



## ANNA Advocacy and Health Policy Committee

### What does the Advocacy and Health Policy Committee do?

- Understands, upholds and supports the mission, purpose, vision, objectives, policies, procedures, and strategic plan of ANNA.
- Monitors and responds to federal legislative and regulatory activities affecting general nursing and nephrology nursing practice, and individuals affected by kidney disease. Serves as a resource for activities at the state and local level.
- Coordinates HP educational activities, develops materials to educate individuals involved in HP decision-making about ANNA and CKD, and mentors members to increase knowledge and engagement in policy efforts.
- The A&HPC promotes the membership's knowledge of HP issues and encourages member involvement. It also coaches the HP efforts of the Chapter HP Representatives and provides representation on the ANNA Chapter Support Team (ACST).
- Represents ANNA and nephrology nursing in legislative and regulatory matters at the request of the National President or Board of Directors liaison, guided by ANNA's HP Agenda and adopted position statements.

For the full scope of the Committee's role in the association, click here to see the full role description: [Advocacy and Health Policy Committee - ANNA | American Nephrology Nurses Association](#)

### Are there specific qualifications to be on the committee?

Full member of ANNA for at least one (1) year.

- (1) Current certification in nephrology nursing preferred.
- (2) Demonstrated public speaking and strong verbal and writing skills.
- (3) Knowledge of and demonstrated experience in legislative and regulatory processes.
- (4) Knowledge of pertinent software and access to computer-facilitated communication.
- (5) One (1) year of experience in nephrology nursing.
- (6) Chapter officer experience preferred.
- (7) Currently active in a nephrology nursing role.

### Additional knowledge and skills include:

- (1) Established knowledge base in nephrology, transplantation, and related therapies.
- (2) Demonstrates leadership ability.
- (3) Member of ANA and/or state nurses' association preferred.
- (4) Past attendance at ANNA Health Policy Workshop (HPW) of Advocacy Forum preferred.
- (5) Consideration will be given to include diversity of practice specialty, age, ethnicity, gender, and geographic representation.

### How long is the commitment for this role? How much time in general, is spent on committee work each month?

- The Advocacy and Health Policy Committee Members are appointed for a two (2) year term. May be reappointed. Two (2) Committee members will be appointed in odd years and two (2) Committee members will be appointed in even years. May be reappointed for one (1) additional two (2) year term. The committee meets via scheduled conference calls. The time varies, but usually no more than 1-2 hours/month.

### What are the expectations of a committee member?

1. Own local ANNA chapter meetings.
2. Health Policy Workshop/Advocacy Forum based upon work assignment and ANNA budget.
3. Monthly Advocacy and Health Policy Committee conference calls.
4. Other conference calls and meetings as requested and approved by the Committee Chairperson.