June 16, 2021

May 6: The Academy along with members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) submitted written testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. The testimony featured the coalition’s funding requests of $530 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and $193 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research for Fiscal Year 2022. Read more.

May 28: The Academy along with forty-nine members of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) sent letters to Senator Warren and Representative Bustos thanking them for introducing the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021 (S.1220/H.R.2568).

June 15: The Academy hosted a dialogue on the National Academy of Medicine’s recently released report, The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity. Over 500 individuals logged in live to join the conversation. View a recording of the webinar to learn more.
National Clinician Scholars Program

- The National Clinician Scholars Program application process is currently open and the deadline to apply is July 15, 2021 (5 pm PT). NCSP is a unique, two-year interprofessional training program in leadership development and health services research for postdoctoral nurses and physicians. NCSP strives to cultivate change agents who will drive policy-relevant research, partner with communities and stakeholders to confront structural inequities in healthcare delivery and policy, and improve the quality and value of health care nationally and globally via a wide range of careers. Admitted applicants will enter the program in July 2022.

National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

- NINR is seeking applications from outstanding candidates for Director, Division of Extramural Science Programs (DESP) and Clinical Director, Division of Intramural Research (DIR) to provide visionary leadership for the Institute. Both positions are part of the NINR senior leadership team and report directly to the NINR Director. Read More.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)

- Virtual Workshop Webcast: Workshop on Advancing Maternal Health Equity and Reducing Maternal Mortality
  NASEM hosted a workshop examining the current state of maternal health in the United States and the factors needed for communities and healthcare systems to be more effective in reducing maternal morbidity and mortality. It identifies current promising evidenced-informed practices, models, and approaches that apply a life course approach to advance maternal health.

National Academy of Medicine (NAM)

  In response to the devastating impact of COVID-19 on the American health system, NAM convened experts in 9 sectors of health, health care, and biomedical research to review how each sector responded to COVID-19, identify challenges encountered in combating the pandemic, and outline what opportunities exist to reinforce, revitalize, and transform the health system. These insights will be released as 9 NAM Perspectives discussion papers between April and June of 2021, and then bundled into a NAM Special Publication titled Emerging Stronger After COVID-19: Priorities for Health System Transformation, scheduled to be released in Fall 2021.

National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM)
Virtual Workshop Webcast: Addressing the Growing Overdose and Addiction Epidemic
This webinar explored solutions to reduce overdose rates, with a focus on efforts to expand access to evidence-based recovery programs.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- CDC Publishes Clinical Considerations: Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Receipt of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Among Adolescents and Young Adults

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- CMS Bolsters Payments for At-Home COVID-19 Vaccinations for Medicare Beneficiaries
- Four in Ten New Consumers Spend $10 or Less Per Month for HealthCare.Gov Coverage Following Implementation of American Rescue Plan Tax Credits

National Institute of Health (NIH)
- HIV-Related Stigma Research as a Priority at the National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- NINR Strategic Plan for 2022-2026

Congressional Hearings
Based on previous positions taken by the Academy, the following scan is meant for informational purposes and does not directly translate to Academy endorsement. Links provided allow you to watch the recordings and read witness testimony.

House Committee on Energy and Commerce
- May 26: A Shot at Normalcy: Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence
- June 9: A Humane Response: Prioritizing the Well-Being of Unaccompanied Children
- June 15: Booster Shot: Enhancing Public Health through Vaccine Legislation

House Committee on Education and Labor
- May 19: Picking up the Pieces: Strengthening Connections with Students Experiencing Homelessness and Children in Foster Care
House Committee on Ways and Means

- May 27: Worker and Family Support Legislative Subcommittee Hearing on Universal Paid Leave and Guaranteed Access to Child Care
- June 8: Ways and Means Committee Hearing on the President's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget with the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Becerra

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- May 26: Veteran Employment Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic
- May 27: Investing in a Better VA: Examining the Role of Infrastructure in Veterans' Access to Care and Benefits

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs

- June 9: A System to Better Serve America's Veterans: Investing in VA's Infrastructure

Senate Committee on Finance

- June 15: Mental Health Care in America: Addressing Root Causes and Identifying Policy Solutions

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

- May 20: A Dire Shortage and Getting Worse: Solving the Crisis in the Health Care Workforce
- May 25: Executive Session: S. 1675, Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act; S. 1491; S.1662; S. 1301; S. 610; and S. 1658

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