



## HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL 2014-17



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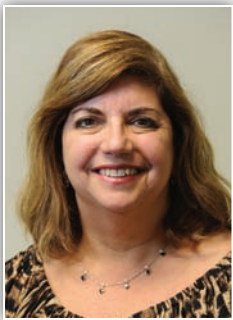
The NYSUT Health Care Professionals Council advocates for the union's more than 15,000 health care professionals. The council represents members who are registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, clinical instructors, psychologists, guidance counselors, school counselors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, physicians, pharmacists and lab technicians. These professionals are employed in public and private sector schools, hospitals, universities, visiting nurse associations, private practice and residential and day treatment facilities.

The council:

- Provides a forum for health care members to discuss concerns and challenges faced by the profession and in the workplace.
- Identifies the information needs of health care members.
- Identifies professional development needs and recommend ways to address those needs.
- Sponsors the annual NYSUT Professional Issues Forum on Health Care where health care professionals can strengthen their professional skills, enhance their practice and network with other professionals who perform similar work.
- Encourages and assists unrepresented health care professionals to organize and affiliate with NYSUT.
- Identifies and develops proposals to address legislative and/or regulatory issues.

The council participates in legislative hearings and advocates on issues, such as safe patient handling, safe staffing ratios, anti-mandatory overtime for home care nurses, minimum school nurse staffing requirements and opposition to diabetic care administered by non-medical licensed personnel in schools, that are critical to health care professionals and the communities they serve.

The council also recommends action and advocates for Congressional legislation, such as nurse staffing levels that would protect patients and nurses.



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