Meetings Attended, 88-89; Series I; File 100

Juanita Hunter
July 11, 1988

REPORT TO: President Juanita Hunter and NYSNA Board of Directors

FROM: Madeline A. Naegle, President Elect

RE: Meeting convened by NYS Division for Women Wednesday, June 22, 1988 10 - 12am.

This meeting of representatives of organizations focused on a newly completed video-documentary, "No Time To Lose". This 27 minute account developed by the NYS Dept. of Social Services is a series of interviews with Black and Hispanic children living at poverty level, often homeless. Alexandra Douglas, who presented the tape, asked the group to address the relationship of issues related to Black and Hispanic children to organizational goals.

The group was asked what kind of commitment each organization can make to projects which would address the failure of the system to meet these children's social and housing needs.

Forty percent of all Black and fifty percent of all Hispanic children in NYS live below poverty level. This fact has wide reaching implications for nurses currently delivering health care and for future generations re: health problems. Nurses are front line care providers in clinics and institutions serving these populations and they need to understand the implications of this lifestyle for total health and family life.

**Impressions:**

NYSNA can be supportive of this project in the following ways:

1. Involve appropriate functional units in raising nurses' awareness of the extent and implications of existing social and economic issues.
2. Support appropriate legislation to improve housing and child care resources.
3. Publicize these issues as relevant to the provision of health care. One suggestion would be to show the video cassette, available for rental as a media presentation at the 1989 convention.

**Recommendations:**

Attendees at this meeting included representatives of the NYS Women's Coalition, Division of Women in the State Department of Labor, League of Women Voters, the NY City Commission on the Status of Women and NOW. These groups have the potential to lend support to pro-nursing legislation and to activities supportive of organized nursing in New York State. Our liaison with this group should continue.
Report To: New York State Nurses' Association
President and Board of Directors

Re: Meeting with Council of Deans of Nursing, Senior Colleges and Universities in New York State

Date: May 6, 1988

Madeline Naegle, President-Elect
Christine Tofflemire, Associate Director Legislative Program

Attendance at the meeting was undertaken with the goals of:

a) facilitating communication with this group re: the 1988 NYSNA Legislative Program.

b) increasing involvement of this group’s members in achieving passage of entry into practice legislation.

Chris Tofflemire presented the 1988 NYSNA Legislative Program:

1. The handout “The Provisions of Nursing Scholarship/Loans Bills” was distributed and the status of major scholarship bills was presented.

2. The members of the Council were asked to address their concern about the NYSNA Legislative Program. The Council’s letter to NYSNA February 3, 1988 stated,

“The Council supports BSN entry into professional nursing practice but not other components of the 1988 legislation proposed by NYSNA such as title of LPN, BS graduates writing prescriptions, etc.”

a. Members objected to the perceived plan to include prescription privileges in the “Entry into Practice” bill. Baccalaureate graduates are not prepared to prescribe medication. The basis for the Council’s understanding that prescription privileges was included was a statement in the written rationale for the Legislative Program presented at convention:

“Further, prescriptive legislation is challenged because all nurses do not have a broad educational base with predictable science and pharmacological course work.”

b. Members objected to the title “Licensed Practical Nurse” in the Entry Bill for the following reasons:
1. Institutions had stopped hiring LPNs. Keeping the title in The Nurse Practice Act gives the perception that NYSNA endorses hiring LPN’s prepared in one-year programs.

2. The title LPN downgrades the graduates of the associate degree program. Those graduates should not be required to take the NCLEX-PN. Graduates of associate degree programs don't want to be called "LPN."

3. Members objected to the definitions of practice.

4. Members expressed the views that the issue of Entry Into Nursing was tearing the nursing community apart and that they disliked dissension among colleagues. Nursing needs a united front to address other issues.

5. Members expressed the view that nurses and legislators have embedded opinion about Entry and have stopped listening or discussing Entry.

