Problem Stream: Increased demand, diminished supply
Increasing number of patients due to:
• expansion of insurance coverage
• aging population
Nearly 50% of Virginians do not receive adequate primary care
Diminishing number of physicians in VA due to:
• Aging/retirement
• Opting for specialty practice

Policy Stream: Legislation supporting Full Practice Authority in Virginia

Politics Stream: Support from multiple perspectives
• Grassroots movement to initiate support from Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners, Virginia Nurses Association
• Special interest support including AARP
• National trend support full practice authority, Virginia is one of 12 states with restricted scope of practice

Opening the Policy Window: Partnering for Change
Successful policy development requires coalition building across disciplines

Nursing
• Outcome studies demonstrate nurse practitioner led care initiatives are equivalent to physician led initiatives
• All 50 State Boards of Nursing adopted the APRN Consensus Model

Public Policy
• National conversation on enacting of Triple Aim
• Vested interest in translating evidence into policy to improve well being of those in the Commonwealth

Agenda: Steps to Success
Setting the agenda requires an in-depth examination of the Problem. You will want to:
1. Engage stakeholders
2. Consider rhetoric (societal perspective)
3. Who will be impacted?
4. What resources are needed?
5. Impact on the community?

After defining the problem, consider these Action steps:
1. Creating a buzz with politicians
2. Public opinion polls
3. Crafting a policy brief to summarize key points for all stakeholders

References