AWHONN Legislative Committee February Meeting Agenda

02/26 at 6pm on Zoom

**Housekeeping**

* Survey
  + Thank you to everyone who filled out my survey
  + If you haven’t yet please do, it should only take about 5min
* AWHONN on the Hill
  + Can register until March 26th
  + Dates are April 28th-29th in Washington DC
  + First day is a briefing and understanding the bills
  + Second day you go onto Capital Hill
  + Let me know if you will be there, and we can do a Legislative Committee Meetup
* AWHONN Convention
  + Orlando, Florida from the 21st to the 25th
  + AWHONN just released scholarship applications

**Committee Items**

* Bills for AWHONN on the Hill (information provided by AWHONN)
  + *Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act*
    - This bill would reauthorize the programs created by the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act. It would also modify federal support for state-based efforts to improve maternal mortality review committees; enhance surveillance of pregnancy-associated and -related deaths; and otherwise improve, and reduce disparities in, maternal health outcomes. The bill would also require the CDC to annually disseminate best practices for preventing maternal mortality and morbidity. Considerable effort by AWHONN was critical in passing the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act in 2018.
  + *Maternal Health for Veterans Act*
    - One of the thirteen bills of the Black Maternal Health Momnibus, this bill would require the VA to report annually through FY2028 on its activities relating to the coordination of maternal health care. The reports must also include (1) data on the maternal health outcomes of veterans who receive medical care or services from the VA or a non-VA provider that is authorized to provide care or services under VA programs, and (2) VA recommendations to improve the maternal health outcomes of veterans. The bill would also authorize funding through FY2028 for VA programs relating to the coordination of maternal health care.
  + *Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs Reauthorization and Appropriations*
    - Advocate for increasing funding for the federal Nursing Workforce Development Programs in the annual Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bills. Also, advocate for the reauthorization of the Nursing Workforce Development Programs.

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* Executive Order updates
  + See other attached document

**Questions? Comments? Concerns?**