ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES 50 YEARS

PRESENTED BY
BRENDA LINDAHL, AUBURN CITY SCHOOLS LEAD NURSE
DIANA COLLINS, AASN PRESIDENT, SARALAND SCHOOLS
LABRENDA MARSHALL, ALABAMA STATE SCHOOL NURSE CONSULTANT
First Conference and First National Affiliation 1974-1975
On May 26th, 1970, our professional organization was called, "The Alabama School Nurses Association". The first Presidents under that name were:

- Martha Adams 1970-1971
- Elaine Maxime 1971-1972

On March 15, 1972, the name was changed to the Department of School Nurses under the Alabama Education Association. Later, the name was changed once again to, "The Alabama Association of School Nurses" to the day.

- Mae Wingett 1972-1973
- Lee Boyette 1973-1974
- Elaine Maxime 1974-1975
- Mary Bittle 1975-1976
- Winnie Brown 1976-1977
- Barbara Sims 1977-1978
- Sherry Yarbrough 1978-1979
- Ada Sue Thompson 1979-1980

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At this point in time the By Laws were changed the President serving 2 years.
ALABAMA STATE SCHOOL NURSE CONSULTANTS

Gay Morgan Allan from 1999-2003
Martha Holloway from 2003-2007
Sherry Marbury 2007-2011 (not shown)
ALABAMA STATE SCHOOL NURSE CONSULTANTS

Jennifer Ventress ALSDE Health Administrator Present

LaBrenda Marshall 2015 to Present
School nurses

More than Band-Aids

When most of us think about school nurses, we probably conjure up a vision of someone whose biggest concern is tending to a black eye or maybe a skinned knee. But that would be a misleading picture, to say the least. Today school nurses in Calhoun County deal with some very serious health problems that demand their constant attention. But they are also expected to provide advice and education to children on a range of health matters. They have serious business — indeed.

It seems, then, that they should be provided with the necessary ammunition to carry out their job. But the truth is the school nurses in our county are stretched mighty thin.

Take Brenda Johnson for example. Until recently she was the only nurse for the county system. For 20 years she was the only one who took care of the 10,000 students in the 17 school system.

Actually we should feel fortunate, because about half of Alabama’s school systems have no nurses.

The good news is that the state Legislature has required that all school systems have at least one nurse starting next year. The law also says that by 2012 there should be one nurse for every 2000 students.

But the truth is the funding may not be available for this ambitious program.

- Nurses do more than just hand out band-aids to kids. They should be an integral part of a school system.

If our legislators are smart they will find the money to reach the goals they have set.

The Anniston Stars

To make a nomination please call 235-9209 and leave a message.
CAROL MCCLENDON AASN PRESIDENT 1994-1995

CAROL MCCLENDON WITH MARTY LISTER
2000 SCHOOL NURSE OF YEAR

CAROLE HOLMAN WAS PRESENTED THE
NASN ACADEMY OF FELLOW AWARD 1999
AASN ADOPTED THE CURRENT AASN LOGO 1982-1983

Mary Montgomery entered the contest for the best design for AASN Logo and her design was selected.

Mary shared a funny story with Diana Collins AASN President: While serving on Ways & Means transporting a television set (Raffle Prize) to an AASN meeting in the Montgomery area, just to bring it back to Mobile because Alice Lewis (from Mobile) was the lucky winner. On another trip: Seeing the fish that Jean Norris, a Homewood School Nurse, caught with a twig and sting in the nearby creek!
PROGRESS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT, BUT A NECESSITY!

HERBERT SPENCER

The Alabama State School Nurses Association
Affiliate of Alabama – NEA
Roles and Responsibilities
Dear Dr. Hammond,

I think a big improvement for city schools is to have a nurse. The kids get sick and spread what they have. It also affects the people in the office. I'm only a kid, but I think everyone would like this improvement.

Sincerely,
1991 School Nurse holding Universal Precaution In-service with Janitorial employee

1992 Jean Norris Examines 1st graders ears
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To provide for registered nurses in the public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The State Board of Education shall require the employment of registered nurses in each city and county school system, contingent on state funding, for each of the below fiscal years based on the following ratios and major fraction thereof:

1. 1999-2000 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every school system.

2. 2000-2001 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 7000 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

3. 2001-2002 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 6500 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

4. 2002-2003 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 6000 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

5. 2003-2004 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 5500 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

6. 2004-2005 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 5000 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

7. 2005-2006 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 4500 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

8. 2006-2007 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 4000 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

9. 2007-2008 fiscal year - A minimum of one nurse for every 3500 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

10. The 2008-2009 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 3000 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

11. The 2009-2010 fiscal year – A minimum of one nurse for every 2500 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

12. The 2010-2011 fiscal year- A minimum of one nurse for every 2000 students, but not less than one nurse for every school system.

