committee - state and federal regulations for treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities or behavioral health needs, early intervention system, reports from multiple state agencies and state task forces, cost-benefit analysis of mandating health insurance coverage [http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/health-services-committee](http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/health-services-committee)

- Meeting Notices/Agendas/Minutes
  - August 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Committee Memorandums
  - Study of Early Intervention System for Children from Birth to Age 3 with Developmental Disabilities Background
  - Study of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Services Background
  - Other Duties of the Health Services Committee Background
- Tracking Team Notes
  - The committee organized each of their studies for the interim. In addition to studying development and behavioral health needs, the committee will receive reports on the statewide diabetes plan, an update on tobacco prevention, and an update on stroke care.
- ND Center for Nursing Policy Briefs
  - Community Paramedic Policy Brief - will revisit this brief this fall
  - Tobacco Tax Policy Brief - will revisit this brief this fall
- Related Committees
  - ND State Health Council - oversees the state health profession loan repayment program along with many other duties
- 2017 Priority Bills Implementation
  - SB 1096 - APRN Licensure Compact Bill
- SB 1097 - Enhance Nurse Licensure Compact Bill - Implementation Date set for Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact
- SB 2004 - State Health Department Budget Bill - includes funding for state health profession loan repayment program, movement of all Tobacco Prevention to Health Department - tobacco prevention plan included in other reports for committee
- SB 2042 - Tiered Identification of Behavioral Health Providers, detox hold and commitments - request for future committee meeting testimony on this from Rep. Haugen
- SB 2299 - Addition of ND Center for Nursing representative to UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Council - Dean Gross, ND Center for Nursing Board member and representative from NDNPA appointed to council
- SB 2312 - Supervision of EMS Professionals

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**Higher Education Legislative Committee and ND Board of Higher Education** - study higher education finances, reports from state education institutions and the State Board of Higher Education, report from tribal colleges, nursing education and technical college studies conducted by the Board of Higher Education [http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/higher-education-committee](http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/higher-education-committee), [https://ndus.edu/board/](https://ndus.edu/board/)

- **Meeting Notices/Agendas/Minutes**
  - August 22-23 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda
  - June 27 State Board of Higher Education Agenda
- **Committee Memorandums**
  - Higher Education Study Background
  - Other Duties of Higher Education Committee
• **Tracking Team Notes**
  o The higher education committee has started their study of the higher education system and is planning to meet across the state at different institutions and invite each institution to present their strategic plans. More information about additional studies will be available when the notes from the first meeting is available. The ND Board of Higher Education has had some meetings this summer related to budget. The nursing program study has not been referenced during a formal meeting yet.

• **ND Center for Nursing Policy Briefs**
  o [Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Policy Brief](#) - will revise following finalization of Governors Nursing Shortage Plan starting in December
  o [APRN Preceptor Reimbursement Policy Brief](#) - will revise following finalization of Governors Nursing Shortage Plan starting in December

• **2017 Priority Bills Implementation**
  o [SB 2003](#) - Higher Education Budget Bill - includes a study of the state's nursing education programs, restrictions on NDSU's nursing program, a study of the reorganization of the two-year institutions, and details about funding of Dickinson State University including the nursing program

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• **Meeting Notices/Agendas/Minutes**
  - August 2 Meeting Minutes

• **Committee Memorandums**
  - Study of Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center Background
  - Study of Refugee Resettlement Background
  - Study of Public Human Services Background
  - Other Duties of the Human Services Committee Background
  - Human Services Programs References in Century Code

• **Tracking Team Notes**
  - The committee outlined its plans to study the public human services system, the Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center and refugee resettlement and had an overview of the Department of Human Services.

• **ND Center for Nursing Policy Briefs**
  - Behavioral Health Definitions Policy Brief for Legislative Session 2017 - watching implementation of Bill
  - Behavioral Health Nursing Policy Brief - will revisit this fall

• **2017 Priority Bills Implementation** - see behavioral health bill under Health Services Committee

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**Judiciary Committee** - will receive reports from the State Department of Health on the implementation of the Compassionate Care Act including the medical conditions that qualify as debilitating medical conditions and number of individuals committed to the State Hospital along with assigned studies. [http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/judiciary-committee](http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/committees/interim/judiciary-committee)
• Meeting Notices/Agendas/Minutes
  o October 10th Meeting Notice

• Committee Memorandums

• Tracking Team Notes
  o The committee isn't discussing our topics of interest at the October meeting. Will watch for future meetings. Tracking team will be meeting to develop a list of questions and how to obtain answers related to the Compassionate Care Act and the nursing profession.

