

August 23, 2023

PASLC August Meeting Minutes

- Meetings going forward will be 4th Wednesday of the month (next: 9/27/23)
- MidAtlantic Milk Bank update
 - SB 500 passed the Senate, on to the House
 - Dr. Spatz (UPenn Professor) was referenced for the letter of support
 - Gerri is in contact with Summer Lee to meet
- Introduction of new members
 - **Paula Hayden-Vasquez** - student at Pitt working with Gerri for Independent Study; prior intern experience with Senator Ben Cardin
 - **Jamilah Patton** - L&D nurse for 12 years; 8 in Philly & 4 as travel nurse in CA
 - **Jen Cacciotti** - assistant professor at Penn State Altoona and nurse at UPMC Altoona
- PA State updates
 - Following legislative actions in PA in alignment with AWHONN's 3 goals in the 118th congress
 - Workplace violence
 - MOMMA's act
 - Perinatal workforce
 - Consortium Act - Starting Sept. 5, 2023, registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who hold multi state licenses through the compact will be permitted to practice in the commonwealth without obtaining a Pennsylvania license. This step should help ease Pennsylvania's severe nursing shortage, alleviate burdens on overworked nursing staff, make conditions safer for both patients and healthcare workers, and increase patients' access to in-person and telehealth care.
- Please review attached documents

January meeting minutes - 1/24/2024

- In attendance: Gerri, Alanna, Mary Beth Baker, Jen Cacciotti, Betty Braxter
- Posting webinar on advocacy with congressional leaders from early January
- Post october meeting minutes and january minutes
- 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

- Next newsletter in February - make legislative corner
- Maternal health awareness day was January 23rd 2024

- Updates from Seth (Dec 11 2023)
 - Most healthcare activity was Veterans Administration
 - Community Health activity
 - Short term budget pass last until the end of march

- Adriane's collective plan
 - Post to website
- 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
 - Post powerpoint on the webpage
 - Sample letter
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