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2025 Annual Meeting & Conference

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2025 ONL NJ Annual Meeting & Conference. It's hard to believe that it's been a year since our last annual meeting. The ONL NJ Board extends a thank you to the ONL NJ Education Committee for a great 2024 meeting and for another well-planned event this year.



Featured presentations focus on strategies and tools to develop yourself into the best transformational leader you can be. As always, our speaker line-up will be thought-provoking and inspiring. Topics will include resetting your mindset, mentoring, transforming outcomes through data, artificial intelligence, leadership introspection, and building a resilient workforce. We are confident that the next two days will be very productive and an excellent use of everyone's valuable time.

Thank you for attending this year's meeting and conference. We look forward to the opportunity to learn, connect, and network with colleagues and friends. In particular, we hope you seize the opportunity to meet new colleagues. The ONL-Board is proud to serve our organization and its vision of being the voice of nurse leaders in New Jersey.

Enjoy the conference.

Mary Jo Loughlin, DNP, RN, NEA-B

ONL NJ President



NEW BEGINNINGS



As I step into this next chapter of my life, I do so with a full heart and immense gratitude. Serving as the Executive Director of ONL NJ for the past 18 years has been the honor of a lifetime. It has been a privilege to walk alongside such passionate, visionary nurse leaders, and to support the incredible work that has shaped our organization into one of the strongest AONL affiliates in the country.

Throughout the years, I've had the joy of witnessing ONL NJ grow, evolve, and lead with purpose. Together, we've celebrated milestones, faced challenges, and created a community built on collaboration, innovation, and unwavering commitment to nursing leadership. I am especially grateful to the board, our committees, and every member who has given their time, talent, and heart to this organization. You have been my inspiration.

While it's bittersweet to say goodbye, I am filled with pride in what we've accomplished together — and excitement for what's to come. ONL NJ is in capable, passionate hands, and I know the future is bright.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this extraordinary journey. I carry every memory, every relationship, and every lesson with me.

With all my gratitude and warmest wishes,

Susan Cholewka



Dear ONL NJ Members,

It is with great pride and humility that I introduce myself as your new Executive Director of the Organization of Nurse Leaders of New Jersey. As a nurse leader, healthcare advocate, and lifelong nurse, I am truly honored to be joining such a passionate and dedicated group of professionals.



With over 20 years of experience spanning patient care, clinical operations, and quality improvement, I have seen the power of transformational leadership and the profound impact nurse leaders can have at every level of healthcare.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the extraordinary leadership of Susan Cholewka. Filling her shoes will certainly require patience and time, but I am deeply committed to building upon her legacy with integrity, vision, and collaboration.

One of my key goals in this new role is to elevate ONL NJ's presence on social media, shining a well-deserved spotlight on the incredible work being done by our committees, programs, and members. From leadership development to innovation and advocacy — your efforts deserve to be seen, celebrated, and shared.

Whether you're a seasoned leader or just beginning your journey, I truly believe there's a place for you here. I look forward to learning from you, collaborating with you, and growing alongside you as we shape the future of nursing leadership together.

Thank you for the warm welcome — I'm excited for what we will build together.

With gratitude and excitement,

Soniya Sheth MSN, APN, NP-BC

Executive Director, ONL NJ

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 am	Check-in, Breakfast, Poster Session, Vendor Exhibits
8:55 am	President's Welcome Mary Jo Loughlin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC Chief Nursing Officer & SVP, Patient Care Services Hunterdon Healthcare President, ONL NJ
9:00 am	The Reset Mindset Keynote – Penny Zenker, Focusologist
10:15 am	President's Report Mary Jo Loughlin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC Chief Nursing Officer & SVP, Patient Care Services Hunterdon Healthcare President, ONL NJ
10:30 am	Break, Book Signing, Posters, & Vendor Exhibits
10:45 am	Mentoring Program Presentation Danielle Marcello, MSN, RN-BC Nurse Manager Morristown Medical Center - Atlantic Health System
	Ruth DiLeo, MSN, RN, NE-BC, RNC-OB Assistant Vice President, Patient Care Services Virtua Health
11:00 am	Transforming Outcomes Through Data Stephanie Chiu, MPH, MS Biostatistician Morristown Medical Center - Atlantic Health System
12 pm	Lunch, Poster Session, Vendor Exhibits Mentoring Speed Dating (12:45 – 1:15 pm)
1:15 pm	Workshop – How to Become a Leader Others will Follow Steve Miller Leadership Development Group
3:45 pm	Closing Remarks Mary Jo Loughlin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC Chief Nursing Officer & SVN, Patient Care Services Hunterdon Healthcare President, ONL NJ
4:00 pm	Electronic Evaluations
4:15 pm	Adjournment

