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Harnessing the Power of Nursing: Elevating, Engaging, and Advocating

The nursing profession has always been a force for change, innovation, and healing. In 2025, ANA-Michigan is embracing a bold new direction with ANA's refreshed branding and tagline: "The Power of Nursing." This is more than a slogan—it's a movement that underscores the influence and impact of nurses in every aspect of healthcare.

Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system, delivering compassionate care, advocating for patients, and shaping policies that improve outcomes. Yet, the full power of nursing extends far beyond the bedside. It lies in leadership, advocacy, and a united voice that drives meaningful change. This year, ANA-Michigan is committed to equipping our members with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities to amplify their voices and take action.

Advocacy Shapes Your Career

The policies shaping healthcare are being written every day, and nurses must have a seat at the table. Legislative decisions impact burnout, workplace safety, scope of practice, and patient care quality. That's why ANA-Michigan is dedicated to empowering nurses to engage in advocacy efforts at the state and national levels.

We encourage all members to:

- Stay informed about legislative issues affecting nursing. To know what legislation ANA-Michigan is following, visit our Legislative Advocacy Center.
- Engage with policymakers by sharing your expertise and experiences.
- Participate in advocacy initiatives like attending our town hall meetings.
- Use your voice through written testimonies, meetings with legislators, and community engagement.

Your voice is powerful. When nurses advocate together, we drive real change.

Leadership at Every Level

Leadership isn't confined to formal titles, it's about influence, action, and inspiring others. Whether you're a bedside nurse, educator, administrator, or student, your leadership matters. ANA-Michigan is committed to fostering the next generation of nursing leaders through mentorship, professional development, and opportunities to serve.

This year, we challenge every nurse to:

- Seek out leadership opportunities within their workplace or professional organizations.
- Mentor and uplift colleagues, particularly new nurses entering the profession.
- Share expertise by contributing to policy discussions, research, and publications.

Through ANA-Michigan's Mentorship Program, Voices for Nurses Podcast, and Town Hall Series, we are creating a network where nurses support each other in professional growth and advocacy.

The Power of Community

Nursing is a profession built on collaboration. ANA-Michigan is proud to provide a strong professional community where nurses can connect, learn, and grow together. Through our networking events, continuing education programs, and advocacy initiatives, we are creating spaces where nurses can support one another and drive progress in healthcare.

As part of our 2025-2027 Strategic Plan, ANA-Michigan is committed to creating an environment where:

- Nurses see themselves as competent, confident leaders.
- The nursing community actively works to improve nurse well-being.
- Decision-makers recognize the essen-

"Nurses are not just caregivers; they are leaders, advocates, and changemakers. The power of nursing is the power to transform healthcare."

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tial voice of nursing in healthcare policy and reform.

- Nurses engage in activities that foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect within the workforce.

As we embark on this year's journey under "The Power of Nursing" banner, I invite each of you to take an active role in shaping the future of our profession. Your passion, knowledge, and dedication are what make nursing a powerful force. Let's harness that power—together.

Join us. Engage. Lead. Advocate. Because the future of healthcare depends on the power of nursing. ■