



New Mexico  
Hospital Association

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Allison Kozeliski  
Executive Director  
New Mexico Board of Nursing  
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Dear Allison,

Thank you for including the New Mexico Hospital Association as a key stakeholder in the RN Renewal Task Force. Ellen Interlandi has kept our membership apprised of the progress of the Task Force, and presented the RN-to-BSN issue at our Annual Assembly Meeting on September 19, 2008.

NMHA membership applauds the Board of Nursing's effort to improve the quality of nursing care in New Mexico, and we also recognize the issues and challenges facing the future workforce environment.

In conjunction with your policy development, we strongly urge NMBON to consider the broader policy and educational infrastructure issues associated with a RN-to-BSN plan. Of utmost importance to our membership is an infrastructure and environment that will encourage nurses to enter and remain in the healthcare workforce before the state licensing body tightens the definition of an RN.

At this stage in the deliberations on such an important policy, NMHA must see a proactive plan to expand nursing supply and to allow for more access to BSN completion programs before we can commit to overall support of any proposed RN-to-BSN rule change.

We will continue to partner with all stakeholders in support of nursing education, growth and retention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Dye'.

Jeff Dye  
President and CEO