



Government Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 12.17.25

Time: 530pm to 630pm

Location: Virtual-Teams

Chair: Jonathan Nover/Kate O'Neill

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps	Responsible
Call to order	Introductory statements, current agenda and previous minutes reviewed.	NA	NA
Welcome New Members	<i>Chantale Pierre</i> - St Barnabas, Bronx. Reason for joining the ENA Gov Affairs Committee is to advocate for our patients and nurses. <i>Louis Calderon</i> - Mt. Sinai Queens, Reason for joining the ENA Gov Affairs Committee is to advocate for nurses.	Explore ENA GA resources Join the ENA411 network: https://votervoice.net/ENA/register Familiarize yourself with the resource on the ENA Government Relations website: https://www.ena.org/government-relations#advocate	New Members
NYC ENA Summit Overview	The NYC ENA Summit was a successful event, with 150 RNs in attendance. Many NYC nurses and some Mid/Upper state NY nurses attended. Approximately ¾ of the nurse attendees were active ED RNs. We had guest speakers, raffles for ENA membership and Setting the Pace conference.	We would like to have a summit this year, please consider the timing. Is August ideal?	All
Coalition Updates	NYS ACEP ANA ENA Workplace Violence Prevention Alliance: The alliance continues to meet regularly and will take a break over the winter months and will regroup before April, WPV Month. NYS ANA Open Government Affairs Committee:		

	Meets the 3 rd Friday of the month. Various NYS nursing groups attend. This provides an opportunity to discuss what we are working on, collaborate, and support MOAs between different groups/committees.		
WPV Bill	- Governor Hochul has signed the NY State Assembly Bill 2025-A203B bill into law. All hospitals are required to have WPV prevention program. DOH/CMS/TJC - still need to follow, transparent with data, clinical staff need to be involved in mitigation planning to strengthen WPV committees. Additionally, labor partners should be included. Hospitals are required to have trained security or law enforcement. ED's located in a city or an area with a population >1million must have at least one off-duty law enforcement or trained security personnel in the ED at all times, subject to emergent circumstances in the hospital that required them. In an ED with <1million shall be required to have at least one off-duty law enforcement officer or trained security personnel on premises at all times in a manner that prioritizes physical presence near, or within close proximity to the ED. This does not apply to critical access hospitals, sole community hospitals, or rural hospitals. Scope includes LTC/NH. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A203/amendment/B	Please share and disseminate in your respective workplaces.	All

ENA GA Budget	The 2026 budget has outlines expenses to account for travel to Albany and DOTH (4) and Legislative Summit. The budget was submitted to Dawna (NYS ENA Treasurer) and is pending approval.		
National Government Affairs Meeting	- Jonathan and Kate attended in September - A lot of discussion during this meeting regarding ED Boarding and ENA representation on an AHRQ summit. - Guidance on what GA committees should focus on at this time relative to governmental activities and elections.		
NY State Medical Aid in Dying Bill	- Legislation has been attempted for several years and has passed the state senate, currently awaiting the governor's approval. Proposed adopted amendments highlight that each state maintains different requirements. Eligibility criteria include a life expectancy of less than six months, confirmation by two physicians, and the stipulation that patients must self-administer the medication. Additional requirements may involve New York State residency, a five-day waiting period, psychiatric evaluation, and that the request for medication must be initiated by the patient rather than suggested by others. - Following our meeting, it was announced that the bill was approved: https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S138		
Open Forum	Kathy Conboy informed the team that NYS ENA now has a lawyer and there are opportunities for education about WPV to limit barriers to reporting, fear of retaliation, and understand the law.	Please let Jonathan or Kate know if you are interested in attending DOTH 2026.	All



	• For DOTH 2026, it was suggested that we have a mix of nurses attend, a new RN who has not experienced DOTH and a rural RN. • ENA General Assembly will finalize their position on Gun Violence.		
Open Forum Closing remarks	Next Meeting: February 25, 2026		

Submitted by: Kate O'Neill

Committee Attendance:

Chantale Pierre, Kathy Conboy, Angie Lee, Louis Calderon, Jonathan Nover, Olivia Sgambellone, Francesca Sullivan, Kate O'Neill

Guest Attendee: none

Excused: none