



Below is a summary of the Nursing Community Coalition's (NCC) activity for the month of April.

[Comments on The Opioid Crisis Response Act](#)

Forty organizations signed on to comments submitted to Senate HELP Committee Chairman, Lamar Alexander (R-TN), on the draft of The Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018. Citing the coalition's previous support of similar legislation, the comments request that this bill include a provision to allow all APRNs to provide Medication Assisted Treatment when treating patients with opioid addictions.

[Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2019](#)

Fifty six nursing organizations signed on to a funding request to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education for Fiscal Year 2019. The coalition requests \$266 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$170 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research.

[Letter to the Office of the National Coordinator](#)

Forty one Nursing Community Coalition members signed on to a letter sent to Dr. Donald Rucker, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, requesting the appointment of a new Chief Nursing Officer to represent the nursing voice at the Office of the National Coordinator.

[Letter on the United States Nurse Corps Equity Act](#)

Forty-five organizations signed on to a letter to Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY) thanking her for introducing the United States Nurse Corps Equity Act (H.R. 1168). This legislation would provide recognition to the nurses who served as members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

[Letter on CARA 2.0](#)

Forty one organizations signed on to a letter to Senators Rob Portman (R-OH), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) thanking them for introducing the CARA 2.0 Act of 2018. Section 7.0 would create a permanent solution so that all APRNs would be able to use their clinical training to combat the opioid crisis.

[Letter to House Energy and Commerce Committee](#)

Forty one organizations signed on to a letter sent to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health regarding their markup of opioid legislation. The letter requested the Subcommittee support the inclusion of the Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act (H.R. 3692) in their final opioid package.

[Testimony to House Appropriations Committee](#)

Fifty six organizations signed on to written testimony submitted to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. The testimony featured the coalition's funding requests of \$266 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$170 million for the National Institute for Nursing Research for Fiscal Year 2019.

[Meetings](#)

The NCC held their monthly meeting on April 3, 2018 and 27 NCC organizations were present for the discussion.



MONTHLY ROUNDUP



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Top Tweet: 56 NCC Orgs signed on to a letter requesting \$266 mil for Title VIII and \$170 mil for NINR in FY 2019. Read the letter: bit.ly/2qrsDKF

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