The Nursing Community Coalition consists of 58 national nursing organizations committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Collectively, the NC represents over one million RNs, APRNs, nurse researchers, nurse faculty, and nursing students. The following report summarizes the NCC’s 2017 engagement, accomplishments, and progress in more detail.

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APPROPRIATIONS ADVOCACY

8 Actions Taken on Appropriations to Support Title VIII and National Institute of Nursing Research:

- March 8, 2017
  Signed by 54 NCC Organizations
- March 27, 2017
  Signed by 55 NCC Organizations
- April 21, 2017
  Signed by 58 NCC Organizations
- May 23, 2017
  Signed by 51 NCC Organizations
- June 2, 2017
  Signed by 59 NCC Organizations
- July 18, 2017
  Sent by the Steering Committee
- September 26, 2017
  Sent by the Steering Committee
- September 28, 2017
  Sent by the Steering Committee

LEGISLATION SUPPORTED

4 Pieces of Legislation Supported in the First Session of the 115th Congress:

- June 1, 2017: Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017
  Signed by 57 NCC Organizations
- June 20, 2017: The Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2017
  Signed by 44 NCC Organizations
- November 9, 2017: The Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act
  Signed by 40 NCC Organizations
- December 5, 2017: The Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance Act
  Signed by 35 NCC Organizations

REGULATORY ACTIONS

3 Comments Submitted:

- January 13, 2017 on including CRNA’s
  Signed by 52 NC Organizations
- October 27, 2017 on the Strategic Plan
  Sent by the Steering Committee
- November 1, 2017 on telehealth services
  Signed by 41 NCC Organizations
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  Signed by 41 NCC Organizations

CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENGAGEMENT

Letters were sent to the following federal entities:

- 5
- 2
- 8
- 2
EVENTS

On September 20, 2017, the Nursing Community Coalition, in conjunction with the Campaign for Action, an initiative of the AARP Foundation, AARP, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, hosted a reception at the Reserve Officers Association. The reception was held to celebrate efforts to transform health and health care through nursing. Photos of the reception are posted on the Nursing Community Coalition website.

BRIEFINGS

Nurses Week Briefing Series

Opioid Briefing

NEW MEMBERS

The Nursing Community proudly extended its membership to include two new members. The newest members of the Nursing Community are:

American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners

Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research

TWITTER

The Nursing Community’s Twitter account was created as a communication effort to build relationships with the healthcare field, Congress, the media, and the public, and to share information. The NC’s Twitter account allows the coalition to dialogue about pressing issues. The NC’s use of Twitter reflects the coalition’s agreed upon views and positions based on previous initiatives or topics relevant to issues supported.

2017 Top Tweet: Thank you Senate Nursing Caucus Co-chairs @SenJeffMerkley & @SenatorWicker for support of today’s briefing pic.twitter.com/6LQSNE7684.

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