

American Nurses Association of California (ANA\C)

Resolution: Establishment of a Single California Board of Nursing

Submitted by: ANA\C Education Committee (2005)

Whereas, the majority (92%) of the states in this country have one board of nursing, and

Whereas, there has been a concerted effort by Governor Schwarzenegger to consolidate all licensure boards in California to achieve a more cost-effective and efficient governance of licensed practitioners, and

Whereas, the California Board of Registered Nursing will submit their next Sunset Review Report to the Legislature in 2008 and

Whereas, the preparation, licensure/certification and oversight functions of certified nurses aids, psychiatric technicians, licensed vocational nurses, and licensed registered nurses are performed by three different government agencies,

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Nurses Association of California recommends:

1. The consolidation of all nursing care providers under a single state board of nursing.
2. The Legislature and governor fund a feasibility study to determine the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of establishing a single state board of nursing to oversee the preparation, licensure and supervision of all nursing care providers; certified nurse aids, psychiatric technicians, licensed vocational nurses and licensed registered nurses.
3. The ANA\C association seeks input from the Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians, the Board of Registered Nursing and the Department of Health Services regarding the establishment of a single board of nursing for all nursing care providers.
4. The ANA\C association seeks input from all nursing organizations and programs of nursing regarding the establishment of a single state board of nursing that regulates the educational preparation, the licensure/certification and oversight of all nursing care providers.
5. The ANA\C association seeks input from its membership related to the establishment of a single state board of nursing for all nursing care providers.
6. The ANA\C association seeks input from stakeholders (CHA, CMA, health care agencies, public health agencies, long term care agencies, citizens, and other constituents) related to the establishment of a single board of nursing for all nursing care providers.