

**Iowa Nurses Association**  
**Legislative Day**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
**Embassy Suites, 101 E. Locust, Des Moines, IA**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Explain at least two reasons why it is important for nurses to understand and become involved in public policy.
2. Give at least two examples of how nurses can influence legislation.
3. Describe the two Compacts and how they will increase access to care, continue to increase public safety and reduce costs for nurses and organizations.
4. In small groups, identify and practice effective communication strategies and develop your message to legislators and policy makers.

**8:30 a.m. Registration**

**8:55 a.m. Welcome from INA Leadership**

Sue Whitty, INA Vice President on behalf of Jan Ricklefs, INA President  
Carol Chesterman, Chair of the Public Policy Committee  
Introduction of the INA Public Policy Committee  
Introduction of INA Lobbyists Bob Mulqueen & Jim Obradovich, from the Capitol Group  
Recognition of IANS Leadership and IANS President

**9:00 a.m. HOW TO IMPACT LEGISLATION:**

**Members of the Public Policy Committee step you through the process.**

**Colleen Brems**, RN, MN, ARNP, PMHCNS-BC, Advanced Practice Provider Adult Psychiatry/Behavioral Health, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
**Carol Chesterman**, MSN, RN Assistant Professor, University of Dubuque Nursing Department.  
**Sharon Guthrie**, PhD, ARNP, CPNP, NCSN, RN-BC, Assistant Professor, Mount Mercy University  
**Mary Kovarna**, EdD, RN, Professor and Chair Morningside College/Nylen School of  
**Jim Obradovich**, INA Lobbyist from the Capitol Group  
**Sue Whitty**, RN, MA, ARNP, Therapist, Hillcrest Mental Health Center

**10:00 a.m. UPDATES FROM THE IOWA BOARD OF NURSING:**

**Moving forward with the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact & the APRN Compact.**

Kathy Weinberg, RN, MSN, Executive Director for the Iowa Board of Nursing

**10:30 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. WHAT IS YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH?**

**An interactive process to communicate concisely with legislators.**

Members of the Public Policy Committee will guide your learning experience.

**11:30 to Navigating the Capitol: Wrap-up and Instructions**

**11:45 p.m. Sharon Guthrie**, PhD, ARNP, CPNP, NCSN, RN-BC, Assistant Professor, Mount Mercy University

**12:00 p.m. Pick up your lunch.**

Once programming ends, those who have signed up for tours of the Capitol will leave Embassy Suites to arrive at the Capitol by 12:30 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.
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**Continuing Education: 3.6 Contact Hours or 0.36 CEU's.** The IOWA NURSES FOUNDATION IS IBON CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER #25 APPROVED BY THE IOWA BOARD OF NURSING.

## **Planning the Afternoon at the Capitol**

12:30 & 1:00 p.m.

### **TOURS OF THE CAPITOL**

- INA has arranged for two optional tours of the Capitol for groups of 75 people
- Check in is located at the information desk on the ground floor of the Capitol
- Reserve your spot by emailing Maggie at: [mrice@iowanurses.org](mailto:mrice@iowanurses.org)
  - NOTE: The Capitol is bringing in extra staff to accommodate INA and need time to recruit an adequate # of tour guides.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

### **MEET IOWA LEGISLATORS in the Legislative Dining Room (G15)**

- INA will invite legislators to join us for conversation about relevant health care bills and health policy.
- The Legislative Dining room is located in the basement of the Capitol in the South Wing.
  - If you enter using the South Entrance, the dining room is directly ahead of you on the right.
  - If you enter the Statehouse on the east side of the basement level, turn left in the middle of the cafeteria and the Legislative Dining Room will be on your left.
- Note: Legislators' schedules change quickly.

### **Confused about how to talk to your legislators?**

- We will help you get started on our INA Public Policy page at: [www.iowanurses.org](http://www.iowanurses.org)
- Handouts are available to help nurses and nursing students prepare.
- NOTE: For the morning's interactive session, we will include links to current legislation and fact sheets outlining talking points.

### **Scheduling your own appointments with legislators:**

- Get to know your local legislators. Your local legislators enjoy meeting people from home and are gracious hosts. Meeting them is often the highlight of the day.
- It is best to schedule in groups.
- Locate contact information and make your appointments using: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov>
- Prepare to discuss health care legislation that directly impacts nursing. This is your chance to develop a relationship with your legislators and impact their views about health care.
- Look at the bill number and speak with Senators about bills that begin with SF (Senate File). If you are talking to a Representative, the bill starts with HF (House File).