Lisa Baum Biography

Lisa Baum, M.A., CSP, CSPHA is the Lead Occupational Health & Safety Representative for the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA). NYSNA represents over 42,000 nurses in the state of New York at both public and private healthcare facilities.

Until it was recently disbanded, Lisa served as a member of the CDC's Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, a scientific advisory committee providing recommendations on best practices for infection control in healthcare settings.



Ms. Baum has over 25 years' experience in the field of occupational safety and health. In her work for the AFT, AFSCME and NYSNA, she has assisted workers in a wide range of occupations with a focus for over a decade on the occupational hazards experienced by healthcare workers.

Her work has included training hundreds of workers on the hazards and best methods of preventing hazardous conditions in the healthcare work environment, inspecting healthcare worksites and recommending safety measures to improve conditions, assisting nurses in bargaining for improved safety language in collective bargaining agreements, assisting nurses with OSHA, NYS Department of Health and NYS Department of Labor complaints, testifying before state and federal agencies regarding occupational hazards in healthcare settings, advocating for improved state and federal safety standards and advocating for pandemic and disaster preparedness for the healthcare industry.

Lisa has served on the NYS Department of Health Commissioner's Safe Patient Handling Work Group, the New York Committee for Safety and Health Infectious Disease Committee and the NYS Zero Lift Task Force.