President's Message: What's at Stake

On February 22, 2016 the Huffington Post published the Academy's response to the Whole Woman's 'Health vs. Hellerstedt' case that will determine the future of a provision in abortion care in Texas (see link below). We also affirmed our support of a woman's right to access safe and legal abortion services by participating as an 'amicus brief' on Whole Woman's Health vs. Cole that was filed with the US Supreme Court on Jan. 4, 2016. Our support for these and many other health policy issues is the result of our ability to move quickly in offering our expert opinions because we have phenomenal Fellows working collaboratively within our Expert Panels. The EPs produce thoughtful, relevant, and evidence based policy briefs and position statements. These two particular actions (policy statement and content for the amicus brief) were developed through the expertise and guidance of the Women's Health Expert Panel.

I urge all of our fellows to take a few minutes to review the work of the Expert Panels on the Academy website (www.aanet.org/health-policy). You will be able to see the specific focus of each of our EPs and the work they have produced. It is quite impressive! I also urge you to join an expert panel if you have not already done so. It is one of many ways to engage in the important policy work of the Academy and help take action on policy issues that impact the health of our nation. The Academy is and will remain a critical voice for nursing and health as we address 'what's at stake'.

Click here to view the Huffington Post article.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
President

Policy Updates

The Academy was pleased to support the Eldercare Workforce Alliance in its endorsement of HR 294, Long Term Care Veterans Choice Act introduced by Reps. Jeff Miller, Tom Cole, and Donald Norcross. The legislation would authorize payment for Medical Foster Homes for veterans.

The Board of Directors approved the fellow initiated Special Perioperative Interest Group to focus on issues such as perioperative workforce development and perioperative medical homes. Fellows interested in
participating should contact Ann Minnick (Ann.Minnick@vanderbilt.edu), Lorraine Jordan (LJordan@aana.com), or AkkeNeel Talsma (Talsma@uwm.edu).

PCORI is announcing openings on its seven Advisory Panels. PCORI will consider all applications submitted before March 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST for these openings. The PCORI Advisory Panels are an important way to bring voices from across the healthcare community into its research work. Please review the seven Advisory Panels; when you apply, let Kaylen Hickman (Kaylen_Hickman@AANnet.org) know so that the Academy may write a letter of support.

Academy Conference

Save the date! The 2016 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held October 20 - 22, 2016 at the Marriot Marquis Washington, DC. We look forward to seeing you there.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

2016 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science is now accepting research abstracts for the 2016 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research: Determinants of Health

Conference Dates and Location:
September 15-17, 2016: Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

The abstract submission website is now open. Visit www.conferenceabstracts.com/CANS2016 to submit. You may edit your abstract through Friday, March 11, 2016. Your abstract is considered final after this date and will be reviewed based on the content provided.

Call for Nominations
Deadline: February 15, 2016

Call for Awards
Deadline: April 13, 2016

Call for Grants
Deadline: June 1, 2016

Edge Runner Application

The deadline for the next Raise the Voice: Nurse Edge Runners application submission is June 1, 2016. Please click here for more information.

Fellow Achievements

Suzanne Feetham, PhD, RN, FAAN, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wayne State University in Detroit during the Commencement program on May 5, 2016. The degree is in recognition of Dr Feetham’s more than five decades or media, for depicting exemplary leaders and scholars in the science of research.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN, was awarded the Lillian Wald Service Award from the American Public Health Association in November 2015. The Lillian Wald Service Award is awarded to agencies, individuals, organizations, for depicting exemplary public health nursing especially through legislative, professional, or
of families, integrating genetics and genomics into practice of health professions, and influencing policy to further health equity for all people. Previous recipients include: Walter Reuther, Honorable Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, Aretha Franklin, Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, and Anthony Fauci.

Marylyn Morris McEwen, PhD, PHCNS-BC, FAAN, was awarded the Ruth B. Freeman Award from the American Public Health Association in November 2015. The Ruth B. Freeman Award honors an individual who has had a distinguished career in public health administration, education, policy, practice, or research.

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, RN, CPNP/PMHNP, FNAP, FAAN, earned accolades from the National Cancer Institute and American Journal of Nursing in January 2016. The National Cancer Institute has selected Dr. Melnyk’s evidence-based COPE Healthy Lifestyles TEEN Program for high school adolescents for inclusion in its Research-Tested Intervention Programs (RTIPs) database as an obesity control intervention. Additionally, a book written by Dr. Melnyk has been recognized as a Book of the Year for 2015 by the American Journal of Nursing.

Susan K. Newbold, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, FHIMSS, Tennessee Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) chapter, is the recipient of the 2015 Chapter Leader of the Year Award. This award is presented to one individual who, in the judgment of the HIMSS North America Board of Directors, has demonstrated significant leadership and has made extraordinary contributions to HIMSS chapters, the society, and a commitment to the health IT industry. Dr. Newbold is Director of the Nursing Informatics Boot Camp, Franklin, TN. and is named as a Pioneer in Nursing Informatics.