



Newsletter - Fall 2015

A Message from the Director



Wow, what an exciting season for the PA Action Coalition! This fall, the Coalition has been busy—planning, convening, and inspiring champions who are advancing a healthy Pennsylvania through nursing. PA Action Coalition leaders were visible throughout the state at conferences and meetings in Gettysburg, Lancaster, Hershey, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh – spreading the word about our mission to implement the *Future of Nursing* recommendations through strategic partnerships across professions and sectors. In September, we welcomed the [Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania](#) (SNAP) to the AC’s Advisory Board. We are thrilled to be working with the next generation of nurse leaders in healthcare, education, business, policy, and more.

Meanwhile, the nation continues to see the impact of the Future of Nursing report, most recently through an evaluation conducted by the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine), “[Assessing Progress on the IOM Report The Future of Nursing](#)”

I encourage you to keep emailing us at paaction@ncc.us and to share the work you and your organizations are doing to advance a healthy Pennsylvania through high-quality, accessible, and safe nursing. You can also stay up-to-date by following us on Twitter ([@paaction](#)), liking us on

Facebook ([facebook.com/paactioncoalition](https://www.facebook.com/paactioncoalition)), and
visiting www.paactioncoalition.org.

As always, thank you for all the work you do to advance a healthy
Pennsylvania through nursing.

Best,

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Press and Publications

"Assessing Progress on the IOM Report The Future of Nursing" released on December 4, 2015

In 2014, the National Academy of Medicine, formerly known as the Institute of
Medicine, conducted an evaluation of the impact of the 2010 Future of
Nursing report. The evaluation included public testimony and comments and
a review by an independent committee of experts. To access the
report, [CLICK HERE](#).

The assessment resulted in ten recommendations that refine and advance
the recommendations of the 2010 report. The recommendations are driven by
three themes:

1. The need to build a broad coalition to increase awareness of nurses' ability
to play a full role in health professions practice, education, collaboration, and
leadership;
2. The need to continue to prioritize promoting diversity in the nursing

workforce; and

3. The need for better data with which to assess and drive progress.

Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Adviser for Nursing and Campaign for Action Director at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, responds in a joint statement by the Campaign for Action and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that the “impact study will help us hone our efforts and continue galvanizing our profession” and urges the Action Coalitions to continue collaborating across professions and sectors. “We will not realize a Culture of Health in our country without nurses and we must equip them to take up their role in making our schools, our communities, our corporations, and our nation healthy,” she says.

The full joint statement commenting on the new report is [AVAILABLE HERE](#).

PA-AC Advisory Board Chair Paula Milone-Nuzzo publishes an article in Journal of Nursing Education, October 2015

Improving Rural Health Through Support for Academic Progression

In her article discussing rural health, Paula Milone-Nuzzo writes about the promise of academic progression for nurses. For nurses in rural settings, access to educational programs is complicated by factors such as difficulty accessing online courses because of reduced bandwidth in the community and limited professional mobility within their rural community (Gorski, 2011). Because of the complexities faced by rural nurses in advancing their education, nurse educators need to ask, “How can we achieve the Future of Nursing recommendations regarding educational advancement of nurses in rural America?”

To read the full article by Dr. Milone-Nuzzo, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Study Shows Nurse Practitioners Have Reduced the Number of Avoidable Hospitalizations

A recent study indicates that patients who receive primary care from a nurse practitioner (NP) are less likely to have potentially avoidable hospital admissions. Researchers from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston studied treatment and hospital admissions for diabetic patients and found an association between NP-delivered primary care and reduced hospital admissions in non-metropolitan urban and rural areas. The study provides support for efforts to remove barriers to high-quality care by enabling NP's to practice to the full extent of their training and education

To learn more and access the article published in Medical Care (subscription required), [CLICK HERE](#).

PA-AC Executive Committee member organization, the National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC), selected for Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative

NNCC, in partnership with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), was selected to participate in the Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative through the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant is one of ten "Support and Alignment Network" grants awarded to national and regional collaborative healthcare transformation networks and supporting organizations to provide technical assistance and support. The project will provide technical assistance for more than 7,000 nurse practitioners and other clinicians to expand their services and increase access to high-quality and affordable healthcare through nurse-led care.

For more information on this initiative, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Hearing on Full Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners in Pennsylvania

On October 22nd, the Pennsylvania State House Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing to discuss the impact of HB765, introduced by Representative Jesse Topper (R-78). If passed, the bill would grant nurse

practitioners in Pennsylvania full practice authority by removing the requirement that nurse practitioners enter into a collaborating agreement with a physician.

To read a summary of the bill, please [CLICK HERE](#).

CCA Hosts Roundtable on Innovations in Technology and Workforce Development

On October 26th, CCA hosted "Innovations in Healthcare: The Role of Technology and Workforce Development in the Delivery of High-Quality Care." This symposium, sponsored by Meda Pharmaceuticals and Follett Corporation, focused on the growing role of the retail health industry, itself an innovation in healthcare delivery, and how the industry can continue to expand services, improve patient outcomes and increase the accessibility of affordable and high-quality healthcare through innovations in technology and workforce development. As a state with over 350 retail clinics, Pennsylvania represented an important voice at the roundtable and for the voice of nurses as leaders in an innovative healthcare delivery model.

U.S. Senate Recognizes the Importance of Nurse-led Care

On Thursday November 5th, the U.S. Senate passed Resolution 303, which designated the week of November 8-14 as National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week. Pennsylvania has 31 nurse-led health clinics and is a national leader in nurse-led models of care. The resolution was introduced by Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR). Its language highlights nurse-managed health clinics as a vehicle for delivering a wide range of primary care, disease prevention, and wellness services to the underserved. It also praises the clinics for their role in educating the next generation of nurses.

