

Week 8 Discussion: Health Policy and Ethics

1. Go to your state government web page.
2. Find one health policy enacted within the last two (2) years at the state level. Write down the bill number and the sponsors of the bill and include this information in your initial post.
3. Write a minimum of a one-page critical analysis summary of the policy. (250 words double spaced, APA). Your summary should integrate the concepts of advocacy, population health, and the ANA ethical statements ("The Code"), and course readings, to include a minimum of one course scholarly article (provided within the course). Be sure to speak to the role of advocacy and population health.

Answer

Data from the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics indicates Florida's unintentional and undetermined drug overdose deaths more than doubled from 2014 to 2016, with 2175 deaths in 2014, 2,805 in 2015, and 4,672 in 2016. Furthermore, Florida's opioid overdose rate has tripled since the turn of the century according to Florida's Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council 2016 Annual Report, and there has been a substantial increase in deaths associated with fentanyl and heroin-related drug use.

ANA believes the current crisis calls for additional support and focus on prescriber education --- advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) education already prepares practitioners to effectively and safely prescribe opioids, Taking steps to ensure that health care professionals who prescribe opioids are properly trained and educated in opioid prescribing is a