HAC LEADERSHIP

The Hawai‘i Action Coalition is co-led by leaders of the Hawai‘i State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Medical Services Association Foundation, Prime Care Services Hawaii, Inc., and The Healthcare Association of Hawai‘i. These leaders represent strong partnerships and serve as the catalyst in engaging our community in nursing workforce issues.

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Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health

The landmark Institute of Medicine report on the future of nursing called on “nurses, nursing education programs and nursing associations to prepare the nursing workforce to assume leadership positions across all levels, while public, private and governmental health care decision makers should ensure that the leadership positions are available to and filled by nurses.”

Hawai‘i Action Coalition Priorities

The Hawai‘i Action Coalition (HAC) plans and implements strategies across the state that support the Campaign for Action’s goals and the Institute of Medicine’s key recommendations. One of the HAC’s 2014-2015 initiatives is to expand the boundaries and break down barriers to embed nursing leaders on boards. The following goals were established:

1. Identify current and potential nurse leaders
2. Identify board/commission opportunities in the community (i.e., hospital, state, county, non-profit organizations)
3. Improve local nursing leadership capacity-building through participation in nursing leadership development programs
4. Provide training and mentorship of nurses for board participation
5. Identify and obtain fiscal resources to staff these efforts

Nurses on Boards and Commissions

American Hospital Association Health Care Governance Survey Report reveals nurse leaders make up 6% of hospital board membership.1 If nurses want to guide health care system change, nurses must be prepared to serve in leadership positions, including community and governing boards. When nurses are valued members of organizational leadership they are better positioned to address the issues impacting health care. As a professional group, there’s a need to prepare more nurses to manage health systems and lead health care transformation. The need to prepare more nurses to serve in leadership positions is currently one of HAC’s highest priorities to improve local nursing leadership capacity building through participation in nursing leadership development programs. One strategy is to work with consumer stakeholders to explore opportunities to engage and mentor nurses into leadership positions. With current community leadership opportunities identified, the HAC is exploring ideas to engage future nurse leaders and increase their participation on boards within the community. HAC envisions bringing more nurses to the table to have their voices heard and influencing decisions the change the landscape of health care. The HAC is committed to providing leadership opportunities and securing resource funding to support this initiative for Hawai‘i nurses.

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