• 2017 Priority Bills Implementation
  o SB 2216 - Assault on Health care Facility Provider
  o SB 2344 - Implementation of the ND Compassionate Care Act

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Administrative Rules Committee - review all administrative rules, study the membership and state supervision of the state’s occupational and professional licensing boards in order to maintain antitrust immunity

• Meeting Notices/Agendas/Minutes
  o September 12th Meeting Agenda
  o June 14th Meeting Minutes

• Tracking Team Notes - We do not have a specific tracking team for this committee. We watch this committee to catch changes in rules and implementation of bills.

• 2017 Priority Bills Implementation
  o HCR 3026 - State Occupational and Licensing Boards Antitrust Law Immunity
Any other passed bills from the 2017 session that the nursing community should monitor?

Any bills in preparation for next session?

Governors Nursing Shortage Task Force
The development of solutions to bridge the recognized workforce-to-employer gap will require a collective partnership of key public and private stakeholders. In February 2017, a ND Nursing Workforce Shortage Planning Team convened at the request of Governor Doug Burgum to improve ND’s economic climate by developing, retaining, and attracting a skilled workforce. The goal of the team was to develop a comprehensive action plan to assist in meeting the state nurse workforce needs. The team has produced a slide deck utilizing ND Center for Nursing data and analysis that is available on our website at [http://www.ndcenterfornursing.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Governors-Nursing-Shortage-Task-Force-Slide-Deck-July-2017.pdf](http://www.ndcenterfornursing.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Governors-Nursing-Shortage-Task-Force-Slide-Deck-July-2017.pdf) The team has developed a draft action plan that will be presented at several meetings this fall with the plan to finalize in November.

Future ND Center for Nursing Legislative Update Calls - The ND Center for Nursing will be hosting Legislative Update calls every other month through the Interim Session (except during the summer). These calls will be from 12:00 - 1:00 PM CST. We will send out an outlook invite to the leadership team.
Annual Conference Registration Ends September 30th!

Registration will close on September 30th for our Annual Conference that will be October 12-13, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, ND. Click for more
information and registration.

This conference has been approved for 12 NDBON contact hours.

Here is a sneak peak at our exciting sessions!

**Nursing’s Role in Transforming Health Care - 3rd Annual Conference**

Opening Keynote: Building a Culture of Health in North Dakota

**Poster Presentations:**

- Are bed and chair alarms useful in preventing falls?
- Tea Tree - An Effective Adjunct to Wound Care Management in MRSA
- Light Therapy: A nonpharmacological intervention to improve sleep patterns and decrease disruptive behaviors in patients with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia
- In Individuals who are Depressed and Live in Region with Decreased Sunlight Exposure, is Pharmacological Therapy or Alternative Therapies such as Light Therapy, Vitamin D or Exercise More Effective in Decreasing Depression?
- Are Protein Supplements Beneficial when Taken Before, During or After Resistance Training?
- Does Obesity Lead to Precocious Puberty in Girls?
- Implementing the Nurse Navigator Role in Chronic Kidney Disease Care to Improve Outcomes
- Improving Adult Vaccination Rates with the use of a Recall/Reminder System and Designated Vaccine Clinics: A Quality Improvement Project
- Will Using an Accurate Pain Assessment Toolkit Improve Nursing Assessments of Pain to Facilitate a Decrease in Opioid Prescriptions?
- Loan Repayment Incentives for Nursing
- *Bedside Registered Nurses’ Perceptions of Professional Nurse Burnout*
Implementing the Nurse Navigator Role in Chronic Disease Care to Improve Outcomes

Breakout Sessions

- Interprofessional Student Community-Based Learning Experiences (ISCLE)
- Engaging a Microsystem to Reduce 30-day Readmission on an Acute Care Unit
- Implementation of Colorectal Cancer Screening Program in a Rural Upper Midwest Federally Qualified Health Center: An Evidence Based Project
- *The ic’ihila: Healing Indigenous Nations through Restoring Cultural Identity*
- Correctional Nursing: Assessment of Mental Health Patients and Continuous Care Towards Society Re-entry
- *Hospitalized Patients’ Perception of Soft Belly Breathing to Reduce Anxiety* and Motivation for Continued Use
- Systems Thinking to Improve Quality and Safety
- Even though it isn’t a real person, you have to treat it like it is: New Graduates’ Perceptions of High Fidelity Simulation
- *You’re Not Going to Learn it All in Nursing School: Graduate Nurses’* Perceptions of Preparedness for Clinical Practice
- Enhancing Organizational Culture to Meet the Healthcare Needs of Women: Implementing Shared Medical Appointments (SMA)
- Utilizing Photovoice Research as a Mechanism to Explore Environmental Health on a Rural Northern Plains Tribal Reservation

Networking Session: Nurses Inspiring Nurses: Topics from Today’s Environment

Closing Keynote - Leadership in Transformation: Your Role in the ND Governor’s Nursing Shortage Initiative
Now Accepting Silent Auction Pledges for our Annual Conference!

