

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS

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### WNA NEWS

Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Center for Nursing shared the initial results of the 2010 workforce survey. 77,553 RN's responded. The information provides insight into Wisconsin RN's, who represent the single largest group of health care workers in the state. Findings of the 2010 Wisconsin Registered Nurse Survey include: Wisconsin registered nurses are predominantly female, well-educated and older than the workforce as a whole. The median age of registered nurses is 45-49 years old, while the median age of the state's workforce is 40-44 years old. Additionally, 46 percent are 50 years of age or older. Less than 50 percent of registered nurses work in hospitals; other workplace settings include ambulatory care, nursing homes and extended care, public health, and academic education. For results visit Wisconsin Center for Nursing webpage. [www.wisconsincenterfornursing.org](http://www.wisconsincenterfornursing.org)

- During the annual business meeting five References were adopted and more information is available on the WNA website.
  1. Elimination of Hostility, Abuse and Bullying in the Workplace
  2. Exploration of WNA Transition from a District to Region Model of Membership
  3. Addressing Health Literacy Through Patient Literacy
  4. Mentoring Programs for Novice Nurses
  5. Validating and Valuing Nursing's Contributions to Quality Care Via Data Collection and Reporting
- The Wisconsin Campaign for Better Care is advocating for health care delivery system reforms to improve care for vulnerable older adults with multiple chronic conditions. The campaign is sponsored by Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups which is an advocacy group for senior citizens. A primary goal of the Campaign is to build a lasting and powerful consumer voice by organizing older adults and their families as activists for better care.

Nearly 60 national organizations and their state affiliates have come together to form the Wisconsin Campaign for Better Care and the Wisconsin Blue Ribbon Citizens Task Force for quality health care outcomes and patient safety, which take the essential next steps for patient centered care. The campaign will work to ensure that the needs of patients and their family caregivers are front and center in the delivery of health care. You can obtain more information at <http://www.cwag.org/advocacy-legislation/wicampaignforbettercare>

WINTER WISPAN Conference is January 29, 2011 in Madison, WI

2011 WNC Retreat on February 17, 2011. Follow up of collection and reporting of nurse sensitive indicators.

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