

OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION WORKFORCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

[Zoom Meeting](#)

1. Committee Chair John Goodman called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Goodman reminded everyone about the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality Policies.
3. The minutes from the September 26, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. Public Policy Issues – Pete Van Runkle discussed SNF reimbursement – draft of Senate report from the payment commission / Also discussed TNA – state funding (ARPA Strike team money) for testing to be paid for (with Leading Age) – don’t have to be already employed and have the facility pay for the training. This would not require legislation (Controlling board approval). John asked about the governor signing the SNF reimbursement legislation. They have not taken a position
5. Ongoing Ideas
 - a. Technology Solutions – Heidi McCoy discussed technology ideas from care.ai
 - b. OHCA Advocacy on Nurse Aide Training/CNAonline.com – Mandy Smith updated the committee regarding the on-line nurse aide training provided by CNAonline.com. OHCA is advocating for Ohio to approve this training for the virtual portion of STNA training.
 - c. DODD Workforce Task Committee update – Debbie Jenkins gave the committee an update on the PSA – it was not as successful as they had hoped.
 - d. DODD Retention Bonus Payment proposal update – Ms. Jenkins reported that this has still not been paid and that it appears that legislation will be needed. They do hope to retroactively pay once legislation is passed.
 - e. Other Ideas – none were proposed.
6. Other Items

a. Nursing Expansion Grant Program - Ms. McCoy discussed:
The U.S. Department of Labor announced an [\\$80 million funding opportunity through its Nursing Expansion Grant Program](#) to support nursing training programs designed to expand the pipeline of nursing professionals

This funding is aimed at addressing bottlenecks in training the U.S. nursing workforce and expand and diversify the pipeline of qualified nursing professionals through two training tracks. The first track (Nurse Education Professional Track) will increase the number of clinical and vocational nursing instructors and educators by training new or upskilling experienced current or former nurses (including retired nurses) into advanced postsecondary credentialing necessary for nurses to become clinical and vocational nursing instructors and educators. The second track (Nursing Career Pathway Track) will train frontline health care professionals and paraprofessionals, including direct care workers, to advance along a career pathway and attain postsecondary credentials needed for middle- to high-skilled nursing occupations during the grant period of performance.

The deadline to apply for the grant funding is January 6, 2023, and further information – including eligibility criteria – can be found [here](#).

7. Adjournment

Next meeting: November 14, 2022, 1:00 p.m.