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2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
COMMITTEE**

GOALS

- ◆ Enhance nursing practice through legislative advocacy
- ◆ Advocate for the best possible health care
- ◆ Increase participation of nurses in their federal, state and local governments
- ◆ Advocate for access to quality health care

**CONNECTICUT NURSES'
ASSOCIATION
2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The Connecticut Nurses' Association speaks with a unified voice for nurses across all specialties, in all forums. The Association exerts its organized influence on education, legislation, and compensation to protect and advance the practice of nursing and the health of the people locally and nationally. We connect our members to each other and to our collective passion, power and purpose. Therefore, we support

All actions that strengthen the profession, including

- * adequate access to education across a continuum from entry level through advancement
- * ensuring professional autonomy, full scope of practice and equal reimbursement for services (equal pay for equal work)
- * promoting healthy workplace environments for professional practice

All actions that improve the health of the public, including

- * assurance of adequate healthcare providers including access to physical, mental and dental care for all
- * nursing participation in any decision making group discussing healthcare
- * strengthening the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing in order to protect the public
- * increased awareness of environmental health issues.

**THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
COMMITTEE**

is charged to:

- ◆ Prepare the Connecticut Nurses' Association's Legislative Agenda
- ◆ Make recommendations to the CNA Board of Directors on legislation and public policy
- ◆ Promote education and involvement in the political process

Meetings for the Government Relations Committee (GRC) are held the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at:



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