

January 24, 2024

PASLC January Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Gerri Maurer, Alanna Hendrickson, Mary Beth Baker, Jen Cacciotti, Betty Braxter

- January webinar on advocacy will be posted to PA AWHONN website
- **New member:** Nancy Cupps; regional director of women's health UPMC central PA
- 2024 AWHONN agenda will still have Perinatal workforce, but other 2 items are unknown
 - Last years agenda included: perinatal workforce, MOMMAs act, workplace violence
- Maternal health awareness day was January 23rd 2024
- Updates from Seth Chase (Dec 11 2023)
 - Most healthcare activity was Veterans Administration
 - Short term budget pass last until the end of march
- Adriane's collective plan will be posted to PA AWHONN website
 - [Maternal Health Awareness Day Collective Form](#)
- Pa.gov link on legislative website - insert bill number to review it
- Workshop on Writing a Letter of Support that will be read and acted upon
 - Paula Hayden-Vasquez
 - Powerpoint and sample letter will be posted to webpage
 - Please review and reference for letter writing
 - Plan is to help committee members start writing letter to send out
 - Take back to your section leaders and ask members to send letter to congressional leaders at state and national levels
 - Emails are good, phone calls are great, in person visits are above and beyond
- Owen's Law passed in October 2023! We wrote a letter of support for this -- success for PASLC!!
- If you have updates for the February Newsletter, please send them to Gerri and Alanna.

SB 247 The Patient Safety Act

- would establish a safe nurse-to-patient ratio

Amendment to the Health Care Facilities Act

- Introduced by Senator Collett
- Referred to Health and Human Services on June 2nd, 2023

SB 579 · Establishment of a Statewide Rape Kit Tracking System

- Would increase the number of SANE nurses or SART (sexual assault response teams)
- Amendment to Sexual Assault Testing And Evidence Collection Act
- Introduced by Senator Muth
- Referred to Judiciary on April 17th, 2023

HB 802

- The Professional Nursing Law
- Would protect nurses' licenses for providing abortions to patients from states where abortions are illegal and other reproductive services
- Amendment to Professional Nursing Law
- Introduced by Representative Otten
- Referred to Professional Licensure

HB 900

- Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
- Would increase the rights and decrease the restrictions placed on the pregnant and incarcerated (including solitary confinement, shackles, etc.)
- Introduced by Representative Cephas
- Referred to Judiciary

HB 1111 or SB 500

- Owen's Law
- Provide medical assistance coverage for pasteurized human donor milk
- Amendment to Human Services Code
- Introduced by Representative Oberlander and then sent to Senate
- Act 32 on Nov 21, 2023 Has passed both houses now.