To read the official press release describing the resolution, please [CLICK HERE](#).

The text of the resolution can be found [HERE](#).

New CCA Report- Retail Clinic Partnerships: The Value Proposition for Hospitals and Health Systems

This month, CCA released a report highlighting the core benefits of partnerships between retail clinics and hospitals and health systems. To date, there are over 100 affiliations and this number is growing as the cost saving value and the high-quality care retail clinics offer begin to receive wider recognition. The core benefits of retail clinic partnerships are: (1) increased access to care, (2) expansion of services, (3) improved quality of care, (4) and increased continuity of care and compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

To read the report in detail, please [CLICK HERE](#).

PA Action Coalition Updates

Plans in progress for the Promise of Nursing: Pennsylvania Gala

The PA-AC is working with Johnson & Johnson to host a Promise of Nursing gala here in Pennsylvania. Gala steering committee participants include representatives from the Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders, Pennsylvania Higher Education Nursing Schools Association (PHENSA), Nurse Diversity Council of the PA-AC, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, and University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. Proceeds from the gala will go toward scholarships for nursing students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. The gala is slated for June 23, 2016 at the Crystal Team Room in Philadelphia. Invitations and additional information will follow.

Interested in sponsoring the event? Email paaction@ncc.us to learn more.

Paradigms in Nursing Conference on November 9th-10th

Nurses from around the nation visited Philadelphia in early November for the “Paradigms in Nursing Leadership” Conference, sponsored by the Independence Blue Cross Foundation and National League for Nursing Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania’s nurses came out in droves to learn more about the innovative work nurses are leading. The conference focused on the transferability of nursing skills to fields beyond traditional practice and the current transformation of leadership in nursing. Select nurses also attended a pre-conference workshop on November 9th focused on board development. Speakers at the conference include PA-AC champions such as co-lead organization representative Tine Hansen-Turton and Dean Toni Villarruel from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Nurse Diversity Council meets for semi-annual meeting

Members of the Nurse Diversity Council met on November 6, 2015 to discuss plans for the upcoming year. RWJF Executive Nurse Scholar and NDC Co-Chair Rita Adeniran reviewed preliminary findings from her Cultural Competence Education and Awareness project. The Nurse Diversity Council and PA-AC want to thank the numerous participants in this survey, which received over 1,200 responses. Results and recommendations of the project are forthcoming, and the NDC is currently planning a conference to highlight this and other important work on diversity and cultural competence in Pennsylvania for October 2016.

Nurse Residency Council reconvenes for strategic planning in October 2015

The PA-AC’s Nurse Residency Council met for an in-person meeting at Hershey Medical Center on October 1st to discuss plans to implement residency programs in Pennsylvania. The workgroup, led by Amy Ricords, Director of Nursing Education and Professional Development at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, is developing a statewide strategy for advancing

efforts to implement nurse residencies through outreach, education, and partnerships. The group will reconvene on December 17, 2015. If you are interested in getting involved, please email paaction@nccc.us.

PA-AC shares updates with Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders

On October 22, 2015, PA-AC Director Sarah Hexem provided an update on the Coalition to a group of nearly 200 nurse executives at the 2015 PONL Nurse Leadership Conference in Gettysburg. Ms. Hexem shared with the group the evolution of the Coalition and current advisory board and executive committee membership as well as the Coalition workgroups designed to implement the recommendations of the IOM around diversity, leadership, data, practice innovation, and education. PONL is a member organization of the PA-AC and its mission is “to advance contemporary nurse leadership through advocacy, professional networking, education and implementation of the Institute of Medicine – The Future of Nursing Report recommendations.”

To learn more about these pillars of the IOM, visit paactioncoalition.org or campaignforaction.org.

PA-AC workshops at the Nurse Alliance Fall Education Forum 2015

Approximately 600 nurses convened in Lancaster on September 23, 2015 for the “Nurses Rising” conference. The conference highlighted the role of nurses in leading innovation and featured speakers such as PA Secretary of Health, Karen Murphy. Between 50-75 nurses attended workshops facilitated by leaders in the PA Action Coalition. The first workshop, led by Advisory board chair Paula Milone-Nuzzo, concerned how educational advancement increases leadership opportunities. Nurse Diversity Council Co-chair Rita Adeniran led the other workshop on the topic of developing a diverse and culturally competent nursing workforce. The Nurse Alliance is part of SEIU Healthcare PA, an Advisory Board member organization of the PA-AC.

Spotlight: Nurses of PA

Most Powerful and Influential Women Awarded to the PA-AC's Nurse Diversity Council Co-Chair, Dawndra Jones

The National Diversity Council awarded Dawndra Jones, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at UPMC McKeesport Hospital, a Most Powerful and Influential Women award for 2015. The National Diversity Council is “committed to fostering a learning environment for organizations to grow and leverage their knowledge of diversity.” The award honors women not only for their personal success, but those who forge a path for other women. The award ceremony was held in Pittsburgh at the National Diversity Council's Sixth Annual Leadership Conference on October 22, 2015.

Read more the award highlighting a Pennsylvania nurse and PA-AC leader, Dawndra Jones, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Dr. Roberta Waite Receives 2015 PSNA Distinguished Nurse of the Year Award

Dr. Roberta Waite was named the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) 2015 PSNA Distinguished Nurse of the Year. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the award and Dr. Waite's influential work to raise awareness on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), among her many accomplishments throughout her career.

Looking Ahead

2016 World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit:

January 22-23, 2016 at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa in Dana Point, CA will feature Joe Kiani, Foundation Chairman and CEO of Masimo and founder of the Patient Safety Movement. Masimo is the non-nursing co-lead organization of the PA Action Coalition and represented by CNO Michael

Becker. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).