

Chapter Grant Report

Project Title	“Political Involvement for Oncology Nurses” How Your Voice Can make a Difference
Date of Project	November/December 2010
Chapter	NC – Piedmont Triad Chapter
Project Goal	Develop, implement and evaluate an original evidence-based educational program for members of the Oncology Nursing Society on political involvement in the current local, state and U.S. settings in the areas of health policy and legislation
Target Audience	North Carolina Oncology Nurses, Piedmont Triad ONS chapter members
Project Overview	<p><u>Overall Goal:</u> Improved knowledge, awareness and involvement related to current issues of local, state and U.S health policy and legislation relative to Oncology Nurses.</p> <p><u>Program Objectives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. <u>Improve knowledge regarding the legislative process and ways to become involved in political action.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislative Process • Congressional Staff: titles and roles • Types of Advocacy • Get involved and act locally • Oncology Nursing Society • II. <u>Improve knowledge of current legislation affecting oncology nurses and oncology patients.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590), Passed by Senate on December 24, 2009 and House on March 21, 2010. B. Assuring and Improving Cancer Treatment Education and Cancer Symptom Management Act of 2009 (H.R. 1927) C. Bill # S.982 - A bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products. D. H.R.716 - Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act of 2009 E. Session Law 2009-27 House Bill 2 – North Carolina III. <u>Educate oncology nurses about how political involvement can benefit the nursing profession and oncology patients.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How political involvement can benefit the nursing profession • How political involvement can benefit oncology patients

	<p><u>Teaching and Learning Materials:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation • Lecture • Roundtable Discussion (at chapter meeting) • <p><u>Methods of Evaluation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-program assessment tool – post-test
<p>Outcomes Expected Outcomes: Improved knowledge, awareness and involvement related to current issues of local, state and U.S health policy and legislation that are relative to Oncology Nurses.</p>	<p>Program outcomes were felt to have been met. Outcomes were positively evaluated by comparison of a learning needs assessment and survey done prior to the intervention and a post –test done at the end of each of the interventions (The primary education intervention was provided in the format of an evening program but it was then repeated for the home facility’s evening nurses that were working during the program and unable to attend.</p>
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