Resolution 1988 Convention; Series I; File 130

Juanita Hunter

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/jhunter-papers

Part of the Health Law and Policy Commons, History Commons, and the Nursing Commons

Recommended Citation

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Organizations and Individual Collections at Digital Commons at Buffalo State. It has been accepted for inclusion in Juanita Hunter, RN & NYSNA Papers [1973-1990] by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons at Buffalo State. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu.
The Training and Supervision of RCTs

Functional Unit of Direct Care Practitioners

The 1988 Voting Body of NYSNA has adopted a resolution to oppose the formation of the registered care technologist (RCT), another health care worker which will further fragment the health care system; and

this resolution further mandates that NYSNA support "the concept that the delivery of bedside nursing care to patients in all health care settings is, and shall remain, the responsibility of the nursing profession;" and

the AMA proposed calling for the formation of the RCT, a new category of bedside caregiver, states that "the RCT would be accountable for physician orders for patient care... and would report to the head of the unit where they are assigned" but does not designate who is the unit head; therefore be it

that this Voting Body recommends to the NYSNA Board of Directors that a position statement be developed on

This form must be used when making: 1) MOTIONS and/or 2) AMENDMENTS from the Voting Body Floor. Keep one copy and hand the original and extra copy to an NYSNA staff person for delivery to the Secretary and Parliamentarian. Please write clearly in ink and press firmly. This paper is carbonized and will make copies in duplicate.

RESOLVED that this position statement be widely promulgated to the medical community and to all health care providers and organizations.

original to: SECRETARY

copies to: Parliamentarian

Maker of Motion
Whereas, an increasing number of registered professional nurses are meeting health care needs in the community by providing professional nursing services to clients in their homes and

Whereas, some nurses in community health private practice share their office facilities and/or practice with one or more nurses and

Whereas, these practices by professional nurses are extremely cost-effective and

Whereas, the New York State regulation relating to the issuance of home care services agency licenses, 765-2.1 (c) states, "the following are exempt from licensure under this Part and Article 36 of the Public Health Law: (4) sole practitioners of nursing licensed pursuant to article 139 of the Education Law."

RESOLVED that the New York State Nurses Association will endeavor to have the word "sole" removed from the above mentioned legislation on the basis that it is unduly restrictive and discriminatory to the practice of professional nursing in the State of New York.
TOPIC: Registered Care Technologist (RCT)

SUBMITTED BY: Council on Ethical Practice

WHEREAS, the American Nurses' Association's (ANA) 1988 House of Delegates moved to monitor, review and oppose all national and state policy formation, legislative efforts and funding designed to create new health care personnel and/or to substitute unqualified personnel for qualified practitioners of nursing; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association's (AMA) 1988 House of Delegates proposed the creation of a new category of licensed health care workers (Registered Care Technologist – RCT) to substitute for nurses at the bedside and execute medical protocols with a special emphasis on technology; and

WHEREAS, the profession of nursing recognizes that the current nursing shortage is serious, and shares with our colleagues in medicine concern that this shortage of prepared bedside caregivers is jeopardizing the quality of health care; and

WHEREAS, the health care needs of patients are becoming more complex and care decisions require knowledge and judgment; and

WHEREAS, there is a limited pool of potential personnel willing to work in the health care industry; and
WHEREAS, training, licensure and registration of a new group of "Registered Care Technologists" would be costly and difficult to coordinate into the existing system; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing organizations are addressing the short term as well as the long term solutions to the current nursing shortage; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association opposes the American Medical Association's proposal for the formation of the Registered Care Technologist; be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association supports the concept that the delivery of bedside nursing care to patients in all health care settings is, and shall remain, the responsibility of the nursing profession; be it further

RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association will collaborate with our colleagues in health care to reject this ill-advised RCT proposal and to implement more practical solutions to the current shortage, ones that will ensure the safety of the public entrusted to our care.

CEP/CNP/kac
9/26/88
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NYSNA 1988 VOTING BODY
OCTOBER 17, 1988

Immediately following the 1989 ANA House of Delegates, the NYSNA Board of Directors shall evaluate the status of the membership issue as reflected in the COAR Report and any related action(s) of the ANA House of Delegates on membership requirements.

If the NYSNA Board of Directors determines that the COAR Report and/or House of Delegates action(s) does not preserve the previous membership base consisting exclusively of RNs for ANA and the SNAs, the NYSNA Board of Directors is authorized to present to the 1989 NYSNA Voting Body necessary resolutions and bylaw amendments as necessary for the NYSNA membership consideration.