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IONE Advocacy Structure

1. The Legislative Committee is a standing committee of IONE. The committee monitors legislation and provides communication and appropriate proactive strategy on legislative matters affecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Indiana.
 - The chairman is appointed by the IONE president and approved by the Board.
2. IONE is an affiliate of the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) and works closely with the IHA staff, who oversee all of IHA's state and federal legislative initiatives and health policy development.
 - IONE members are called to testify in the legislature on nursing and patient care issues.
 - Most recently IONE sent a letter to federal legislators supporting Advance Practice Nursing in the VA System.
3. The Legislative Committee meets during quarterly conference calls with IHA's VP of Government Affairs. The legislative chair, executive director and other IONE members participate on IHA's Council on Government Affairs.
4. The first IONE/IHA Legislative Conference for nursing leaders was in September (agenda on reverse side).
 - Informed nursing leaders on current developments in the Indiana General Assembly and encouraged members to take action on health and patient care issues that impact their ability to provide safe, accessible and quality patient care services.
 - The speakers included Indiana legislators State Representative Cindy Kirchhofer, State Senator Pat Miller and Peggy Welch, chief Advocacy officer for Family and Social Services Administration.
 - The speakers encouraged nurse leaders to become more involved with the legislative process and potentially run for office.

Legislative Conference Agenda

- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Welcome and Overview of IONE & IHA's Partnerships Mary Browning and Brian Tabor
- 10:30 – 11:20 a.m. Current Health Care Issues and the 2016 Election
- 11:20 – 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Perspectives of a Hospital Employee in the Indiana General Assembly:
How IONE Can Advocate for Change with Rep. Cindy Kirchhofer
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch-visit with Sen. Pat Miller
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. State House Tour and Overview of the Legislative Process
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Discussion with Peggy Welch, chief advocacy officer, Family and Social Services Administration

The highlight of the tour was the arrival of then Governor Pence, vice presidential candidate and the Secret Service.

