



RWJF Public Health Nurse Leaders on a scavenger hunt: the "MaryFornia" team finds its Chicago fireman! (Hint: he's the tallest one.)

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HealthImpact keeps nurses informed and involved as we re-envision ways teams can partner with consumers to improve their health during this period of massive transformation in healthcare. We identify trends and create programs that connect nurses to evolving health practices as part of interprofessional teams - ensuring a better future for all. We continue working with our partners to advance innovative and practical solutions.

BRN Report Details Important Changes in Nursing Education

The recently released Board of Registered Nursing 2014-2015 Annual School Report reveals some significant shifts within California schools of nursing. For the first time in decades, there are more students graduating from BSN and Entry Level Masters (ELM) programs than Associate Degree (ADN) programs. In 2015, 5,542 students graduated from ADN programs and 5,577 students graduated from BSN and ELM programs in the state. Six years ago 66.8% of all graduates were completing ADN programs. [Read more.](#)

For further information regarding students, graduates and faculty in California schools of nursing, the full report may be viewed here: [BRN2014-15.](#)



Debra Kiegaldie (L) President, Victorian Simulation Alliance; KT Waxman, (C); and Leone English (R) Founder of the VSA, September 2016. The CSA was launched in 2008 and is internationally regarded as a best-practice model. The VSA was modeled after the CSA and launched in 2010.

CSA Director Waxman Presents in Melbourne

In September, California Simulation Alliance (CSA) Director KT Waxman attended the Australasian Simulation Congress in Melbourne, Australia, and assisted keynote speaker Adam Cheng, from Calgary, Canada with a Debriefing workshop. In addition, Waxman and Leone English, founder of the Victorian Simulation Alliance (VSA), co-presented a workshop titled Creating a Simulation Alliance or Network: Your "How-To" Guide. Participants in the workshop appreciated the hands-on experience and each was provided with a workbook and individual action plans.



RWJF Public Health Nurse Leaders in Action!

The Public Health Nurse Leaders and their Action Coalition colleagues spent September 6th - 9th in Chicago engaged in exercises designed to help them become high-performing teams. Eight participants from California worked together on self-assessments, team building, communication strategies and innovative, creative problem solving. The team also had the opportunity to work with other state Action Coalitions in fun and informative ways.

[Read more.](#)



It's not too late to register for the CSA Simulation Conference at the University of San Francisco, October 14-15, 2016

Conference: *Making an Impact on Healthcare Education: Bridging the Gap Using Simulation*. Sat Oct 15, 2016

[Read more and register.](#)

Addressing Specialty RN Workforce Needs in SoCal

Last spring, the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) established a workgroup to address a regional shortage of experienced specialty nurses. HealthImpact facilitated a four-month process to determine root causes and recommend innovative regional strategies to resolve those issues.

The workgroup focused on the shortage in seven priority areas: Perioperative, Critical Care, Emergency, Labor & Delivery, Neonatal ICU, Case Manager, and Care Coordinator. They recommended hospitals and nursing schools work together to implement the education programs needed to prepare more nurses with knowledge and experience for these specialty roles. [Want to get involved? Read more.](#)

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Save the Date for the Listening Tour!

Please join us for a special series of meetings to hear what's new with HealthImpact and the CA Action Coalition and – more importantly – to add *your* voice to the discussion. Meetings are planned between October and December in Fresno, Oakland, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Pomona and San Diego. [Look at the flyer here.](#) [For more info and to RSVP, email \[Laura@HealthImpact.org\]\(mailto:Laura@HealthImpact.org\).](#)

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