ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT – END OF YEAR
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Promote NASN / TSNO as Professional Organization

- Represented TSNO for Texas Nurses Association (TNA) – with Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition (NLAC)
- Represented TSNO during TNA’s “Nurse Day at the Capital” – Austin, Texas
- Represented TSNO during TNA’s – Policy Summit 2019 – Austin, Texas

Committees

- TSNO Advocacy Committee

Activities

- January 2019 - Attended TSNO Executive Committee meeting as Advocacy Chair – San Antonio, Texas.
- January 2019 – Attended Mid-Winter Meeting TSNO-Region 4 – Univ. of Houston
- February 2019 – Attended Nurse Day at the Capital – Austin, Texas.
- March 2019 – Attended TSNO Executive Committee meeting as Advocacy Chair – Co-presented with Kevin Stewart -Leadership Academy -Marriott RiverCenter San Antonio, Texas.
June 2019 – Attended TNA’s Policy Summit 2019 – Sheraton Austin Georgetown – Austin, Texas.


Numerous phone calls/emails to legislative offices and members of Advocacy committee regarding bills and arrangements toward testifying Committee Meetings

Utilized social media platforms (Twitter, SchoolNurseNet, TSNO Facebook) to share information and to engage nursing peers.

The 86th Legislative session was quite significant as it relates to TSNO and School Nursing. There were multiple bills identified and passed which will impact the role of the School Nurse and the students within the state of Texas. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Kevin Stewart for his guidance and direction for TSNO’s Executive Board and the Advocacy Committee. I would also like to acknowledge all of the nurses who attended legislative committee meetings, who met with their representatives and those who sent emails and made phone calls throughout the session. And lastly, I would like to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to those who represented TSNO and testified at the Capital. Thank you for utilizing your courage and your passion to influence those in Austin and for advocating for the specialty of School Nursing and for the students that we serve.
Mission Statement: To enhance whole student wellness and learning by advancing school nursing practice.
Vision Statement: Student access to health and learning. All day. Every day.

“Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.”
~ Dalai Lama