ENA Vermont State Council

Quarterly Business Meeting
1200 – 1330 June 26, 2026
Copley Hospital
528 Washington Hwy, Morrisville, VT

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ENA'S VISION STATEMENT

ENA is indispensable to the global emergency nursing community.

ENA'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Emergency Nurses Association is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice.

AGENDA

A. Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum

B. Approval of Minutes

Vermont ENA State Council's Q1 business meeting was on March 23, 2026, the minutes were previously approved by the board of directors and emailed to the membership on April 27, 2026, they are posted on the website.

C. Treasurer's Report (M. King)

The Vermont ENA State Council currently maintains a checking account balance of $2,659.86 and a money market balance of $12,935.11 for a total of $15,594.97 cash on hand. Two $5,000 payments have been issued to Outbound Stowe as a deposit for the 2027 NERS conference. All accounts are reconciled and up to date, the Vermont ENA State Council Credit Card has a $143.20 balance.

D. Committee Updates

a. **Education and Practice** Chair, vacant

No Report

b. **Forensic Nursing** Chair, Abigail Garrett

No Report

c. **Fundraising** Chair, vacant

No Report

d. **Institute for Quality, Safety & Injury Prevention (IQSIP)** Chair, vacant

No Report

e. **Government Affairs** Chair, Liz Couto

Vermont Legislative Session Update

The 2026 legislative session resulted in meaningful progress for Vermont's nurses and the patients we serve, with important policy advancements supported by strong nursing advocacy and collaboration across the state.

Key Wins Impacting Emergency Care and Patient Access

- S.193 – Forensic Facility Development Passed by both chambers and delivered to the Governor on June 10 for final review/approval, this legislation supports the creation of a dedicated forensic facility. This is expected to improve safety for healthcare teams—including emergency departments—and reduce reliance on law enforcement presence in care settings.
- S.209 – Civil Arrest Protections in Healthcare Settings Also delivered to the Governor on June 10th, this bill designates healthcare facilities as protected "sensitive locations," helping ensure patients can seek emergency and ongoing care without fear of civil arrest. Specifically, this bill was in response to unethical and inappropriate ICE arrests across the country.
- S.163 – APRNs in Hospital Care This bill formally recognizes APRNs as responsible providers for hospitalized patients, reflecting current practice and strengthening care team flexibility—an important support for patient flow and access across emergency and inpatient settings.
- H.545 (Act 76) – Immunization Recommendations Now law, this measure includes APRN representation on the Vermont Immunization Advisory Council, ensuring frontline nursing perspective informs public health decisions. We advocated to ensure a clinical voice was assigned to the board: previously no nurse presence.

Ongoing Priorities

Several additional bills remain priorities for nursing and emergency care advocacy:

- H.573 – Emergency Examination Certification Passed the House but stalled in Senate committee. Expanding certification authority to PAs would improve timely mental health evaluations in emergency settings.

- H.583 – Clinical Decision-Making Protections Supports provider autonomy and limits non-clinical interference—key to safe, patient-centered emergency care.
- S.197, H.585, H.611 Address primary care sustainability, insurance reform, and prescription access—all of which impact emergency department utilization and patient outcomes.

These advances reflect the continued engagement of nurses and partners advocating for safe, timely, and patient-centered care. Ongoing advocacy will remain essential as these efforts move forward.

f. Medica and Communications Co-Chair, Mike King & Liz Couto

g. Membership Chair, Roz King

As of 06/22, we have 193 members, with 13 new members joining in 2026. We have been sending birthday cards to all our members and will be sending welcome cards to our new nurses.

h. Research Chair, Roz King

The PAIN study is now live. PAIN is a nationwide, federally funded, randomized clinic trial and is the first exception from informed consent (EFIC) study that Vermont has ever participated in.

i. Trauma and Pediatric Chair, Mike King

UVMMC Fall courses are up on the Vermont ENA website and open to all.

E. Old Business

a. New England Regional Symposium (NERS)

i. Rhode Island - April 23rd, 2026

1. Vermont had multiple nurses attend

2. Karen O'Neil Award – Won by Liz Couto

ii. Vermont – April 22nd and 23rd, 2026, at Outbound Stowe

1. Dates changed to better align with past NERS

b. Education Day

i. November 6, 2026, 0830–1600 @ UVMMC

1. Planning committee update

2. Call for speakers

c. Membership Initiatives

i. Yeti raffle winner

ii. Vermont ENA State Council Apparel

1. Joann's Apparel store open and available through the website

- **d.** Board Name badges
  - **i.** Ordered
- **e.** Emergency Nurses Week – October 11th to 17th 2027
  - **i.** Raffle one item per day during the week
- **f.** Legislative Education Day
- **g.** Standing Policies
- **h.** General Assembly - September 27th and 28th 2026 in Phoenix AZ
  - **i.** 3 delegates + 1 alternate
  - **ii.** Call for delegates open, closes 7/3
- **i.** EN26 - September 28th Through October 1st, 2026, in Phoenix AZ
  - **i.** Booth
  - **ii.** Member Scholarship
- **j.** ENA 5K
- **k.** ENA Scholarships
  - **i.** Open April 1st
- **l.** Vermont ENA State Council Website
  - **i.** Open discussion
  - **ii.** Trying to fix email issue

F. New Business

- **a. Open Discussion**

G. Adjournment

Upcoming Board Meetings

09/11 | 1000–1300 | Gifford Medical Center

11/06 | During Fall Education Day | University of Vermont Medical Center

Regional Educational Opportunities

09/09 | TNCC | University of Vermont Medical Center

10/07 | ENPC | University of Vermont Medical Center

10/21&10/22 | CEN Review | Rutland Regional Medical Center

10/21-10/24 | Adult/Adolescent Forensic Nursing Course

11/06 | Fall Education Day | University of Vermont Medical Center

11/11 | TNCC | University of Vermont Medical Center

12/09 | ENPC | University of Vermont Medical Center