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 am Check-in, Breakfast, Poster Session, & Vendor Exhibits 8:45 am **President's Welcome** Mary Jo Loughlin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC Chief Nursing Officer & SVP, Patient Care Services Hunterdon Healthcare President, ONL NJ 8:50 am **New Jersey Collaborating Center Report** Edna Cadmus, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN **Executive Director** NJCC at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Daria Waszak, DNP, RN, CNE, COHN-S Assistant Director & Clinical Associate Professor NJCC at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey 9:10 am **New Jersey Legislative Session Update** Gene Mulroy President Capital Impact Group Eash Haughton Director Capital Impact Group 9:25 am **Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare** Michael Arcaro, MD MHI Medical Director of Clinical Informatics Capital Health 10:25 am **Break Mentoring Speed Dating** 10:40 am Bicycles, Brain Surgery, & Breakthroughs: Transformational **Leadership Introspection** Mark McLaughlin, MD, FACS, FAANS Neurosurgeon, Coach, Author, Speaker 11:40 am Resilience Jennifer Sternbach, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP Assistant Vice President of Clinical Pharmacy Services, Corporate Pharmacy, RWJ Barnabas Health 12:40 pm **Closing Remarks** Mary Jo Loughlin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC Chief Nursing Officer & SVP, Patient Care Services, Hunterdon Healthcare President. ONL NJ

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STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

To be the voice of nurse leaders in New Jersey

MISSION

Influencing healthcare delivery through nursing leadership and collaborative relationships

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. Influence healthcare policy and delivery in New Jersey.
- 2. Educate and develop nurse leaders in all settings.
- 3. Foster a networking environment.
- 4. Integrate research and innovation in various strategic initiatives.
- 5. Ensure fiscal stability.
- 6. Support a healthy work environment.

COMMITTEES AND PURPOSE

ADVOCACY - To influence and have a measurable impact on healthcare policy in New Jersey.

CONTINUUM OF CARE - To assist in fulfilling the mission of the ONL NJ to influence healthcare delivery through nursing leadership and collaborative relationships with nurse leaders across the continuum of care on issues related to transitions of care and population health management.

EDUCATION - To develop educational programs for current and future nurse leaders which support ONL NJ strategic initiatives.

OPERATING COMMITTEE

- To ensure financial viability by committing to explore innovative sources of revenue and connecting them to the financial imperatives and strategic initiatives of the organization.
- To develop and execute a comprehensive marketing plan for ONL NJ to accomplish the strategic initiatives, focusing on increasing membership and engagement across the healthcare continuum.
- To establish a subgroup to act as the nominating committee as outlined in the ONL NJ bylaws with the purpose of seeking qualified candidates for the Board of Directors election slate.

MENTORSHIP - To facilitate career development for personal and professional growth for all ONL NJ members across the healthcare continuum.

RESEARCH - To assess, develop, implement, and evaluate evidence-based strategies that support the ONL NJ strategic initiatives.

NWESC Commission - To promote and sustain a healthy workplace environment for the nurses of New Jersey.



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ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Purpose: To influence and have a measurable impact on healthcare policy in New Jersey.

