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National Coalition Launches Effort to Place 10,000 Nurses on Governing Boards by 2020

Washington, D.C. (November 17, 2014) – The American Academy of Nursing is pleased to be a founding member of the Nurses on Boards Coalition, a group of national nursing organizations working together to increase nurses’ presence on corporate and non-profit health-related boards of directors throughout the country. “Without a nurse trustee, boards lack an authority on the patient experience, quality and safety, and the largest part of the hospital workforce,” *Trustee Magazine*, a publication of the American Hospital Association, wrote recently.

The coalition will implement a national strategy to bring nurses’ valuable perspective to governing boards, as well as state-level and national commissions, with an interest in health. The goal is to put 10,000 nurses on boards by the year 2020. The effort is a direct response to the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* (2011), which recommended nurses play more pivotal roles on boards and commissions in improving the health of all Americans.

“The Academy is pleased to be a part of this important coalition to build the infrastructure for long term work on nurse appointments,” said Academy President Diana J. Mason. “The work aligns with the Academy’s strategic goal of positioning nurses as leaders in health and health care. We will continue our focus on policy-related appointments at the national and state levels and support other nursing organizations in their appointment priorities.”

The effort is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP as part of their collaborative effort to implement the recommendations of the IOM report through the *Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action*.

Members of the coalition are listed below. Other organizations may choose to be a part of this important and historic coalition going forward.

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The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action seeks to promote healthier lives, supported by a system in which nurses are essential partners in providing care and promoting health. An initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Campaign works with Action Coalitions in 50 states and the District of Columbia to implement the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing recommendations. Our vision is to ensure that everyone in America can live a healthier life, supported by a system in which nurses are essential partners in providing care and promoting health. The Campaign is coordinated by the Center to Champion Nursing in America, an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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