

# Colleagues, Communication, and Collaboration: The ANA-Ohio Inaugural Nurse Summit

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ANA-Ohio proudly hosted the 2024 Inaugural Nurse Summit on April 16, 2024, at the Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions Dublin Integrated Education Center in Dublin, Ohio. The theme for the summit was **Colleagues, Communication, and Collaboration**, and leaders from Ohio nursing associations were invited to the table to provide an update on their organization, identify current challenges, discuss opportunities, and suggest areas where Ohio nursing associations can work together.

President Patton welcomed the attendees and Second Vice President Deb Arms provided an overview of ANA-Ohio. Prior to the summit, organizations were asked to complete an information sheet about their organization, identifying their mission/vision, challenges, successes, what their organization hoped to gain from the summit, and where their organization would benefit from collaborating with other organizations. At the summit, a leader from each organization provided a brief overview based on these questions.

Following a networking lunch, attendees were divided into small groups

to discuss organizational challenges and identify potential collaborative opportunities. The attendees reconvened and a group leader shared the small group discussions followed by open discussion among all attendees. Challenges included declining memberships, a lack of nurses wanting to lead the associations, costly membership fees, and a lack of leadership recognition. Potential opportunities for nursing organization collaboration were identified in the areas of communication, advocacy, education, and mentoring. Attendees also provided ideas for future summit topics. President Patton provided a closing summary.

Attendees stated that they gained knowledge related to ways that nursing organizations across Ohio can establish collaborative relationships and they believed that this activity was of benefit to them and their organization. The ANA-Ohio Nurse Summit Planning committee was pleased with the overwhelming positive responses and input and looks forward to future summits. President Patton notes, "It was gratifying to see that all the nursing organizations present wanted to continue to meet and work together to

advance issues of importance for nurses in Ohio. We could not have asked for a better day".

ANA-Ohio wishes to thank the leaders of the following organizations for participating in the Ohio Nurse Summit. ■

## Participating Organizations

- Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Central Ohio Chapter
- Ohio Association of Occupational Health Nurses
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association – Ohio Chapter
- Association for Nursing Professional Development, Greater Cincinnati
- Association for Nursing Professional Development, Pentagon Council of Healthcare Professional Development
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Ohio Section
- Cleveland Council of Black Nurses
- Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
- Northeast Ohio Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nursing
- Ohio Association of School Nurses
- Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice
- Ohio Health Care Association
- Ohio League of Nursing
- Ohio Magnet Collaborative
- Ohio Organization for Nursing Leadership
- Ohio Public Health Association
- Ohio Rural Health Association
- Ohio Society of Pediatric Nurses
- Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- Ohio Student Nurses Association
- Oncology Nurses Society, Columbus Chapter
- Society of Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nursing, Greater Cleveland Chapter
- Stark County Black Nurses Association