2025 GOALS:

- To monitor any activity related to the following ONL NJ Advocacy priority bills:
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 - S4267 Appropriates \$10 million to Department of Treasury for nurse preceptor tax credits (Support),
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 - S2700/A3683 Patient Protection and Safe Staffing Act (Oppose),
 - A966 Staffing Committee (watch),
- Collaborate with NJHA on opposition to mandate staffing standards,
- · Introduce legislation related to the Psychiatric Dangers of Cannabis Use Warning Labels after ONL NJ Board approval,
- · Update the bill tracking list and ONL NJ priorities,
- · Develop position statements for bills as needed,
- · Identify legislative campaigns for ONL NJ PAC support and make recommendations to the ONL NJ PAC Board,
- Recruit members to join the Advocacy Committee (AC). Each AC member will recruit one person to join the committee.

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Purpose: To develop educational programs for current and future nurse leaders which support ONLNJ strategic priorities.

2025 PROGRAMS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

- · Annual Meeting and Conference
- · Nurse Leader and Aspiring Nurse Leader Conference
- · Administrative Supervisor Conference
- · Annual Awards Brunch

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NURSING LEADERSHIP AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Organization of Nurse Leaders of New Jersey is accepting nominations for its annual 2025 Nursing Leadership Awards. These awards will be presented during ONL NJ's Annual Holiday Meeting Awards Brunch on Friday, December 5 at Forsqate Country Club in Monroe Township.

There are eight award categories. The criteria for these awards are listed below. Please consider not only nominees from your own organization, but colleagues from other healthcare facilities as well. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION— presented to an ONL NJ member who demonstrates nursing leadership through a professional achievement or accomplishment that has made a significant impact on nursing.

NURSE EXECUTIVE— presented to the most senior nurse leader in a healthcare organization (facility or system, practice, or academe) who demonstrates exceptional leadership, guidance, and service to their organization and to the profession of nursing. The nominee must be a member of ONL NJ.

DIVISIONAL LEADER– presented to a nurse leader who is responsible for a division or multiple departments but does not serve as a chief nursing officer. The nominee demonstrates exceptional leadership in his/her role as the individual responsible for several departments. The nominee must be a member of ONL NJ.

NURSE LEADER– presented to a manager/director from healthcare practice or academe who demonstrates exceptional leadership, guidance, and service to their organization and to the profession of nursing. The nominee must be a member of ONL NJ.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR – presented to an ONL NJ member who demonstrates exceptional leadership, guidance, and service to their organization as the nurse leader present on the evening, night, and/or weekend shifts in hospitals.

ASPIRING NURSE LEADER – presented to an aspiring nurse leader from healthcare practice or academe, with less than two years of experience in a managerial role, or no experience in a managerial role, who demonstrates exceptional leadership, guidance, and service to their institution and to the profession of nursing. The nominee must be a member of ONL NJ.

INNOVATIONS IN THE CONTINUUM OF CARE - presented to an individual for his or her leadership in implementing a project that has had significant outcomes outside of the acute care setting. The nominee must be a member of ONL N.J.

EXCELLENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING LEADERSHIP - presented to an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) from any practice setting who demonstrates exceptional leadership, guidance and service to their institution or practice and to the profession of nursing. The nominee must be a member of ONL NJ.

HOW TO NOMINATE:

- 1. Return completed application form and nominee's resume or curriculum vitae to tknight@onlnj.org.
- 2 All nominations must be received by 5 p.m. August 26.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
 Questions, contact Taniesha Knight, program coordinator at tknight@onlnj.org.





CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ONL NJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

ONL NJ is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors for the 2026 - 2027 term. The president-elect and up to seven director positions are open for this election. Self-nominations will be accepted.

The president-elect nominees must be current elected directors of the ONL NJ board. The following is the list of current Board members who are eligible for nomination for president-elect:

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Qualified candidates for the open director seats are defined as a Full member of the organization for at least two years. A Full member is defined as a person who meets at least one of the following criteria:

- holds an organizational role in administration/management and is accountable for strategic, operational, and/or management outcomes in a healthcare delivery setting
- aspires to a nursing management/administration position
- is faculty in a graduate or undergraduate nursing program, including deans and directors,
- serves as a consultant in patient care administration/management practice
- is employed in a professional association, regulatory agency and/or accreditation healthcare organization
- serves as editor of a professional nursing publication

At least one seat on the Board is reserved for a representative from a non-acute care setting. The approved candidates must be members in good standing minimally for two years and actively participate on a committee or commission, minimally for one year. Active participation equals attendance at least 50 percent of all meetings. Board meetings are held quarterly.