During our annual conference, we will be holding a silent auction and invite the entire nursing community to participate. Your donation will help support the North Dakota Center for Nursing. Since ND Center for Nursing is a 501c3 non-profit organization your donation is tax-deductible.

Potential donations can include gift baskets, gift cards, original artwork, books etc. with a value of $25 or more. Donor’s names will be listed on each silent auction item and you will receive a tax-receipt for your donation.

Donations will also be recognized during the conference and Legendary Nurse Awards Reception during the conference on October 12-13, 2017. You will be responsible for bringing your donation to the conference on October 12th by 10:00 AM. Our deadline for pledges is September 30, 2017.

Access our donation pledge form by visiting: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBDW3FK

Join A New Leadership Team Task Force! Task Forces Begin Soon!

Sign up for these new task forces by clicking on the leadership team application link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHMMJ9Y

New Student Scholarship Program Committee- this committee will meet 2-3 times a year to develop application guidelines, timelines and review applications for our new program.

New: Nurse License Plate Task Force- this task force will start to meet in August 2017 and will meet monthly for 6 months to explore the feasibility and action steps for a ND customized nurse license plate as a part of the ND Center for Nursing sustainability plan.
New: Organizational Membership Task Force - this task force will start to meet in August 2017 and will meet monthly for 6 months to explore potential organizational membership as a part of the ND Center for Nursing sustainability plan.

New: Contact Hour Approval Task Force - this task force will start to meet in August 2017 and will meet monthly for 6 months to explore the potential for developing and potential action steps for ND state nursing contact hour approval by the ND Center for Nursing as a part of a sustainability plan.

New Competitive Career Center Pricing - Let Us Help Fill Your Nursing Career Opportunities!

We love helping employers reach more North Dakota nurses, which is why we've updated our pricing to make our career center more economical to advertise ALL nursing positions. Click here to place an ad.

Employers interested in advertising their careers can post a job to our career center and include custom links, text, and more to advertise their position. At the beginning of each month, we email 17,000 licensed North Dakota nurses with our current listings on our career center. The North Dakota Center for Nursing is the ONLY organization with access to this exclusive licensed nurse list, making our career center the premiere choice for employers. Careers are also included in our monthly newsletter, which publishes on the 15th of each month.

With changes in our new competitive pricing, we are also making changes to
our system of payment. Starting now, we only accept credit card only for all career center listings. Our pricing is as follows:

**30 Day Listing + Job Flash: $250**
Our most basic listing – your job will be posted on our website and automatically expire after 30 days. Your job will also be included in our monthly job flash, newsletter and published to our Facebook and LinkedIn page.

**60 Day Listing + Job Flash: $450**
Need your job opening to display longer than 30 days? With this listing your job will be posted on our website and automatically expire after 60 days. Your job will also be included in two job flashes, two newsletters and published to our Facebook and LinkedIn page.

**Featured 30 Day Listing + Job Flash: $300**
With a featured listing, your job always displays above others, giving you increased visibility and more clicks. Your job will be posted on our website and automatically expire after 30 days. Your job will also be included in our monthly job flash, newsletter and published to our Facebook and LinkedIn page.

**Featured 60 Day Listing + Job Flash: $500**
This extended featured listing gives your job opening maximum visibility. Your opening displays above others, giving you increased visibility and more clicks, plus, your job will be posted on our website for an extended period of 60 days. Your job will also be included in two job flashes, two newsletters and published to our Facebook and LinkedIn page.

**Pack of 5, 30 Day Listings + Job Flashes: $1000**
Have upcoming multiple jobs that need posting? Plan ahead and save by purchasing a job listing pack. This discounted pack includes five, 30 day listings + job flashes (and postings to Facebook and LinkedIn). This feature allows you to use your job listings when you need them – individual job postings can be scheduled at different times or used all at once. Pack expires after 365 days.