

2019 Government Affairs Committee Report

1. Name / position in the Chapter and email address of person completing report:

1 st Quarter:	Name: Cassandra Campbell Email: cassandra.campbell@bswhealth.org Position of work and location: Director of Nursing, McLane Children's Medical Center.	Position: Chair Home Chapter: Central Texas
2 nd Quarter:	Name: Crissie Richardson Email: Crissie.richardson@premier.care Position of work and location: Regional Nurse Manager, Premier ER & UC	Position: Chair-elect Home Chapter: Central Texas
3 rd Quarter:	Name: Email: Position of work and location:	Position: Home Chapter:
4 th Quarter:	Name: Email: Position of work and location:	Position: Home Chapter:

2. Number of ENA Members on Committee:

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
10	10		

3. Number of attendees at meeting:

1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
	10		

4. Committee Meeting Schedule (day/time):

1st Quarter:	Fridays, 2:00pm-2:50pm
2nd Quarter:	Fridays, 2:00-2:50pm
3rd Quarter:	
4th Quarter:	

5. Recent or Planned Committee Activities:

1 st Quarter:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government affairs workshop. Kevin presented on the elections, new members of senate and representatives. He also presented legislation
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	<p>that has been filed that we support as well as the TMB legislation that we do not support. He presented our two bills that we are introducing. The first is to add Nurses to GETAC as actual chairs, with one dedicated to an ENA member. The other is legislation to assure safe staffing as well as decrease OT and workplace violence initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurses Day at the Capital: Will be February 18-19. Cassie, Crissie and Mary will attend and have a meeting set with Representative Klick that will be the sponsor for the bill for GETAC to thank her as well as work on a relationship for future legislation. • ENA DOTH will be May 19, 20th. We are hoping to send 3+ members. We are taking names for a waiting list, please notify Cassie (Cassandra.campbell@bswhealth.org) if you are interested in attending. • Mental Health Bill may be coming back up this session by TCEP. • Would like to thank Representative Klick as well as Donna Howard for their nursing contributions for the year and ask them to the gala in October.
2 nd Quarter:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB1869—had stalled out—not sure why but there was pushback—now scheduled for hearing 4/17—Cassie or Crissie to testify • HB1146—committee hearing last Wednesday. Has gone through a few rounds of stakeholder discussions and have agreed to language • HB2041—relating to regulation of FEMCs—pending in committee—member who is willing to amend our nursing protection language onto it on the floor. TNA is supportive. • Working closely with IAFN to ensure that appropriate bills are introduced and what TxENA can do to support them. • Nurse Day at the Capitol was a success and well attended. Cassie, Crissie and Mary met with Representative Klick’s staff to thank them for supporting our GETAC bill—HB 1869 • Day on the Hill May 20-21—8 TxENA members going • Discussion on how to communicate with committee members during session. Chair or chair-elect will forward Kevin’s weekly updates via email and will send out a text message to those interested if there is a call to action such as need to have a TxENA member testify.
3 rd Quarter:	
4 th Quarter:	

6. Committee member(s) who deserve reward/recognition:

1 st Quarter:	Kevin our Legislative Liaison has been a true asset to this team and the organization. He has brought forth new ideas, helped push legislation and is helping to determine correct actions to take with old legislation that needs help.
2 nd Quarter:	Kevin continues to do great work for Texas ENA. Deanna Gillespie testified earlier this month regarding FSECs. Kayla Cehand will be testifying this week on car seats and Stop The Bleed kits.
3 rd Quarter:	
4 th Quarter:	

7. Specific committee related activities not addressed on agenda

1 st Quarter:	Would like to change the name of this committee to something with Nurse Advocacy, legislative advocacy etc. Will take in front of the board and the delegates.
2 nd Quarter:	Continue working on updating committee name to Nurse Advocacy committee. Concerns that it could be confused with Nursing Practice. Will also reach out to Nationals to make sure that they are ok with change, however, ENAs committee is the Advocacy Advisory Council.
3 rd Quarter:	
4 th Quarter:	

8. Any specific ENA related activities (past or present committees, offices, etc.)

1st Quarter:	None
2nd Quarter:	None
3rd Quarter:	
4th Quarter:	