Candidates will be required to submit a position statement of up to 300 words, a letter of support from your supervisor and a head-shot photo by July 28.

Send nominations to Taniesha Knight, program coordinator at tknight@onlnj.org. The nomination deadline is June 30, 5 pm.



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ONL NJ POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

WHAT IS A PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) is an organization which collects money to spend on and help support political campaigns, to align and promote the shared interests of that organization. These funds may be directed to campaigns and candidates.

ONL NJ PAC

The ONL NJ PAC was established to give contributions to candidates who support and help further the interests of nursing leadership in New Jersey, that advance quality healthcare, and support our nursing workforce to better serve our state's patients. To best serve our members and propel our shared interests, participating in a PAC allows us to become engaged, and be truly represented, in the political process.

ONL NJ PAC GOALS:

The purpose of the ONL NJ PAC is to protect and promote the safety and quality of patient care in New Jersey through political action. Contributions may be received and expended by the ONL NJ PAC for the following purposes:

- 1. For the support of excellent nursing practice to protect and promote the safety and quality of patient care in New Jersey.
- 2. To Influence or attempting to influence, through direct financial contributions, the nomination or election of individuals for public office at the State level who are in general agreement with the objectives of the ONL NJ PAC.
- 3. Influencing legislation at the state level

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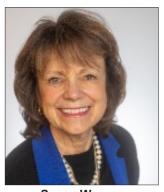
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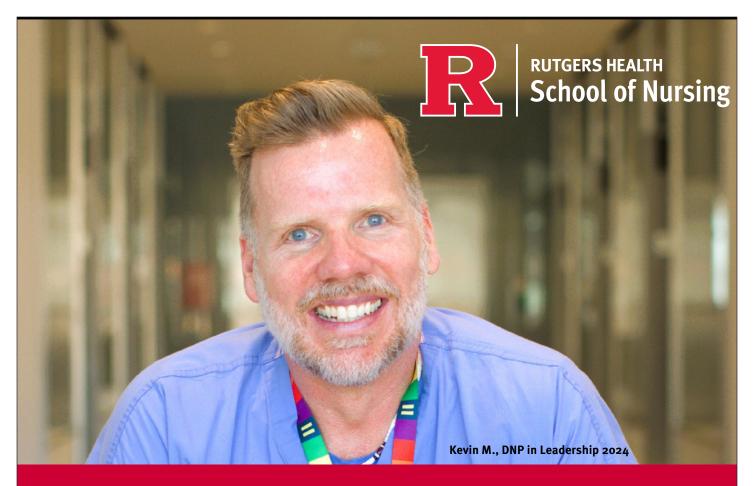
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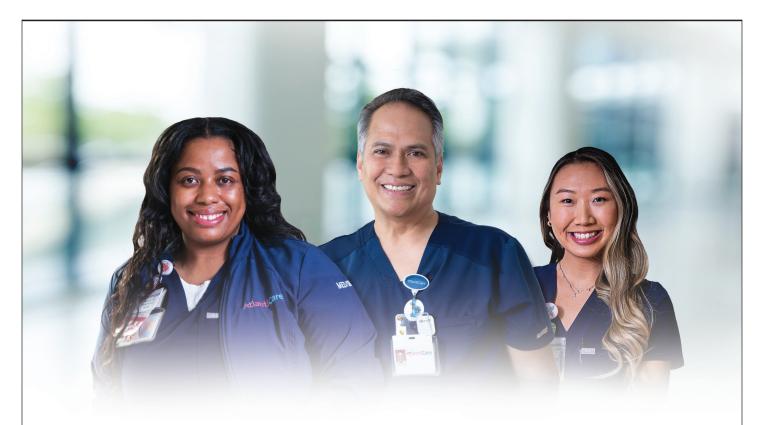








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Purpose: To facilitate career development for personal and professional growth for all ONL NJ members across the healthcare continuum.

