

**Advocacy Team – Summary**  
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The Advocacy Team has been working hard since our spring meeting in Cincinnati. Our primary focus has been Allied Health Professions Week 2001 promotion. I am proud to say that through cooperation and diligence as well as much collaboration between NN2, ASAHP and HPN we were able to distribute over 700 packets of material to professional organizations, deans of two and four year colleges and accrediting agencies. We developed and produced the packets, which included a cover letter, an advertisement sheet of promotional material, and a professionally printed handbook for celebrating Allied Health Professions Week. Through this effort we were able to agree on a definition of Allied Health, a logo for AHPW, dates for the celebration and to secure financial support from several resources. We were also able to finally create an accurate database of over 700 names and addresses of prominent players in Allied Health. We were able to post all information in downloadable form on four separate websites. Steps for the future include implementing a way to follow-up on what was done with the distributed information as well as recognition for those who did an outstanding job promoting Allied Health Professions Week.

In the weeks to come the Advocacy Team will focus on announcing Allied Health Professions Week to groups related to allied health including federal legislators, guidance counselors, AMA, AHA/ASSHRA, etc.

Our next priority will be to thoroughly research the possibilities of nominating Allied Health professionals to several advisory committees within HRSA. This will be a significant conduit for allied health advocacy on a national level and a way to learn first hand about policy changes in government that will effect allied health practices. We can also use our link to the advisory committees as a promotional tool to attract other professional groups to HPN. Before the next meeting we hope to distribute a nomination form to HPN participants via the listserve and to gather all the necessary information to successfully nominate a committee member.

Much thanks to the Advocacy team for all your work over the past 6 months. Together we have accomplished a lot! If you wish to join the Advocacy Team, please email me at [tmgreen123@aol.com](mailto:tmgreen123@aol.com)

