

September was a busy month for your Seattle Children's Hospital WSNA officers, and we want to share our work representing the nurses at SCH. We met with a state representative and presented yet another letter to Bonnie advocating for commitments to safety - primarily around staffing and workplace environment. Keep reading for more information, and see how you can get involved.

1. On September 18th, your WSNA officer group from Seattle Children's along with unit representatives from PBMU and PICU met with the WA state congressperson Liz Berry to share our concerns with the current state of short staffing and workplace safety. Liz Berry is the chair of the Labor and Workplace Standards Committee for the state congress, and is a powerful and influential ally. WSNA, our officers and Rep Berry are partnering to elevate the issues we face and are working together to keep hospitals accountable to the health of their workers and the patients we serve. More to come, but this is an exciting avenue to explore for our nurses and nurse advocacy.
2. On September 29th, the WSNA officer group for Seattle Children's Hospital met with Bonnie Fryzlewicz (CNO) and Holly Beauchene (HR leadership) to present a formal letter of ongoing concerns unmet and unresolved by the leadership of the hospital. Attached is the letter and the action items requested of our leaders. We are awaiting a response from Bonnie and Holly at our next NCC meeting on Wednesday, 10/18. Inaction from executive leadership is not an acceptable response for the sake of our nurses and the patients we serve. If inaction is, in fact, the response they choose, then escalated responses from our WSNA nurses should be expected. Please continue to fill out ADOs as you face issues of short staffing and workplace safety concerns. Your reporting adds voices to our power with actions moving forward.

If this information stirs something inside of you, we want to hear from you. Methods for getting involved -

- We will be holding Local Unit Representative trainings in November and December. Come find out what it means to be a WSNA nurse advocate for your unit! Contact our WSNA organizer, Zach Seikel, if you're interested in signing up - zseikel@wsna.org
- Sip 'n chats are back! These are informal virtual meetings with the officers to reach our nurses and hear your concerns. Catch us this Wednesday, 10/18 from 7p-9p. Link for the meeting is attached. Follow us on Instagram @sch_wsna and/or our Facebook page for more upcoming dates and info for signing in to the meetings.
- Save the date for an in-person meeting for all Seattle Children's WSNA members on November 14, 2023.

In unity.

Seattle Children's Hospital WSNA Officer Group