

TOPIC: **IN SUPPORT OF POLICIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE FAMILY-CENTERED CARE PRACTICES**

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WHEREAS, Patient and family-centered care emphasizes the involvement of patients and their families at all levels across the spectrum of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Family-centered care is a method that acknowledges that every patient and family situation is unique in cultural values, life experiences, socioeconomic status, and ethical beliefs as part of a partnership formed between health care professionals and family members ; and

WHEREAS, Family-centered care practices allow nurses to provide higher-quality holistic care, resulting in higher perceptions of respect, support and collaboration by the patient and their family; and

WHEREAS, Decreased anxiety of family members and patients, accelerated recovery times, increased family confidence in health care systems, and improvement of mental health are some of the benefits that arise from family-centered care; and

WHEREAS, The nurse’s role as a change agent and patient advocate hold strong importance in developing plans and interventions to incorporate family-centered care practices and strengthen the family member’s role in care; and

WHEREAS, Nurses need to understand the model of family-centered care conceptually, and the rights, roles, and responsibilities of parents all while provided with sufficient resources, appropriate education, and support from their managers; and

WHEREAS, Incorporating education regarding family-centered care concepts and skills into the nursing curriculum will assist graduate nurses in perceiving the strength in patient’s families and enhancing their skills to adequately collaborate with these families; and

WHEREAS, Nurses are encountering more requests for complementary alternative therapies from patients and families as part of treatment plans, which promotes nurse-family dialogue and more informed decision making; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA publish an article on the topic of family-centered care in an issue of this organization’s professional newsletter, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA support the education of family-centered care during a break-out session at the State Convention, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA encourages nursing programs to provide an elective course about family-centered care, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA send a copy of this resolution to ANA, NLN, ANHA, NCSBN, NSNA, AACN, AAP, and all others deemed appropriate by the OhSNA Board of Directors.