1. New School Health/School Nursing Initiatives

School nursing presence on IEPs for students with special health care need in an effort to increase billing for Medicaid reimbursement for same

On-line orientation module for new school nurses as a pre-requisite to the regular School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities course

Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health grant work – CDC 1305 grant

Guidance for local response to new epinephrine legislative requirements

Modification of Health Module within Power School for school nurse access to state-wide method of documentation (none existed prior to this effort)

Continued work on a research network

2. Legislative Action (s)

§ 115C-375.2A Supply of Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injectors on School Property

Passed during the short session, this statute will be in effect November 1, 2014 and requires at least two auto-injectors on school property for use in undiagnosed anaphylactic reactions. All public schools are included, regular, charter and regional.

Avoided legislation that would change the way positions through the School Nurse Funding Initiative are allocated. The change would have reduced the number of positions which would have impacted local position decisions due to a ‘no supplanting’ requirement for the positions.

3. Changes in School Nursing Practice

Modified guidance for LEAs in responding to intranasal versed orders;

School nurse role and delegation of student health procedures on out-of-state field trips

Working with BON on both
4. Guidelines/Documents/Publications developed and/or revised

   2014 Sixth Edition of the NC School Health Program Manual revision was completed and posted. [http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/lhd/manuals.htm](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/lhd/manuals.htm)

   2012-13 NC Annual School Health Services Report was completed and posted. [http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/stats/](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/stats/)

5. Current/Recent/Ongoing Research Projects related to school health/school nursing in your state (conducted by you or others)

   Step Up and be Counted (like everyone else)
   North Carolina School Nurse Individual Education Program Survey, May 2014. Sought to describe the current level of engagement of school nurses with IEP teams and barriers to that engagement; data in use to educate Exceptional Children staff and school nurses about the school nurse role and increase school nurse presence

6. Challenges you are experiencing as a state school nurse consultant

   Budget reductions and loss of key support personnel
   View of current elected administration regarding the role of public health programs
   Increasingly stringent publication review process being applied to all documents and power point presentations

7. Web address for your agency and relevant links to health topics/resources

   [http://ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/](http://ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/) other links provided above

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