



# BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

*A CASE TO LIMIT APRN PRACTICE*




## PURPOSE/GOAL:

- ▶ To demonstrate the implementation of an evidence informed process to assure the ability of APRNs to practice neuroanatomic acupuncture in Michigan.

Obj. 1: By the end of this presentation, the participant will be able to identify a process to change legislation to promote access to high quality, safe, integrative techniques provided by APRN/DNPs.

Obj. 2: the participant will be able to identify an evidence informed process for participating in a public policy scope of practice infringement.

Obj. 3: The participant will be able to turn conceptualized tenets of evidence based translational research into evidence informed translational “action”.



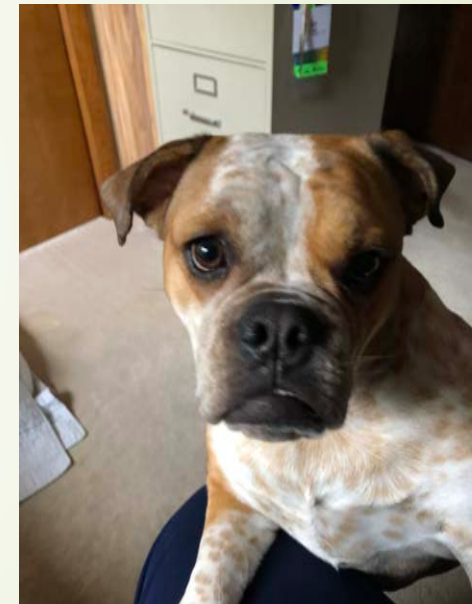
# Evidence informed health policy

## Loversidge, JM. (2016)

- ▶ Step 0: Cultivate a Spirit of Inquiry in the policy culture or environment.
- ▶ Step 1: Ask the policy question in a PICOT format.
- ▶ Step 2: Search for and collect the most relevant best evidence.
- ▶ Step 3: Critically appraise the evidence.
- ▶ Step 4: Integrate the best evidence with issue expertise and stakeholder values and ethics.
- ▶ Step 5: Contribute to the health policy development and implementation process
- ▶ Step 6: Frame policy change for dissemination to the affected parties
- ▶ Step 7: Evaluate the effectiveness of the policy change and disseminate the findings.

## What happened? Steps 0 - 3


- ▶ 1. Nose in the air
- ▶ 2. Identify the players, keep sniffing in the wind
- ▶ 3. What is actually happening? What is the motivation?
- ▶ 4. Who is your network?
- ▶ PICOT question: For APRNs who perform acupuncture, how does SB 683 impact their ability to practice neuroanatomic acupuncture in Michigan





## Key Players Steps 2 - 5

- ▶ MiChi
- ▶ Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
- ▶ Michigan Medical Acupuncture Association
- ▶ American Manual Medicine Association
- ▶ Beth Derwin, JD, RN
- ▶ Senate Health Policy Committee
- ▶ House State Policy Committee
- ▶ Michigan Board of Acupuncture
- ▶ Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine



## Step 6 and 7 How to Traverse Policy Making:

- ▶ Short (2008)
- ▶ Nurse need to understand policy making
  - ▶ Staffers
  - ▶ Access: meet, personalize, story telling, fact sheets
  - ▶ Trust: be honest, available, helpful
  - ▶ Pertinence: What committees or jurisdictions are important to the politician?
  - ▶ Build image: Avoid appearing self serving, focus on service to population, understand all sides of the issue.
  - ▶ Identify policy solutions that differ locally, nationally, identify unintended consequences



## To review:

- ▶ APNs heard through network grapevine that a bill was being introduced that may affect their ability to perform neuroanatomic acupuncture
- ▶ Identified group sponsoring the bill
- ▶ Identified group that was against the bill – notified MiChi
- ▶ Attended meeting with antagonists of bill who formed organization
- ▶ Met with MiChi through social media and on ground, and Mi State Board of Nursing
- ▶ Contacted B. Derwin JD, RN, dissected bill, met with HP staffer
- ▶ Developed alternative language, kept in touch with HP staffer
- ▶ Presented testimony to Health policy committee, written and attended committee meeting, met HP staffer.



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## Final Status:

- ▶ APRN's practice not encroached
- ▶ Bill not passed
- ▶ Bill being re-written, latest update October 2018
  - ▶ No mention of overreach
  - ▶ Redefined acupuncture practice
  - ▶ No effect on APRN practice (APRN functions under Michigan Board of Nursing).