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A Message from the Director



Greetings in 2016 and a warm welcome to our newest members!

Last year marked the five-year anniversary of the groundbreaking 2010 Institute of Medicine report: *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. In December 2015, Action Coalition leaders throughout the country convened in Washington, D.C. for the Campaign for Action Summit and heard from leaders such as Dr. Victor Dzau, President of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), Lisa March Ryerson, President of the AARP Foundation, and Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, President and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The message was clear: nursing remains essential to efforts to improve health and health care in our nation. Pennsylvania remains incredibly proud to be part of this national movement, and I encourage you to watch the five-year anniversary [video](#) created by the Campaign for Action capturing many of the success of the past five years.

Looking ahead, I want to draw your attention to three important initiatives in 2016:

First, today marks the kick off of [Leap into Leadership](#), and we need all of the nurses of Pennsylvania to visit www.nursesonboardscoalition.org to sign up and be counted if you are on a board. Read more about the Nurses on Boards Coalition below.

Second, the PA Action Coalition will be raising money to support diversity in the nursing profession through scholarships, faculty fellowships, and small grants that advance the *Future of Nursing* recommendations related to diversity. The forum? A [Promise of Nursing for Pennsylvania Gala](#), hosted in partnership with Johnson & Johnson on June 23, 2016 at the Crystal Team Room in Philadelphia. We hope you can join us. To purchase a table or learn about sponsorship opportunities, please email paaction@ncc.us.

Lastly, the *Future of Nursing* recommendations continue to provide a blueprint for our work as a Action Coalition, and, since the 2014 unveiling of RWJF's Culture of Health Action Framework, Pennsylvania is increasingly highlighting the important ways that nursing advances the Culture of Health in our state. As just one example, on October 20, 2016, the PA Action Coalition's Nurse Diversity Council will be hosting a conference at Robert Morris University entitled, "[Pennsylvania's Healthcare Mosaic: Building a Culture of Health Equity](#)." Stay tuned for more information.

I look forward to sharing more initiatives of the PA Action Coalition as the year unfolds. As always, please send any information about the work you are doing to advance the *Future of Nursing* for a healthy Pennsylvania by emailing paaction@ncc.us, so that we can help spread the word. And, of course, thank you for all that you do every day to improve health and health care through nursing.

Best,

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PA Action Coalition Updates

Nurse Residency Council Plans Statewide Residency Program

The Nurse Residency Council of the PA Action Coalition has vetted a standardized statewide residency program, and the PA Action Coalition will be rolling out this strategy in 2016. To learn more or get involved, please email paaction@nccc.us.

Regional Teams (re)Launched



Miss the deadline to become involved with your Regional Team? Fear not, many regional team leads are still accepting applications to serve on their executive teams. If you are interested, email paaction@nccc.us.

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the application.

Need more information? [CLICK HERE](#) to view the webinar recording from February 3, 2016 discussing the Regional Team (re)Launch and highlighting some of the exciting things we have in store for 2016.

Networking and Mentoring Event: Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship Program

On February 24, 2016, PA Action Coalition leaders joined the most recent cohort of Carpenter Community Nursing Fellows for an evening of networking

and mentorship at the PA-AC Headquarters in Philadelphia. This is the first of what will be an ongoing effort by the PA-AC to connect leaders dedicated to advancing the *Future of Nursing* with students and rising nurse professionals in a variety of settings.

Opportunities for Involvement

Leap Into Leadership Week February 29- March 4, 2016



Among its critical recommendations, the *Future of Nursing* report recommends increasing the number of nurse leaders in pivotal decision-making roles on boards and commissions that work to improve the health of everyone in

America. The Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) was created in response, as a way to help recruit and engage nurses to step into leadership roles.

The NOBC represents nursing and other organizations working to build healthier communities in America by increasing nurses' presence on corporate, health-related, and other boards, panels, and commissions. The coalition's goal is to help ensure that at least 10,000 nurses are on boards by 2020, as well as raise awareness that all boards would benefit from the unique perspective of nurses to achieve the goals of improved health in the United States. We encourage each and every one of you, over 3 million strong, to visit www.nursesonboardscoalition.org, sign up to be counted if you are on a board and read more about the efforts being made to help build the future of our profession.

Best Practice Summit:

Reshaping Your Clinical Work and Workforce for Rising Care Expectations

April 28-29, 2016

Hyatt at the Bellevue

200 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

Johnson & Johnson Gala 2016- The Promise of Nursing for Pennsylvania



Thursday, June 23, 2016
6:00pm- Reception
7:00pm- Dinner
Crystal Tea Room
100 E Penn Square
Philadelphia, PA 19107

For table sponsorship information, please email paaction@ncc.us

Save-the-Date: 2016 PA-AC Stakeholders Summit

Thursday, June 23, 2016
2:00pm-4:00pm
Public Health Management Corporation
1500 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19012
Leaders from the regional teams, action teams, and advisory board will be meeting before the Promise of Nursing gala at the PA-AC headquarters.

The Nurse Diversity Council of the PA Action Coalition Presents:



Thursday, October 20, 2016
8:30am-4:00pm

Robert Morris University
6001 University Blvd.
Moon, PA 15108
Registration information coming soon!

**Recently released webinars from the Center to
Champion Nursing in America:**

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[Increasing Access to Care: The APRN Consensus Model 2008 to 2015](#)

[The Numbers Are There: Using Data to Pave the Way to Increased Diversity](#)

[Academic Progression in Nursing Accreditation Webinar](#)

Press and Publications

Veterans Administration Working on Regulations that Would Give Nurse Practitioners Full Practice Authority - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Veterans Health Administration (VHA) have been working on policy changes that would allow all advanced practice registered nurses, including nurse practitioners working within the VHA, to have full practice authority. This rule making process, which has been going on for some time, reached an important milestone on January 8th when a draft of the full practice authority regulations was transmitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a vital step that must occur before this regulation can be published in the Federal Register for public comment. Once the regulations are published, OMB will permit up to 90 days for public comment.

New Article Finds that Nurse Practitioners Cut Costs to Medicare - A new study entitled, "Comparing the Cost of Care Provided to Medicare Beneficiaries Assigned to Primary Care Nurse Practitioners and Physicians" published in *Health Services Research* shows that nurse practitioners are

producing Medicare cost savings. Researchers found that evaluation and management costs were 29% less for nurse practitioner patients when compared to the patients of other Medicare providers. The article also noted that inpatient visit costs were 18% less, and office visit costs were 11% less for nurse practitioner patients.

To read the study's abstract, please click [here](#).

The **Pennsylvania Action Coalition (PA-AC)** is a statewide coalition of nursing and non-nursing stakeholders endorsed by the Campaign for Action: Future of Nursing (a joint-initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP).

The PA-AC works to promote a healthy Pennsylvania through improvements in the quality, accessibility, and safety of nursing. These advances are the result of implementation of recommendations presented by the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Future of Nursing* report and through strategic partnerships throughout the state.

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