Expert Panel on Building Health Care System Excellence

We are pleased to inform Academy Fellows about an exciting evolution in the Advancing Magnet Expert Panel and to invite you to consider membership in this group. Given the rapid expansion of issues facing health care systems, and the depth of expertise that we have in the Academy for tackling these issues, the board of the American Academy of Nursing appointed a task force in early 2013 to develop a plan to transition the Magnet Expert Panel into an expert panel with a broader charter focused on health care environment practice and policy issues.

The name of the Expert Panel will now be the Expert Panel on Building Health Care System Excellence with an expansive and critically important charter: “Building on the seminal contribution of the Magnet Program, launched originally by the American Academy of Nursing, this Expert Panel will gather, disseminate and translate evidence about nursing’s unique contributions to achieving value based healthcare.”

The five major focus areas identified by the task force include: Healthcare Practice Environments across the Continuum; Healthcare Workforce; the Academy’s role in advancing Magnet Program efforts; Team Based Care; and Service-Academic Partnerships.

Current co-chairs and Expert Panel members as well as new interested members, will target the October Expert Panel meeting time at the Academy’s annual meeting to review the major focus areas; to revise, as necessary; and then to develop a structure (e.g. work groups) with identified leaders and goals for 2014.

Current members of the Expert Panel and new members interested in participating in this exciting new venture are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to advance important policy, research and practices that will contribute to the health of the citizens of our nation and that will assure that nurses and their colleagues are well positioned to assure evidence based, patient and family centered care across the continuum.

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Happy Labor Day!

The Academy offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, to observe Labor Day. The Academy hopes everyone takes a much deserved rest this weekend!

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Fellow Achievements
Linda Schwartz, DrPH, MSN, RN, USAF (Ret), FAAN, has been nominated by President Obama to serve as assistant secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Schwartz is currently the commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs.

JoAnn Maklebust, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, AOCN, FAAN, was presented with National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel's lifetime achievement award for her contributions to NPUAP and to preventing and treating pressure ulcers. To further honor Ms. Maklebust, the award will be named after her.

Linda Q. Everett, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN; and Afaf I. Meleis, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, will each receive the National League for Nursing President's Award.

Beth Mancini, RN, PhD, NE-BC, FAHA, ANEF, FAAN, was honored by University of Texas System Board of Regents for excellence in the classroom.

Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Academy board member, will receive Gerontological Society of America's 2013 Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award.

Miyong Kim, RN, PhD, FAAN, has been named associate vice president for Community Health Engagement by UT Austin. Have News to Share? Let us know!

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