

IDAHO NURSING ACTION COALITION

PURPOSE: Advance the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine Report: The Future of Nursing, Leading Change, Advancing Health. The coalition is part of a national Campaign for Action, coordinated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

DELIVERABLE(S) and the COMPLETION DATE FOR EACH DELIVERABLE: Coalition prioritized focus areas:

1) Inter-professional Collaboration-

- Integrated, collaborative, patient-centered health care teams
- Foster inter-professional education, training and practice

2) Nursing education-

- Increase to 80 percent the proportion of nurses with BSN by 2020 (currently 33%)
- Double number of nurses with doctorate by 2020 (currently 37 PhD's)
- Implement nurse residency programs
- Promote lifelong learning

3) Access to care-

All practitioners should practice to full extent of their education and training

Optimal care

- Physicians, nurses and other health professionals work in team-based model of care delivery
- Models of care maximize time that providers can spend on their respective roles and responsibilities to patients

4) Workforce data-

Improve health care workforce data collection to better assess and project workforce requirements

- Research on health care workforce is fragmented (Nursing workforce data collection in Idaho is a collaborative effort and is published every other year; working on a plan to achieve sustainable funding)
- Need data on all health professions (IDOL has a HRSA grant currently to begin planning the collection of data for all health professions)

5) Leadership

- Nurses bring important viewpoint to management and policy discussions
- Prepare more nurses to help lead improvements in health care quality, safety, access and value

INTERIM MILESTONES: Established coalition structure, prioritized recommendations, began process of targeted coalition expansion.

ANTICIPATED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Action and full implementation of the prioritized recommendations will begin in this year, however some of the recommendations, in particular those addressing nursing education may not be implemented for five years or more.

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PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS: Multiple partners representing professional nursing associations, colleges and universities, employers, health insurers, and governmental entities, and business.

FUNDING SOURCE(S): Technical support from RWJF and AARP. Coalition members currently provide in kind support as well as shared support through other grants and resources.

BARRIERS:

- 1) Lack of funding that would facilitate communication demands of the coalition
- 2) Regional representation and communication
- 3) Significant challenges to nursing education to secure resources and complete the work necessary to advance the nursing education recommendations.

VISION: The Governor's Vision for Idaho's health care system is that "Idahoans will have the opportunity to access quality, effective and efficient healthcare that provides a coordinated delivery system with affordable and accessible health insurance options. *How does this project help to achieve that vision?*

The Governor's vision and the vision of the *Campaign for Action* are in alignment. The campaign's vision is: *"All Americans have access to high-quality, patient-centered care in a health care system where nurses contribute as essential partners in achieving success".*

IS THIS PROJECT MOST RELEVANT TO (CHECK ONE):

- Health Insurance Affordability and Accessibility
- Health Information Technology
- Health Care Delivery

WEBSITE: In development.