

Nursing 2015 Yellow Team
Fall 2011 Status Report
for the
Chief Academic Officers
Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Thank you for the opportunity to once again brief you on current initiatives within the field of nursing in Ohio. I'm sending this report in advance of your October 13th meeting so that my time with you may focus on discussion.

As we move toward the biennial convention of the Ohio Nurses Association later in October, there are quite a few activities to report since the House of Delegates voted its support for the BSN in Ten concept in 2009. We have assessed much data, explored intended and unintended consequences and clarified our thinking as the result of much dialogue with many stakeholder groups.

The publication of the Institute of Medicine Report on The Future of Nursing last October and the Report's far reaching Recommendations are stimulating a variety of activities across the country. Ohio nurses recognize the value of the Recommendations and are also preparing for expanded work toward comprehensive strengthening of the profession in its capacity to improve the delivery of health care in all settings.

As background, then, I offer the following summary:

- In addition to support from the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA), the Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives (OONE) and the Ohio League for Nursing (OLN), endorsements for the concept of the BSN in Ten Initiative have been received from the Ohio Council of Nursing Deans, (OCDD), AD nursing educators (OCADNEA), LPN educators (OOPNE), the Ohio Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, as well as staff at the Ohio Health Care Association and Leading Edge Ohio. Ongoing dialogue with leadership at the Ohio Hospital Association is productive with regard to implementation of the concept. The Board of the Ohio Occupational Health Nurses Association is considering support when they next meet. The Ohio Student Nurses Association (NSNA) Board endorsed the BSN in Ten Initiative and is forwarding a resolution for action in the fall OSNA House of Delegates.
- We have electronically briefed leadership of all the state nursing organizations we could identify as well as the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA), the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation(OHF). We also update the IUUCO (state universities) and AICUO (privates) as well as CAO/OACC. Periodic briefings are provided to the Ohio Board of Nursing. Our stakeholder contacts number 40 organizations and a number of individuals.

- We value the conversations we've had with staff leadership at the Ohio Board of Regents, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, and Ohio AARP about linking initiatives toward better health care for the public. We recognize that the BSN in Ten Initiative is just one aspect of the larger agenda for the Future of Nursing identified in the Recommendations of the 2010 Institute of Medicine Report.
- Jane Mahowald (Ohio League for Nursing) and Sean McGlone (Ohio Hospital Association) convened a statewide meeting at the Ohio Nurses Association in July that brought together leadership from Nursing 2015 (ONA, OONE, OLN & OHA) and the Ohio Center for Nursing/Ohio Network for Nursing Workforce to consider drafting an application for Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA) designation as Ohio's Action Coalition toward implementing the Recommendations of the IOM Report. The leaders gathered wholeheartedly agreed to support Jane and Sean in preparing the application which was submitted in August.
- This week it was announced that Ohio's nursing collaboration has been named an Action Coalition by the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action*, coordinated through the Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Leadership from Nursing 2015 and the Ohio Network for Nursing Workforce are poised to move forward together as Ohio's Action Coalition to achieve IOM Recommendations. Jane Mahowald and Sean McGlone will convene the Ohio Action Coalition's organizational meeting at ONA on November 10.

As Chief Academic Officers of the state's community colleges, your support toward increasing the dialogue among nursing education programs in your areas is valued and productive. We are aware of the increasing number of formalized articulations plans already in place. And more are welcomed.

Colleges and universities operate today in a rapidly changing and volatile economic climate. Times are challenging and we know education is key to America's future. The health care delivery system is also facing an equally demanding climate that strains our resources. Our joint efforts, education and health care, can solve problems and contribute to better lives for all.

Respectfully submitted,

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