2025 GOALS:

- · Develop education workshop for Cohort VIII,
- · After completion of mentorship education, review application for mentoring program and launch Cohort VIII,
- · Appeal to nurse leaders in non-acute settings for membership and mentoring,
- · Submit presentations at national conferences,
- Develop "Speed Dating" mentorship for members to engage in the short term.

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Purpose: To assist in fulfilling the mission of ONL NJ to influence healthcare through nursing leadership collaborative relationships with nursing leaders across the continuum of care on issues related to transitions of care and population health management.

2025 GOALS:

- · Membership drive and recruit members for this committee,
- Develop a new name for the committee that clearly defines the purpose,
- Build a collaborative content Repository for best practices across NJ hospital systems,
- Promote repository at the Annua Conference, April 10-11,
- Newsletter quarterly to highlight new hot topic in the repository,
- Add presentations for ONL NJ conferences for potential use in the repository,
- · Review the poster presentation from the conferences for potential use in the repository,
- Position the committee to develop and present a conference for 2026.

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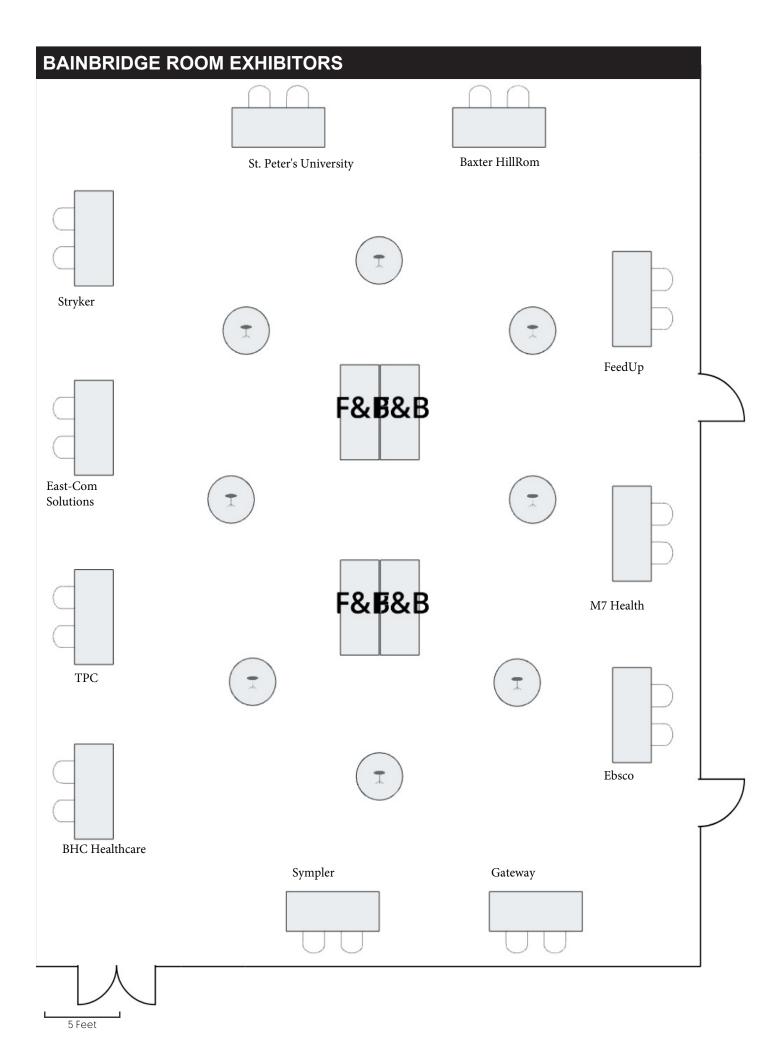
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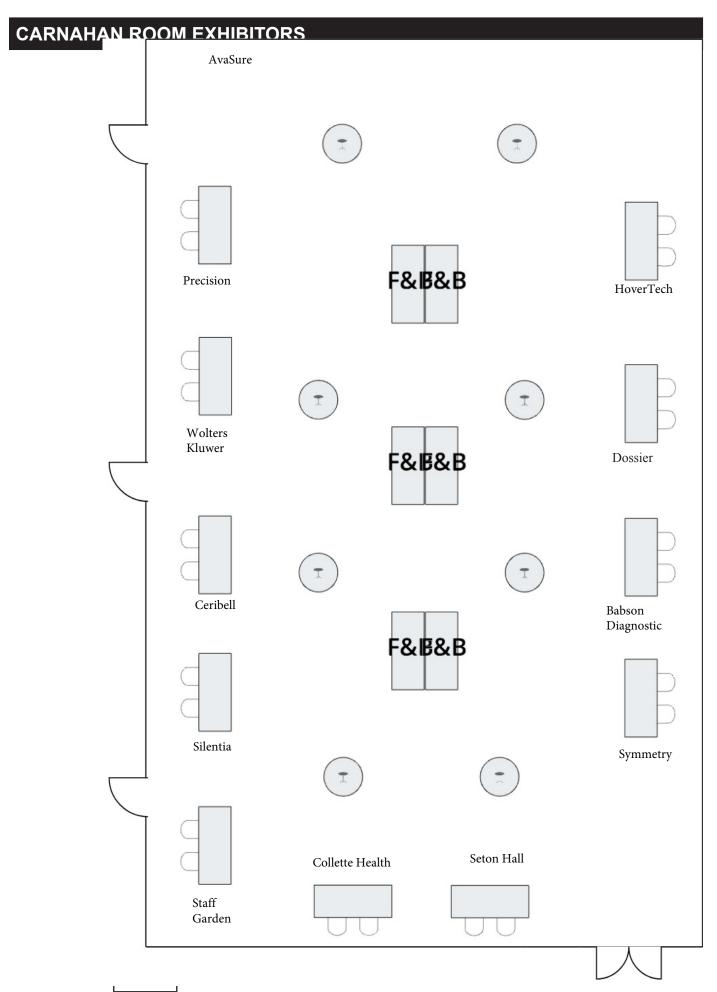
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UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE FOR 2025:

