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N.H. Nurses Meet with Political Candidates Oct. 3 to Discuss Nursing's Value and Influence on Health Care Policy

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CONCORD, N.H. -- New Hampshire nurses will meet with political candidates, noted journalist Bernice Buresh and nurse attorney Lisah Carpenter Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at a conference in Concord to discuss nursing's value and influence on health care policy.

The conference, "New Hampshire Nursing: From Vision to Voice, From Voice to Action," will be held at 8 a.m. at the Grappone Conference. Invited political candidates will have an opportunity to share their views on New Hampshire health care issues and answer questions as part of a panel discussion.

Journalist Bernice Buresh, a staunch supporter of nursing and author of "From Silence to Voice: What Nurses Know and Must Communicate to the Public," will be the keynote speaker.

Lisah Carpenter, a nurse attorney and executive director of the N.H. Nurse Practitioner Association, will share experiences and successful communication strategies to help nurses effectively contribute to public policy.

According to conference coordinators, the event is being held to provide an opportunity for nurses and policy makers to share experience and work together on health care policy.

Several trends affecting state and national health care likely to be discussed are the cost of advancing technology and caring for an aging population.

The conference is sponsored by the Sigma Theta Tau

International Nursing Honor Society, Eta Iota Chapter at the University of New Hampshire; Southern New Hampshire Adult Health Education Center; and UNH Nursing Alumni Club.

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The Grappone Conference Center is adjacent to the Marriott Courtyard. For directions call 603-225-0303 or visit www.courtyard.com and search for "Concord, N.H."

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