Policy

The Academy was pleased to co-sign a letter with FamiliesUSA and other organizations to DHHS Secretary Alex Azar expressing deep concerns regarding the ineffectiveness of Medicaid demonstration waiver evaluations as documented by the GAO that indicated "CMS has not released available evaluation results from the multi-state evaluation nor set time frames for making these and future federal evaluation findings public." [Read the full letter here.]

The Academy also co-signed another letter with FamiliesUSA and other organizations to congressional leadership urging Congress to reject changes to the 340B program that would limit access to affordable, clinically appropriate, pharmaceuticals for low-income, uninsured, underinsured, and other vulnerable patients. [Read the letter here.]

The Academy joined with the National Partnership for Women and Families and other organizations to co-sign its letter to Congressional leadership in support of the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act and the Maternal Health Accountability Act. The initiative will coordinate the efforts of Many Academy fellows are on theapeutists. [Read about the initiative here.]

The Academy’s policy pages of the May/June issue of Nursing Outlook will include the policy briefs Achieving Advance Care Planning in Diverse Underserved Populations prepared by the Cultural Competence and Health Equity Expert Panel, Palliative Care and End of Life Expert Panel, and LGBTQ Health Expert Panel; African-American Mothers’ Persistent Excessive Maternal Death Rates prepared by the Maternal and Infant Expert Panel; Assessing and Addressing Cardiovascular Risk in Young Women prepared by the Women’s Health and Health Behavior Expert Panels; and An Effective Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Policy will Reduce Infection- and Malignancy-related Morbidity and Mortality prepared by the Emerging & Infectious Diseases Expert Panel.

Health IT for Nursing: What Now?

The Academy is pleased to join the American Nurses Association and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in participating in the “Heath IT for Nursing: What Now?” initiative. This collaboration will address the functional, technical, research and/or policy recommendations required to standardize nursing documentation, reduce nursing documentation burden, and optimize the electronic health record (EHR) to reflect interoperable, longitudinal, interprofessional, person-centered care. The initiative will coordinate the efforts of many stakeholders and create a path forward. Many Academy fellows are on the two major workgroups: Documentation Burden/Standardization and Care Planning. Jane Englebright, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN, former chair of the Information & Technology Expert Panel, will represent the Academy in the leadership of the initiative.

2018 Policy Conference

Registration is now open 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. Explore health care policy issues, network with colleagues, honor Living Legends, and celebrate the new 2018 fellows! Reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

The Academy is now accepting abstracts for electronic poster presentations at the 2018 Policy Conference. The deadline is June 25, 2018. Click here to review guidelines and submit your abstract.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

Registration is now open for the 2018 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research - Precision Health. The conference will be held September 13-15, 2018 in Washington, DC. Click here to for more information and to register.

The Council is now accepting late breaking abstracts for the 2018 State of the Science Congress! The deadline is June 2, 2018. Click here for guidelines and to submit your abstract.

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Have you or a nurse colleague designed an innovative model of care or intervention? If so, the Academy encourages you or your colleague to apply to become an Academy Edge Runner. Applicants do not have to be fellows. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed three times a year. The remaining application deadlines for 2018 are June 1 and September 3. Access the Edge Runner application and criteria here. Direct any questions to Policy & Grants Manager Kim Czubark.

Fellow Achievements

Cathy C. Cartwright, MSN, RN-BC, PCNS, FAAN, received the 2018 Citation of Merit Award from the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing Alumni Organization. The award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding nursing career achievement. Ms. Cartwright received her BSN from the Sinclair School of Nursing and is now a pediatric clinical nurse specialist and director of advanced practice education at Children's Mercy Kansas City. She was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Jerry Durham, PhD, DHL, RN, FAAN, was appointed interim president of Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences this month following his retirement in January as chancellor and professor of nursing at Allen College. In addition, Dr. Durham was recently granted an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Allen College in recognition of his 12 years of service to the college community. Dr. Durham was inducted into the Academy in 1991.

Maureen Fagan, DNP, MHA, FNP-BC, FAAN, was named chief
experience officer for the University of Miami Health System. Dr. Fagan will direct efforts to design and build service excellence across the UHealth System. Previously Dr. Fagan served as executive director of the Center for Patients and Families and associate chief nurse at the Connors Center for Women and Newborns at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She was inducted into the Academy in 2017.

**Julie Fairman, PhD, RN, FAAN**, was selected as the Garrison Lecturer by the American Association for the History of Medicine. Dr. Fairman, the Nightingale Professor in Honor of Nursing Veterans and chair of the Department of Biobehavioral Health Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, is the first nurse to receive this honor. Her lecture was entitled “We Went to Mississippi: Nurses and Civil Rights Activism of the mid-1960s.” A former Academy board member, she was inducted in 1999.

**Dianne Morrison-Beedy, PhD, RN, WHNP, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN**, has joined The Ohio State University as chief talent and global strategy officer and Centennial Professor of Nursing. Previously she served as dean and professor of nursing, public health and global health at the University of South Florida College of Nursing. Dr. Morrison-Beedy’s research has focused on reducing HIV, sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies in adolescent girls. She was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

**Ukamaka M. Oruche, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN**, has been appointed to the Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission by Governor Eric Holcomb. The Commission is responsible for assuring adequate legal and advocacy services for individuals with disabilities throughout Indiana. Dr. Oruche, an associate professor at the Indiana University School of Nursing, is an expert in psychiatric nursing and the mental health needs of family caregivers. She was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

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