Determining the number of students for the purpose of allocating school nurses shall be based on students in Average Daily Membership during the first two scholastic months of the preceding scholastic year on act of Student's public schools, nurses employed exclusively from federal funds shall not be considered in the ratio as required by this Act. Funds provided
THE GREATEST THING IN THIS WORLD IS NOT SO MUCH WHERE WE STAND..... AS IN WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE MOVING.
JANUARY 19, 1984 GOV WALLACE SIGNED THE FIRST SCHOOL NURSE DAY PROCLAMATION
GOVERNOR WALLACE
SIGNING PROCLAMATION
FIRST SCHOOL NURSE DAY

Carol Holman President 1983-1984
is holding the framed photo and
document signed by Gov Wallace on
January 19, 1984. She is in the photo!
MAY 10, 2006, GOVERNOR BOB RILEY SIGNED THE SCHOOL NURSE DAY PROCLAMATION
Alabama Association of School Nurses Event Timeline:

1. Mary Montgomery of Mobile designed the ASN logo and was adopted between 1982-1983
2. 1984 March 25th Senate Joint Resolution 62 adopted - Scoliosis Screening Bill passed
4. 1999 Cedar Rapids Community Schools vs. Garrett F -
5. 2001 SJI-GMPF Delegation by School Nurses got in Alabama Board of Nursing Standard of Nursing Practice with the assistance of Gerrell Lee ABN Executive Officer
7. 2002 ABN Decision for the Revision of Administrative Code; Section 16-X-03-6
8. 2002 Memorandum on Training Requirements to Assist Children with Medications by Gerrell Lee Lawyer and ABN Executive Officer
9. 2003 ABN/ALSDE Curriculum to Teach Unlicensed Assistant Personnel to administer certain medications
10. 2003 Office of Civil Rights - clarification of LIA responsibility vs school sponsored activities
11. 2003 Self Administration of Asthma Law
12. 2003 AASN District lines redrawn from 4 Districts to 8 Districts
13. 2004 Feb 25th Memorandum from North Holloway regarding HIPAA allows and permits schools to disclose immunizations records to ADPH
14. 2004 Sept 2nd ABN ruling regarding OTC medications without MD authorization
15. 2006 Education Trust Fund Budget - additional 19 million for school nurses
16. 2007 Education Trust Fund Budget - additional 7 million for school nurses, established a school nurse salary matrix, total budget 33.7 million
17. 2007 ACT No. 2007-455 Self-Administration of Medications for Chronic Illnesses
18. 2009 Mar 23rd the School Health Assessment document was designed
19. 2009 April 23rd HB 48 School Nurse Bill passed - Ration 5 LPNs to 1 RN with exceptions, each local Superintendent designates one RN for entire school system who will provide annually a full and comprehensive assessment of all student health needs. Alsede hire a School Nurse Consultant, at a minimum all school nurses shall be paid according to statewide salary schedule
SCHOOL NURSES DAY AT THE CAPITOL
THE GREATEST THING IN THIS WORLD IS NOT SO MUCH WHERE WE STAND...AS IN WHAT DIRECTION WE ARE MOVING

OLIVER WENDALL HOLMES
• Jan Ward had a strong understanding and a very educated voice in Legislation as Legislative Chairman for many years! She was on the board of the Alabama Nurse Coalition representing our association. She was a relentless voice for School Nurse!
BRENDA JOHNSON
FROM CALHOUN COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM

Brenda Johson was a relentless voice who made the name of School Nurse known via social media. At that time, it was the local newspaper. You will find many articles and photos by her in the scrapbook on the AASN table.
• School Nurses in the News: School Nurses Being A Voice For Our Profession
2004 SCHOOL NURSE OF YEAR
EMILY STEINER
ALABAMA SCHOOL NURSES ARE REPRESENTED AT NASN ANNUAL MEETING
ALABAMA SCHOOL NURSES ARE REPRESENTED WELL AT NASN ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SCHOOL NURSES GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUCH AS BREAST CANCER AND DIABETES WALK FUNDRAISERS!
AASN ASSISTING FELLOW SCHOOL NURSES AT ENTERPRISE AL IN 2007 WHEN TORNADO HIT ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL THAT KILLED 8 STUDENTS

Enterprise City Schools
Enterprise, Alabama

May 21, 2007

Dear Mr. Moore,

The Enterprise City School System and the entire city are overwhelmed and deeply grateful for the response to our tragedy. The written word is not adequate to express our appreciation, but we do want to offer a heartfelt thank you for your donation for school nurse supplies.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
For the Enterprise City School System
THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE HAS GREATLY CHANGED OVER TIME!
• Elaine has been in school nursing from 1996 until her retirement in 1997 (31 years). She was our 2nd AASN President. She was 1980 School Nurse of the Year. She served as NASN Representative (now State Director) for 4 years. When Elaine went to the NASN meetings she made it clear to them that she was not up there to contribute, but to learn from them to help health service for students in the state of Alabama.

• Elaine believes, “if you enjoy your job, it’s not a job to you.” Elaine was active in legislative issues in school nursing until her retirement.
Early in her career in school nursing, she researched school nursing and started a Health Service Division in Mobile County Public Schools (MCPS). There used to be volunteers that ran the first aid room that were trained by American Red Cross under the supervision of the Principals.

She said there were no budget for Health Services. She went to various department heads within MCPS to beg for monies to pay for school nursing like federal programs, Title I, and special education programs. She stated, "I was trying to get in everybody's pocket!"

She mentioned an instance where the educators ordered military straight stretchers for transportation of sick students, and she was able to trade them in for wheelchairs/stretchers instead.
Elaine said that the Educators did not know what they were doing and really needed a lot of guidance in health concern for students. She said it was constant education that she had to do to explain what nurses do for students.

She remembers that Paul Hubbard with AEA in the 1980's was able to assist her and other AASN member in getting health services for schools across the state of AL.

Elaine said that the biggest challenge was, "Getting Educators to understand what a nurse can do for child health."

Elaine's Biggest Advice to be given to young new school nurses was, "Communicate with your community-like organizations that could be supportive for school nursing!"

Elaine was always giving speeches and advocating for school nursing to various organizations that can help in the area of school health. "I always wanted to tell my story so we could get help!"