- Develop a strategic plan to grow membership
- · Oversee the sponsorship programs at the Annual Conference and Annual Awards Meeting
- · Review of the annual budget and refer to the ONL NJ Board of Directors for approval
- · Review the financial statements and refer to the ONL NJ Board of Directors for approval

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Purpose: To assess, develop, implement and evaluate evidence-based strategies that support the ONL NJ strategic initiatives.

2025 GOALS:

- Develop a successful program for the 22nd Annual Research Day. Success will be measured by attendance, participants' evaluation and financial goals achieved.
 - Facilitate the process for poster and podium abstracts submissions,
 - Review abstracts for the conference and select podium and poster presentations,
- Conduct and disseminate research related to the NWESC initiative.
- Support ONL NJ initiatives in the areas of research.
- Partner with the ONL NJ Mentorship Committee to foster mentoring in research.
- Evaluate reguests for member participation in research projects.

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Purpose: To promote and sustain a healthy workplace environment for the nurses of New Jersey.

2025 GOALS:

- Increase frontline nurses' representation on the Commission 5 total
- Submit manuscript for publication on the NWESC Awards
- Provide resources for NWESC hospitals to increase local participation
- · Investigate grant for social media
- · Explore strategies to improve the "Communication" standard for the healthy work environment model
- Publish the accomplishments of the NWESC Hospitals via social media and membership campaigns

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POSITION STATEMENT

S-1983/A-944

Eliminates certain practice restrictions for advanced practice nurses.

Organization of Nurse Leaders of New Jersey (ONL NJ) fully supports the elimination of certain practice restrictions for advanced practice nurses. S-1983/A-944 impacts the practice of our valued APN resource in New Jersey as well as access to care for our NJ resident patients, families, and communities our members serve. ONL NJ represents 600 nurses in healthcare organizations; our members are active registered nurses and include advanced practice nurses, aspiring and currently practicing nurse leaders, managers, executives as well as doctoral prepared educators and more.

