Role-play proposal for the Workshop

Legislative Module
Theme: Redesign of the health care system with nurses's support and involvement

Indications:
Create a working-group of 5-7 persons. In the group, assign to each of you the following tasks, two persons may choose to answer one task. Each task must be answered to.

Read carefully the following abstract:

"Nurses are well aware that today's health care system is in trouble and in need of change. The experiences of many nurses practicing in the real world of health care are motivating them to take on some form of an advocacy role in order to influence a change in policies, laws, or regulations that govern the larger health care system. This type of advocacy necessitates stepping beyond their own practice setting and into the less familiar world of policy and politics, a world in which many nurses do not feel prepared to operate effectively. Successful policy advocacy depends on having the power, the will, the time, and the energy, along with the political skills needed to 'play the game' in the legislative arena."
Source: http://www.nursingworld.org

Tasks

1. Talk about the actual health care system in the country. Discuss the problems of the system, the consequences of these issue on the medical staff, the patients and the health services in general.
2. Describe, in a few lines, the main characteristics of the policies, laws and regulations that govern the health system in the country. (*Other participants may come with additional ideas*.)
3. Talk about the current measures, if any, at your workplace, taken by nurses who decided to step beyond their own practice setting and influence the internal or external policies and regulations.
4. Talk about a successful example/practice/case of a nurse or medical personality that managed to influence the legal health system and policies, in your country or outside the country.
5. Imagine you would take the advocacy role discussed in the paragraph above. What would be the changes you would do, legislation wise, to influence a change in the system and its policies? (*Everybody in the group will answer this question shortly*.)