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

WASHINGTON DC – The American Assembly for Men in 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 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.

AARP

American Academy of Nursing

American Assembly For Men in Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

American Nurses Association

American Nurses Foundation

American Organization of Nurse Executives

Asian American/Pacific Islander Nurses Association

Association of Public Health Nurses

National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers

Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare

National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association, Inc.

National Association of Hispanic Nurses

National Black Nurses Association
National League For Nursing
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Student Nurses Association
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Sigma Theta Tau International

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.

Get connected: www.campaignforAction.org, www.facebook.com/CampaignForAction.

About the AAMN

The American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) is a national nonprofit professional nursing organization with local chapters that support the AAMN mission. The mission of AAMN is to encourage men to become nurses, to assist male nurses to grow professionally, to act as an advocate for advancing men's health issues, and to support members' full participation in the nursing profession. For more information, visit the AAMN website, www.aamn.org.

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