President's Message: Understanding the Nuances of Nurse-Designed Care

The Raise the Voice Initiative is a signature program of the Academy with over 40 current Edge Runners recognized for their innovative and successful models of care. We’re delighted that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has approved a grant to the Academy to partner with the RAND Corporation on examining what these Edge Runners are doing build a culture of health among individuals, families and communities. A press release with more information will be issued soon.

Several years ago following a presentation of the Academy's Edge Runner program to officials at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services asked the Academy, one person asked, "What difference does it make that nurses designed these models of care? Are there commonalities across the models?"

The Academy received support from Lilly USA, LLC, to answer this question with the help of the Expert Panel on Nursing Theory-Guided Practice. The study team consisted of myself, Expert Panel Co-Chairs Dorothy Jones and Sr. Callista Roy, Academy CEO Cheryl Sullivan, and Laura Wood, initially a DNP student and now chief nursing officer at Boston Children's Hospital. We conducted focus groups with Edge Runners and identified four primary themes that underscore that nurses develop models of care that are in keeping with the direction of the nation's vision for reforming health care: health is broadly defined; approaches to care are individual-, family-, and community-centric; relationship-based care enables partnerships and builds patient engagement and activation; and there is a shift from episodic individual care to continuous group and public health approaches.

The study is published in the September/October 2015 issue of Nursing Outlook. We hope that this study will be helpful to you and others in talking about the policy implications of nurse-designed models of care, spreading the Edge Runner models, and confirming why nurses need to be at all health-related decision-making tables, as recommended by the Institute of Medicine's (now the National Academy of Medicine) Future of Nursing report.

And look for some of our newest and continuing Edge Runners to be speaking and otherwise participating in our Annual Meeting and Policy Conference. See you there!
2015 Policy Conference

When tweeting at the conference be sure to use #AAN15

Heroes Serving Heroes Reception

Join in the celebration honoring Fellows who have proudly served our nation and our veterans on Friday, October 16th 7:30pm-9:00pm in Declaration B at the Grand Hyatt Washington.

Policy Updates

The Academy was pleased to join with the Nursing Community to thank U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley for his introducing an amendment to restore level funding for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act) during the full Senate Appropriations Committee mark-up of the FY2016 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill.

The Academy endorsed the Medicare Telehealth Parity Act of 2015 (H.R. 2948) that would expand the number of services as well as broaden the inclusion of sites where telehealth services would be covered under Medicare.

Through the Eldercare Workforce Alliance, an Academy strategic partner, the Academy endorsed the RAISE (Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage) Family Caregivers Act of 2015 that would require the development, maintenance, and updating of an integrated national strategy to recognize and support family caregivers by the HHS Secretary.

This summer, Academy Fellow Mary Wakefield was nominated by the President as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Academy was delighted to join the Nursing Community in strong support of her nomination and urged the Senate to confirm Dr. Wakefield.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

The Academy encourages Fellows to apply for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program.

This program is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. Fellows participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care, and health policy.
The fellowship requires, at a minimum, a 12-month residential experience in Washington, D.C., with additional support for health policy leadership development activities. The program will select up to seven fellows.

**Application deadline: November 12, 2015**

[Register for an informational webinar or start your application >](#)

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**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Google Hang Out on Nurse’s Role in Building a Culture of Health**

**Why Nursing is Key to a Culture of Health**

At 3 million strong, and consistently rated in Gallup surveys as the most honest and ethical profession, nurses are of inestimable value to the nation’s health care system. Thanks in part to a groundbreaking Institute of Medicine report and the resulting Campaign for Action, nurses are now taking on leadership roles on the boards of some of America’s largest hospitals and health systems. At the same time, nurses are also innovating how the nation prevents and treats illness, and are advancing the underlying health of communities, businesses, schools, and even prisons.

Please join the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) on October 2, from 12:15–1 p.m. ET for a First Friday Google+ Hangout on how nurses are leading the transformation of care, and advancing health, both inside and outside the clinic walls.

Who:
- Susan Dentzer (Moderator), senior policy adviser to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Sue Hassmiller, PhD, RN, senior adviser for nursing, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and director, Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action
- Anna Young, co-founder, MakerNurse
- Patricia Gerrity, PhD, RN, professor and associate dean for Community Programs, Drexel University and director, 11th Street Family Health Services

When:
Friday, October 2, 2015
12:15 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Prior to the Hangout, you can join the conversation and ask questions on Twitter at #RWJF1stFri.

[Register here: http://rwjf.ws/1idM6Z1](#)

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**Thank You Academy Supporters**

We are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our supporters and their commitment to the Academy. The list below represents Academy supporters who have made unrestricted gifts to the Rheba de Tornyay development fund and/or restricted gifts designated for the Institute for Nursing Leadership at the President’s Circle level of $1,000 and above in August. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy's mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

- William Cody
- Karen Kirby
- Mary Krugman
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- Maria O'Rourke
- Marla Salmon
- Marietta Stanton
Fellow Achievements

Karen S. Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been awarded V. Fred Burry, MD and Sandra Hobart Burry Chair in Nursing Advocacy and Leadership. Dr. Fred Burry and Mrs. Burry established the first endowed chair in nursing advocacy and leadership at Children's Mercy in order to recognize the nurses of Children's Mercy and the entire nursing profession. Dr. Cox will be formally invested as the inaugural Burry Chair in December.

Have news to share?
Let us know

National Nurses on Boards Coalition Seeking Executive Director

The Nurses on Boards Coalition, of which the Academy is a member, is seeking their first Executive Director.

The Executive Director (ED) will have overall strategic and operational responsibility, including fundraising, for NOBC's staff, programs, expansion, and execution of its mission. S/he will initially develop deep knowledge of field, core programs, operations, and business plans.

Full position details and how to apply.

Career Opportunities

(Following are Paid Announcements)

Forsyth Medical Center Distinguished Professorship (Endowed), School of Nursing and Bryan School of Business & Economics

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is seeking an energetic, creative and motivated scholar to serve as the Forsyth Medical Center (Novant Health) Distinguished Professor to support the research, teaching, practice, and service missions and increase collaborations with the School of Nursing (SON) and the Bryan School of Business and Economics. This position supports the graduate programs in both colleges, especially the joint MSN/MBA program and the Executive Leadership Concentration in the new DNP program.

Full position details and how to apply.

Director, Center for Nursing Leadership

The Director for the Center for Nursing Leadership oversees the four major activities of the Center to include: 1) state-wide action coalition/One Voice...
One Plan; 2) Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership program; 3) SC Office of Healthcare Workforce Research for Nursing; 4) Continuing Education Provider. In addition, the Director will serve as a collaborator and faculty in the DNP Nurse Executive program. This position reports directly to the Dean with an appointment rank of Clinical Associate or Clinical Professor.

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