

President Report

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The following items have occurred since the March installation:

- meeting with Senator Stivers attended by Gabi, Gail, Renee and Sam- they talked about medicaid funding for school health services.
- the School Safety bill was passed- our concern is what plan is in place for schools.
- Epi-pen bill passed in Senate with no additional language for OTC drugs as a part of the bill.
- State Board of Education Advisory Council-Ohio House bill 66 created an advisory council with the requirement to produce a wellness publication to help districts with their local wellness policy efforts. This is called Healthier Schools: A Brighter Tomorrow This will be delivered to district offices and food service directors. (this from the ODH listserve)
- FASpectrum Disorders- conference August 15 in Columbus
- CDC recommended temporarily deferring meningococcal immunization for 11-12 year olds until there is an ample supply of the vaccine
- I was asked for interview from Alice Rhee NSNBC—she did an article about school districts allowing children in school with head lice. (never did the interview because she called during school hours at my home)
- Attended a meeting with Val Lay (executive director of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians), and Promedica concerning establishing a handwashing program (Henry the Hand) in NW Ohio schools. Basically Promedica was not interested at this time- more to come.
- Attended a WONDERFUL NASN conference in NYC. Met preconference with the executive board of PPSN (Private/parochial School Nurses). They are requesting all states consider including a PPSN representative on the state school nurse boards.
- Preconference leadership training- discussed the challenges that legislation presents to all states. Broke into workgroups and did some actual plans of what to do if various legislation is presented in your state. The information that was generated will be distributed to the state presidents for future use. (my group discussed diabetes legislation)
- Attended the ONA leadership meeting July 18th. There are several items of interest to OASN. 1) The next Nurses Day at the Statehouse is March 21, 2007. I told ONA that OASN is interested in being a co-sponsor of this event. Each co-sponsor is asked to contribute \$150 to offset some of the expenses incurred in holding the event. We need someone to represent OASN at the next planning meeting September 19th at ONA headquarters. 2) Nursing 2015 Initiative-conference sponsored by ONA, OONE, OHA- on September 26 in Plain City, OH; registration can be done at www.ohnurses.org. 3) Citizens' Health Care Working Group is taking comments on health care for all Americans. This is a chance to be proactive instead of reactive in the area of health care issues. All comments are due by August 31st. These can be done individually or as a group.
- To do a presentation in Delaware at a School Health Conference August 15th