Policy

On July 3rd, the Academy joined other health care organizations in submitting an amicus brief to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of Karnoski v. Trump. The brief challenged the US Department of Defense transgender military ban citing medical evidence to demonstrate that there is nothing related to being transgender that hinders an individual’s ability to serve. The brief stated that “excluding transgender individuals from military service and denying medically appropriate treatment to active duty transgender service members is discriminatory and conflicts with contemporary medical knowledge and practice.”

On July 12th, the Academy and the American Nurses Association issued a joint statement denouncing the attempt by the United States Delegation to the World Health Assembly to undermine global efforts supporting and promoting breastfeeding. The Academy has long-endorsed human milk and breastfeeding as the preferred method of infant feeding. The statement urged “the Administration to fully support, protect, and promote breastfeeding, nationally and internationally, so that all infants, children, and mothers may receive the undisputed life-saving benefits that breastfeeding provides.” Read the full statement here.

In a related action, the Academy signed on to a letter sent July 13th to the CEOs of six infant formula companies that currently do not comply with the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes that was adopted by the World Health Organization in 1981. The letter, which was signed by several organizations committed to improving the health and nutrition of women and children, asked that the companies publicly commit to upholding the Code and its subsequent resolutions, recognize that the Code applies to all countries, and cease from undermining global efforts to protect breastfeeding and countries’ efforts to enact and implement national Code legislation and regulations. Read the letter here.

Academy Leadership Elections

Voting is now open for the 2018 Academy elections. Fellows in good standing have through August 20, 2018 to submit their electronic ballot to elect fellows for the following volunteer leadership positions: Secretary (1), Board Members (3), Fellow Selection Committee (5), and Nominating Committee (3).

To submit your ballot and to review the candidate statements and leadership profiles, please visit the elections site here.

2018 Policy Conference

Register now for the Academy’s 2018 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. Take advantage of early bird rates and register by August 3. The conference will be held November 1-3, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

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The Preliminary Program for the 2018 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research - Precision Health is now available! Don't wait to register onsite - regular registration ends August 24, 2018. View the Preliminary Program and register here.

Learn about sponsorship, exhibiting, and advertising opportunities available at the 2018 State of the Science Congress by viewing the Prospectus here. New this year: Postdoctoral opportunities speed networking and employment opportunities speed networking sessions! Questions? Please contact Rachael James.

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In Memoriam: Dorothy J. DeMaio

The Academy mourns the loss of Dorothy J. DeMaio, EdD, RN, FAAN, who died on July 7th surrounded by her children, family and close friends. She was a distinguished nursing leader in New Jersey, received national and international recognition, and was inducted into the Academy in 1978.

Dr. DeMaio spent 16 years at Jersey City Medical Center as staff nurse, educator and supervisor of pediatric service and education. During her 33 years at Rutgers University College of Nursing (now School of Nursing) she developed the first Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program and was an outstanding mentor to students and faculty. As dean for 14 years, she implemented the first mobile unit for child health in the state and facilitated the development of the first PhD nursing program in New Jersey.

Dr. DeMaio twice served as president of the NJ Board of Nursing and was a member of a variety of other health care boards. She served as consultant to the Veterans Administration CEO Search Committee and the Atlantic Health System.

Highly committed to professional nursing, Dr. DeMaio recognized early on the unique impact nurses have and was dedicated to creating innovative educational programs that nurtured students to become leaders in health care for all humans, across the global community. She was a dear friend and colleague who will be missed by many.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dorothy J. DeMaio Research Fellowship, awarded annually to a PhD student at Rutgers School of Nursing. Mail gifts to: DeMaio Research Fellowship, Rutgers University Foundation, 335 George St., Liberty Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Fellow Achievements

Kristin Ashford PhD, APRN, WHNP-BC, FAAN, and colleague Amanda Fallin-Bennett, received a three-year, $688,500 R34 award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse entitled “Behavioral and Enhanced Perinatal Intervention for Cessation (B-EPIC): Reducing Tobacco Use Among Opioid Addicted Women.” Inducted into the Academy in 2015, Dr. Ashford is a
professor and associate dean of Undergraduate Faculty & Interprofessional Education Affairs at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

Basia Belza, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Aljoyta Endowed Professor in Aging, was appointed the new director of the de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging at the University of Washington School of Nursing. The Center serves as a catalyst for promoting healthy aging through its support of research and education. Dr. Belza’s research focuses on dissemination and implementation of evidence-based health promotion programs for older adults. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

Kim Glassman, PhD, RN, FAAN, senior vice president for Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer at NYU Langone Health and associate dean for Partnership Innovation at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, has been named the first-ever endowed Lerner Director for Health Promotion at NYU Langone Health. The honor recognizes Dr. Glassman’s leadership in health promotion—the first of its kind in the country. She was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, was elected by the American Nurses Association Membership Assembly to be the association’s next president beginning in 2019. Dr. Grant is an internationally recognized burn care and fire safety expert and oversees the acclaimed North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center at the University of North Carolina Hospitals in Chapel Hill. In this role, he oversees burn education for physicians and nurses. Dr. Grant was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

Ellen Hahn, PhD, RN, FAAN, and her team received two-year, FY19-20, $310,361 funding from the Kentucky Department for Public Health for their Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy. Funds will be used to provide technical assistance and training to communities on smoke-free policies, including local policy education campaigns related to secondhand smoke. Inducted into the Academy in 2011, Dr. Hahn is professor and director of BREATHE at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

Marilyn D. Harris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, received the 2018 American Nurses Association Distinguished Membership Award for outstanding leadership and contributions to the mission of the ANA. Ms. Harris, a lifetime member of ANA, retired in 1999 as executive director of Abington Memorial Hospital’s Home Care and Hospice. She is a staunch supporter of professional development for nursing staff, including opportunities to develop leadership roles. She was inducted into the Academy in 1988.

Christine Kovner PhD, RN, FAAN, recently received the Research Mentorship Award from the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues of AcademyHealth. Dr. Kovner is the Mary Mezey Professor of Geriatric Nursing at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing and the Principal Investigator of the TL1 program (T-32) at NYU’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute. Inducted into the Academy in 1992, Dr. Kovner is a member of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science.

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