

GAPP Update

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The 2025 Legislative Session convened on January 8th and will continue until the first week of May. The main challenge in this legislative session is the budget – proposed bills with large fiscal notes will be difficult to advance. GAPP members are following current legislation with the assistance and advice of our contract lobbyist team, Capitol Success. GAPP leadership encourages interested members to familiarize themselves with the “Bill Tracker” link found under the Advocacy tab on the CNA homepage (www.coloradonurses.org). This list of priority bills cites the position taken by the CNA (“Support, Oppose,

or Monitor”) and is regularly updated to reflect the work completed by GAPP during this Session.

To the uninitiated, GAPP is best described as the legislative advocacy arm of CNA. An official Committee of the Colorado Nurses Association, it meets twice a month during the Colorado State Legislative Session (January to May) and monthly when the Session is not convened. Those members who attend GAPP meetings will soon become familiar with its structure and dynamics. Voting members commit to familiarizing themselves with pending bills and issues before the State Legisla-

ture to facilitate meaningful and productive discussion at meetings. Members may be asked at times to provide more in-depth information regarding a particular topic or bill, especially if it falls within their specific area of expertise.

Students and all CNA members are welcome at GAPP meetings and can access the registration details and more information about GAPP by going to: <https://www.coloradonurses.org/gapp/>. (Click the “Advocacy” tab on the CNA Homepage and then click “GAPP.”) Information about becoming a voting member is provided at the start of every meeting. ■

Nurses in Action

New name, but same nursing professional connections

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In October, what has been known as DNA 16 (the Denver and eastern district of Colorado Nurses) met and approved moving to a Constituent Association (CA) under the new bylaws of CNA. The name, **Nurses in Action**, was selected to represent the activities this group historically plans and accomplishes. Joining Nurses in Action in “My CNA” is easiest by sending an email to our Executive Director Mark Longshore at mark@coloradonurses.org. Mark has the power to enroll you in Nurses in Ac-

tion (and Nurses Furthering Knowledge, as well). More material is posted in our “Group” when you log into My CNA. We have a photo banner in My CNA.

Although mostly local to the Denver metro area, the group is willing to travel to support Colorado Nurses throughout the state. Contact us if you are looking for volunteers for almost anything involving nursing and/or community support, we might be able to help. In return, feel free to join us in Nurses in Action activities such as the Denver 2025 St Patrick’s Day Parade on March 15th, 2025. Watch for a Project Cure volunteer date with UCHHealth Nurses, and of course, we love to participate in the CNA Nurses Day at the Capitol in February. We are always up for a Rockies game with Healthcare Appreciation in May, an activity that funds one or more nursing scholarships with the Colorado Nurses Foundation. We plan to

continue to honor Eleanor Bent, RN, BSN (CNA Hall of Fame awardee) with an annual ongoing scholarship. Watch for information about upcoming events. Feel free to send suggestions, but most of all, JOIN US. Our mission is networking, social opportunities, community services, and education for nurses. Face-to-face connection is a secondary mission as we look to have some fun with this nursing community.

By the time of this publication, we will have met in January at a local library to fill the 2025 calendar. Nan Morgan is the Chairperson and can be reached at: 303.905.9906 or nanmrn@msn.com ■