



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
September 15, 2025

2024-25 Leadership Information

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2025-26 Anticipated Leadership Information

- Sarah JanTausch, sarah@valuesbasedcareers.com, 740-816-4909
- Co-Chair role replacing Elle will be filled by 10/1/2025

Committee Membership

- **Committee Members** - Natalie Kauffman, Lana Kaye Farley, Steve Myers, Sherita Bryant, Patricia Ferguson, Margi Williams, Steven D. Thomas, Saecilia Jackson, Ann Dawson, Diana Bailey, Eugenie Lewis, Christine Yancey, Nina Talley,
- **Board Liaison** - Carolyn Jones
- **ACA Contacts** - Guila Todd & Caitlin Flanagan

Committee Activities to Date

- Assisted state CDAs with establishing government relations committees and building advocacy efforts
- Created state-level reporting system through Fiscal Note/Policy Note
- Participated in strategic planning activities for committee direction and operations
- Completed Policy Workstream process development to codify identification and advocacy procedures for critical legislation and regulations
- Completed a Guidance Document for policy projects, creating a checklist for effective project management
- Authored a comprehensive Communication Strategy to guide and expand the committee's communication functions
- Conducted committee and Board training on FiscalNote and VoterVoice to support effective advocacy
- Created a User Guide for FiscalNote and VoterVoice for new and existing users (see User Guide for FiscalNote and VoterVoice)
- Submitted NCDAA policy statements
- Hosted a webinar on April 28, 2025, for NCDAA members focused on FiscalNote, VoterVoice, and grassroots advocacy

- Distributed NCDAs Government Relations Survey to assess impact of recent Executive Orders and gather advocacy stories for congressional engagement
- Developed weekly federal reports on legislation and regulatory activity relevant to the career development field
- Launched weekly, state-specific reports to support CDAs with localized legislative and regulatory updates
- Completed a GRC webpages audit and updates
- Updated communications to committee members to enhance collaboration
- Expanded committee membership and onboarded new members
- Present at the 2025 NCDAs Conference on Government Relations Committee accomplishments, advocacy planning, and deliver a brief advocacy training
- Supported pro-bono federal worker career development project through administrative support and promotion including answering questions from federal workers and providing the list upon request

Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30

- Continue outreach and engagement with state and federal legislators
- Sustain weekly reporting to committee, Board, and interested NCDAs members on relevant federal legislative and regulatory developments
- Continue efforts to recruit new committee members and increase committee engagement
- Expand state reporting infrastructure and resources to CDAs
- Deliver 2025 award to Senator