The Council members made the following recommendations:

a. Withdraw the Entry Bill from the legislature and declare a period of waiting or "cooling down."

b. Differentiate 2 levels of practice and implement in the practice settings. After differentiation occurs in practice, educational requirements will change and entry legislation will be accepted without argument.

c. Upgrade both definitions in The Practice Act. A committee from The Council of Senior Colleges and from The Associate Degree Council have begun to draft language jointly.

d. Consider retaining title "RN" for associate degree graduates.

e. Work on issues of mutual concern to all nurses, on which there is a consensus as to the problem and solution. Examples given were funding for nursing education and recruitment.

f. A suggestion was made that nursing personnel from all levels of preparation were needed.

g. NYSNA should further assess the views of the rank and file regarding entry at this point in time.

h. Reopen discussion regarding the language of the bill.
Madeline Naegle presented the rationale for the 1988 NYSNA Legislative Program and recounted the voting body's decision (October 1987) to use the title LPN. She further encouraged members of the group to share in writing their views about how discussion over entry could be decreased. She further suggested that NYSNA members of the group active on activities related to the Arden House Consortium continue their involvement and expressed thanks for their contributions to date.
Members of the Council of Deans of Nursing Senior College and Universities in New York State attending (to the best of Christine Tofflemire's recall, attendance sheet was not available):

Dr. Helen Pranzatelli: SUNY College of Technology
Dr. Diane D. Elliot: SUNY College at Brockport
Dr. Grace Chicadonz: Syracuse University
Dr. Elizabeth Mahoney: Russell Sage College
Dr. Jeanette Coleman: SUNY College at Plattsburg
Dr. Ellen Cohen: SUNY College of Technology
Ms. Joan Murphy: Utica College of Syracuse University
Dr. Geraldine Brown Mosley: Dominican College of Blauvelt
Dr. Marilyn Jaffe-Ruiz: Pace University
Dr. Evelynn C. Gioiella, President: Hunter College-Bellevue School of Nursing
Mary Collins: Niagara University
Dr. Joella Rand, Secretary: Alfred University

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Purpose:

A forum to address nursing as a career choice and to enhance the Afro-American community awareness of avenues available for nursing education, continuing education and opportunities for career mobility and new directions nursing is taking.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this forum, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the field of nursing as a viable career choice, and the avenues available to pursue nursing education and continuing nursing education.

2. Identify sources of financial aid available.

3. Formulate or design action plans for career mobility.

4. Identify the need to be prepared to take steps forward in the new directions nursing will take in the rapidly approaching 21st century.

Schedule:

0:30 - 10:15 Registration and continental breakfast

10:15 - Welcome

Verdis O. Griffin
President, Greater Buffalo Chapter of RNA

10:30 - Introduction of Speakers

Mrs. Georgia Burnette

Mrs. Wilma Watts

11:00 - Question and Answer Session

SPECIAL GUEST
Juanita Hunter, RN, Ed.D
President of the American Nurses Association

Alicia Georges, RN, MSN
President of the National Black Nurses Association

12:15 - FORUM WRAP UP

Lynette Galloway, Vice President Buffalo Chapter BNA

PLEASE VISIT OUR GUESTS AT THE TABLE CLINICS.
Marlene Kremer
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Joan Trofino
Riverview Medical Center
Red Bank, New Jersey

10:00 a.m.  Coffee/Tea Served
11:40 - 11:45 a.m.  Overview of Preliminary Findings
Lillian K. Gibbons
Executive Director

11:45 - 12:30 p.m.  Small Group Discussions of Preliminary Findings
Group A - Room 661D
Group B - Room 727A
Group C - Room 405A
Group D - Room 640H

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  Lunch
1:30 - 2:20 p.m.  Small Group Discussions (continued)
2:20 - 3:10 p.m.  Small Group Discussions (continued)
3:00 p.m.  Coffee/Tea Served (in Group Meeting Rooms)
3:10 - 4:00 p.m.  Small Group Discussions (continued)
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Commission Consensus on Findings
Carolyne Davis
Group Facilitators

5:00 - 5:15 p.m.  Public Comments
Juanita Hunter, B.N.
President
New York State Nurses Assn.
2113 Western Avenue
Guilderland, New York 12084

Dear Ms. Hunter,

At the suggestion of Dr. Birnbaum, I would be most honored if you could be our guest at the New York State Perinatal Association's annual meeting to be held June 20 and 21, 1988, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. We have not yet printed an announcement for that meeting, but will be doing so within one month. We will be addressing the emergent problem of the dwindling supply of health providers in maternal and child health in New York State - nurses, physicians and midwives. Your presence would be most welcome.

The meeting will begin in the meeting room on the first floor at 9:00 AM. If you will show this letter at the door, I'm sure you will have no trouble. I look forward to meeting you and hope you will seek me out.

Sincerely,

Selin Chao, M.D.

cc: Dr. Nettie Birnbaum
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