

Below is a summary of the Nursing Community (NC) coalition's activity for the month of June.

# **Senate Testimony**

Fifty-nine organizations signed on to testimony submitted to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies that outlines the coalition's funding requests for Fiscal Year 2018. The Nursing Community requests \$244 million for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act) and \$160 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research, one of the 27 Institutes and Centers within NIH.

### **Home Health**

Forty-four organizations signed on a to a letter sent to thank Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Ben Cardin (D-MD) and to Representatives Chris Collins (R-NY), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Ron Kind (D-WI), Pat Tiberi (R-OH), Gregg Harper (R-MS), Mike Kelly (R-PA), and Patrick Meehan (R-PA), the cosponsors of the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (S. 445, H.R. 1825). Currently, S. 445 has 35 cosponsors and H.R. 1825 has 103 cosponsors.

## **Statement on Health Reform**

Fifty-three organizations signed on to a statement urging Senators to commit to America's health as the Administration and Congress address health reform. The coalition believes our healthcare delivery system should be one that promotes wellness, advances innovation through scientific discovery, and provides timely access to care in order to support the patients, families, communities, and populations our members serve.

# **Letter to Secretary Price**

The Steering Committee sent a communication to Secretary Price that reinforces the need for provider neutral language in communications with the public and in all policies.

### Meetings

The NC held their monthly meeting on June 6, 2017 and was hosted by the American Organization of Nurse Executives. There were 38 NC organizations present for the discussion.

#### **External Presence**

Nursing Community Website: www.thenursingcommunity.org

Site Visits: 120

Top Page Visited: Health Reform

Twitter: @RN Community New Followers: 14 Total Followers: 428

Profile Visits: 192 Tweet Impressions: 7,225

Top Tweet: 52 organizations urge the Senators to commit to America's health. Read the

Nursing Community statement here: bit.ly/2tT6iFc pic.twitter.com/jOGfXRAfrK For more information on the Nursing Community please visit: <a href="https://www.thenursingcommunity.org">www.thenursingcommunity.org</a>