Core Resources for Leadership Toolkit

Guiding Principle

IOM: The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health

Recommendation 7: Prepare and enable nurses to lead change to advance health.

Nurses, nursing education programs, and nursing associations should prepare the nursing workforce to assume leadership positions across all levels, while public, private, and government health care decision makers should ensure that leadership positions are available to and filled by nurses.

Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action seeks to promote healthier lives, supported by a system in which nurses are essential partners in providing care and promoting health. An initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Campaign works with Action Coalitions in 50 states and the District of Columbia to implement the IOM's Future of Nursing recommendations. The vision is to ensure that everyone in America can live a healthier life. This new new coalition of national nursing organizations aims to increase nurses' presence on corporate and nonprofit health-related boards of directors throughout the country. The Nurses on Boards Coalition will implement a national strategy to bring the nursing perspective to governing boards and national and state commissions with an interest in health. The goal is to put 10,000 nurses on boards by the year 2020. The effort is a direct response to the IOM's report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health," which recommends nurses play more pivotal decision-making roles on boards and commissions in improving the health of Americans.

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