With a population increasing in numbers and age and the enactment of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) approximately 94% of New Jersey residents are now insured (Statista, 2022). With these changes the demand for primary care providers (PCPs) in the coming years will increase, resulting in a projected shortage of up to 120,000 providers by 2033 (Boye, 2020). It is our position that Advanced Practice Nurses functioning to the full extent of their education and training and licensed as autonomous independent practitioners can significantly reduce this deficit and provide safe, effective and affordable healthcare to the residents of this state.

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		Linda Geisler	2010	Patricia Sanchez	2009	Jennifer Jaromahum	2007
Varsha Singh	2024	Pat Daley	2009	Amy Doran	2008		
Danielle Trotter	2023	Ann Logan Aline M. Holmes	2008	Ro McClain	2007	DIVISIONAL LEADS	ъ
Mary Beth Leaton	2022	Maureen Swick	2006 2005	Josephine Dela Cruz	2006	DIVISIONAL LEADE	:K
Susan Boyle	2021	Linda Cuoco	2003	Marcia McGregor	2005	Elizabeth Polanco	2024
Nicole Keegan Dawn Mutchko	2020 2019	Lori Fitzgerald	2004	Barbara Cheh	2004	Pamela Harmon	2023
Tara Gleeson	2019	Donna Delicio	2003	Susan Salmond	2004	Tracey Leer	2022
Nora Roan	2017	Patti Gossett	2001			Avril Keldo	2021
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PROFESSIONAL RECO	SNITION	Kathi Kendall Sengin	1999	IIII AGI AWARD		Kristin Ospina	2019
		Elizabeth Manco-Herman	1997	Assemblywoman		Paul Quinn	2018
Carol Copsey	2024	Peggy K. Jones	1996	Nancy F. Muñoz	2024	Mary Jo Loughlin	2017
David Rivera	2023	Bernadette Countryman	1995	The New Jersey Collaborating		Charles Vannoy	2016
Sami Abate	2022	James Vander Velde	1994	Center for Nursing	2022	Ramonita Jimenez	2015
Ann Marie Leichman	2021	Aline M. Holmes	1993	New Jersey Nursing		Judy Padula	2014
Kathy Taylor	2020	Golden H. Bethune	1992	Initiative	2021	Marcia Redden	2013
Susan Politsky	2019	Joan Trofino	1990	Judith M. Persichilli	2020	Cathleen Janzekovich	2012
AnneMarie Palatnik Mildred O. Kowalski	2018 2017	Nora Corcoran	1989	New Jersey Council of		Sharon Holden	2011
Cheri Clancy	2017			Magnet Organizations	2019	Denise Fochesto	2010
Trish O'Keefe	2015	NURSE EXECUTIVE		ONL NJ Finance Committee	2018	Bettyann Kempin Kathleen Kaminsky	2009 2008
Regina Foley	2014			Mark and Bonnie Barnes	2017	Deborah Zayas	2007
Beverly Karas-Irwin	2013	Cathleen Janzekovich	2024	The Nicholson Foundation	2016	Debotan Zayas	2007
Judith Caruso	2012	Helene Burns	2023	ONE NJ Mentorship		LIFETIME ACHIEVEM	ENT
Mary Jo Assi	2011	Donna Watridge	2022	Committee	2015		
Valera Hascup	2011	Kathleen Devine	2021	Susan Cholewka	2014	Robyn Begley	2023
Susan Castor	2010	Theresa M. Brodrick	2020	David Knowlton	2013	Patricia Steingall	2022
Jayne Craig Elizabeth Sheridan	2009	Diann Johnston	2019	Edna Cadmus Robert Phillips	2012 2011	Rita V. Smith Aline M. Holmes	2019 2018
	2008	Linda Carroll	2018	Betsy Ryan	2011		
Deborah Jasovsky Shirley Hwang	2007 2006	Terri L. Spoltore	2017	Chrissy Buteas	2010	Rose Nagle-Girgenti Edna Cadmus	2017 2016
Barbara Tofani	2005	Jennifer A. O'Neill	2016	Assemblywoman	2010	George J. Hebert	2015
Nancy Holecek	2004	Lea Rodriguez	2015	Connie Wagner	2009	Barbara Chamberlain	2013
Patricia Cavanaugh	2003	Ann Marie Leichman	2014 2013	Susan Hassmiller	2009	Richard Hader	2014
Robyn Begley	2002	Anne McCartney Gina Petrone Mumolie	2013	Senator Richard		Bernadette Countryman	2013
Mary Ellen Clyne	2001	Suellyn Ellerbe	2012	and Mary Jo Codey	2008	Lucille A. Joel	2012
Patricia A. Polansky	2000	Joan Harewood	2010	Senator Joseph F. Vitale	2007	Linda Ries	2011
Peggy K. Jones	1999	Joan Gavin	2009	Nelson Tuazon	2006	Theresa Cope	2010
Jean McMahon	1998	Maureen Schneider	2008	Fred Jacobs, MD, JD	2005	÷	
Georgia Nadler Donna Denniston	1997	Maria Brennan	2007	Annette Catino	2004		
Jean Marshall	1996	Nancy Shendell-Falik	2006	Robert Wood Johnson			
Mary Ann Christopher	1995 1994	Trish O'Keefe	2005	Foundation	2004		
Geraldine Moon	1994	Edna Cadmus	2004				
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Target Audience:

