

AAMR Action Plan Proposal

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<p>Name of Proposal: NURSING DIVISION Position Statements for Nurses Working in the Intellectual/Developmental Disability Field</p>
<p>Date of Submission: June 27, 2005</p>
<p>Proposed Start Date: September 26, 2005</p>
<p>Brief Description of Proposed Actions/Activities: The purpose of this project is to develop Position Statements related to nursing in the I/DD field. A survey of members of the AAMR Nursing Division was conducted. From these results, priorities for the Nursing Interests Action Group were identified. These include a) nursing staff ratios in community and residential settings, b) medication administration by unlicensed assistive personnel, c) delegation, d) indoor air quality and toxic exposures, e) abuse and neglect, f) role of the nurse in bioterrorism emergency preparedness, g) government relations, public policy, legislative, and regulatory advocacy, and h) education, licensure, and certification of DD nurses, and i) professional development and continuing education.</p> <p>Step 1: Nursing Interests Action Group Discussion Meeting at the 2005 Summit to identify key Position Statements to be developed over the next year. Step 2: Form Work Groups to review AAMR Position Statements, Policies, and Fact Sheets Step 3: Develop Position Statements on top three priorities for nurses working in the I/DD field Step 4: Follow procedure for gaining approval by AAMR Board Step 5: Post Position Statements on AAMR website Step 6. Ongoing evaluation and development of Position Statements</p>
<p>What is the intended outcome? Position Statements will serve as the expressed opinions, beliefs, and official positions taken by the Nursing Interests Action Group of AAMR to guide nursing activities in community settings. This viewpoint can be shared with others with the goal of improving the health and quality of life of individuals with I/DD by improving the education of nurses and serving to operationalize the standards set forth in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, published by the American Nurses Association and written by the Nursing Division of AAMR.</p>
<p>Does this Action Plan need funding? If so, how do you propose to fund it? No funding is needed to initiate this project. If printed materials are developed, funding will be sought. Members working on this project will communicate by email and fax. If telephone conferencing is needed, funds from the Nursing Interests Action Group may be used to cover these costs, with approval of its members.</p>

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(Please attach a list and contact information for all other individuals involved in this initiative.)

Members of the Nursing Interests Action Group will be recruited to carry out this project.

How will this Proposal impact persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities and/or AAMR?

This Proposal will serve to improve the health and well-being of individuals with I/DD by improving the quality of nursing care provided.

Board Action: Approved

Date: July 18, 2005

Comments by Board: none

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Statement of Goal: The purpose of this project is to develop Position Statements related to nursing in the intellectual/developmental disability field.				
Objectives	Completion Criteria	Time Frame for Completion	Person Responsible	Cost/ Funding Source
Examine existing AAMR documents to assure consistency and review relevance to Nursing Interests Action Group	Review AAMR Position Statements, Policies, and Fact Sheets	November 1, 2005	President and members recruited	None
Identify top three priorities to be addressed in Position Statements	Using data from member survey and discussion, identify top three priorities in meeting of nurses attending 2005 Summit	September 2005	President and members of Nursing Interests Action Group	None
Develop Position Statement on priority one	Position Statement completed and reviewed by nursing members online	January 15, 2006	President and members of Position Statement Priority One Workgroup	None
Develop Position Statements on priorities two and three	Position Statement completed and reviewed by nursing members online	March 15, 2006	President and members of Workgroups for Priorities Two and Three	None
Board approval and posting on AAMR Website	Submit to Board for approval	May 15, 2006	President and members of Workgroups; AAMR Board and staff	None