AANN: Advocacy Committee

Nursing education programs are often under funded at many facilities and this causes experienced nurses to leave the bedside and pursue less intensive jobs, other than bedside nursing, that often have higher rewards.

In September 2017, the Senate LHHS-ED Appropriations Subcommittee passed their spending package sending it to the full Appropriations Committee for consideration.

The Nursing Workforce Development Programs received $234.472 million. This is $5 million (+2%) more than FY 2017, $23.3 million more than the House bill, and $151.5 million more than the President’s FY 2018 Budget. As noted in the committee report, the extra funding is dedicated to the Advanced Education Nursing program and will go to the training of sexual assault nurse examine). While the full report language has not been released, it is our understanding that the programs have not been consolidated as in the House bill.

The National Institutes of Nursing Research (NINR) received $155.210 million. This is $4.9 million (+3%) more than FY 2017, $2.6 million more than the House bill, and $41.5 million more than the President’s FY 2018 Budget.

This is just one of many things that the advocacy committee is involved in on behalf of nursing and AANN. The Advocacy Committee continues to be very active in our collaboration with the Nursing Community, the Choosing Wisely Campaign, and establishing goals for the upcoming year. AANN members can look forward to regular submissions to the newsletter by Advocacy Committee members in order to keep the membership up-to-date and informed.

In order to maintain momentum and keep up with the many and varied requests for AANN endorsements and/or approvals, the committee is open to new members. If you are interested in joining the AANN Advocacy Committee, visit http://aann.org/membership/volunteer