Chief Nursing Officers, nursing leaders, nurse scientists, nurse researchers, nurse managers, nursing coordinators, assistant nurse managers, clinical nurses, aspiring nurse leaders, ONL NJ mentors and mentees, university deans, nurse educators, students, and leaders in both pre-and-post-acute settings.

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PROGRAM AGENDA

7:30 am	Check-in, Breakfast, Poster Session & Vendor Exhibits
8:00 am	Opening & Welcome
	Brandee Fetherman, MSN, RN, CCRN, SCRN Chief Nursing Officer Morristown Medical Center – Atlantic Health System President Elect, ONL NJ
8:15 am	Heroes to Victims: The Impact of Patient Violence on Frontline Staff
	Esther Chipps, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAONL Nurse Scientist/Clinical Professor The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
	Kathleen Mc Carthy, MA, RN, PMHCNS-BC Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist Jersey Shore University Medical Center
9:30 am	Poster Session, Vendor Exhibits
10:15 am	Poster Podium Presentation
10:35 am	Poster Podium Presentation
10:55 am	Advancing Safety and Health Equity Through Story and Strategy
	Tina Rodriguez, DNP, RN, CPPS, CPHRM Executive Director The Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce, Inc.
11:55 am	Poster Awards Presentations
	Donna Cole, PhD, RN, CNOR, NE-BC, CDE Research Nurse Hunterdon Medical Center
12:10 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 pm	Poster Podium Presentation
1:20 pm	Evidence in Support of Animal Assisted Intervention for Healthcare Professionals
	Facilitator Sami Abate, PhD, MSHS, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNML Assistant Vice President, Clinical Research & Nursing Excellence Inspira Health
2:20 pm 2:40 pm 2:45 pm 3:00 pm	Poster Podium Presentation Wrap Up & Closing Electronic Evaluation Adjournment



FUTURE PROGRAMS

2025 Calendar of Events

APRIL 16

ONLNJ Advocacy Committee Town Hall, Virtual, 12 pm. – 1:30 pm.

MAY 14

NWESC Cohort X Session 1

New Jersey Hospital Association, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, 9 am – 2:40 pm

JUNE 6

22nd Annual Research Day Conference

New Jersey Hospital Association, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, 8 am – 3 pm

JUNE 13

Mentoring New Jersey's Current and Future Leaders

New Jersey Hospital Association, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, 8 am – 3 pm

JUNE 18

NWESC Cohort X Session 2

New Jersey Hospital Association, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, 9 am – 2:40 pm

SEPTEMBER 18

8th Annual Administrative (Evening/Night)

Supervisor Live Virtual Conference, 8 am – 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 30

NWESC Statewide Retreat

New Jersey Hospital Association, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, 9 am – 2:40 pm

NOVEMBER 20

Nurse Leader and Aspiring Nurse Leader Workshop, 8 am – 3 pm

DECEMBER 5

Annual Holiday Meeting and Awards Brunch, Forsgate Country Club, 9 am – 1 pm

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