



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

National Nurses Week Activities

The Nursing Community hosted a two-part luncheon briefing series titled [*Transforming Health and Health Care: Nursing Workforce and Research*](#) on May 9 and May 11, 2017 at which nursing experts shared insights on trends in the profession and nursing science. Additionally, on May 8, 2017, the coalition sent a [statement](#) to all Members of Congress expressing our commitment to the nation's health as Congress celebrated Nurses Week.

Thank you to Appropriators for FY 2017 Funding Levels

Fifty-eight organizations signed on to a letter sent on May 22, 2017 to the members of both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Appropriations Committees thanking them for protecting funding for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs and for increasing funding for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) in Fiscal Year 2017.

Senate Title VIII Reauthorization

On May 23, 2017, Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR, Richard Burr (R-NC), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced the Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 (S.1109). Fifty seven members signed on to a letter thanking these Senators for their support.

Responding to President Trump's Budget

Fifty-one organizations signed on to a statement sent on May 23, 2017 responding to the cuts to the Nursing Workforce Development Programs and NINR outlined in President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal. Cuts to these programs would do irreparable harm to the nation's nursing education and research programs impacting access to care.

HRSA Administrator George Sigounas

On May 23, 2017, the Nursing Community sent a letter to the Health Resources and Services Administration's new Administrator George Sigounas pledging the coalition's continued commitment to working with HRSA to ensure its pipeline programs support provider education and training with the goal of ultimately increasing access to affordable, high-quality care.

Senate Finance Committee

The Nursing Community sent a letter to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), responding to his call for comments on healthcare legislation. The letter outlines the coalition's commitment to accessible, affordable, and quality care.

Meetings

The NC held their monthly meeting on May 2, 2017 and was hosted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. There were 39 NC organizations present for the discussion.

External Presence

Twitter: [@RN Community](#)

New Followers: 21

Total Followers: 406

Profile Visits: 558 Tweet Impressions: 15,200

Top Tweet: Dr. Grady, Director of @NINR, discusses nurses' leading role in research innovations and impact on health and policy. #NCursesWeek pic.twitter.com/hFuerglXNq

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