

Virginia Nurses' Involvement on Boards Survey

Dear Registered Nurse,

The Virginia Action Coalition's Leadership Workgroup (VACLW) is aggressively working to identify nurses who are serving on local, statewide and national Boards and/or have the desire to serve on a Board. The Workgroup would appreciate your participation in a short survey regarding your current and potential future involvement on Boards and/or organization's Board of Directors. It will take about 5 minutes to complete the survey. **A response by XXX, 2011 would be appreciated.**

A Board, as the Workgroup defines it, may range from the Board of Directors of a local free clinic or chapter of your professional association, to a county health commission, to a statewide Board like the Board of Nursing or the VNA and beyond. The Board/organization does not need to be health-related.

We will use the information gathered to help us understand how:

- Virginia nurses are involved as leaders in their community today
- Virginia nurses might like to serve as leaders through Board membership
- To best support Virginia nurses interested in Board leadership at various levels
- To help Virginia nurses become more engaged in decision-making related to health reform

The Workgroup's efforts and this survey relate directly to the Institute of Medicine/Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Foundation's report *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* and the RWJ Foundation's "Nursing Leadership – From Bedside to Boardroom" initiative, which recognizes that nurses need to be more involved in healthcare decision-making at the community level and beyond as healthcare changes with the passage and implementation of health reform.

It is critical that nurses, as key members of the healthcare team, make their voices heard and have a greater influence in healthcare planning, policy and management at all levels. Board involvement is one way to increase nursing's influence in healthcare and the broader community.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

1. Do you serve on a local Board/organization's Board of Directors (for example, church, non-profit, county health commission)?

Yes No

- If you replied "Yes", provide the following information
 - a. Name of the Board or organization:
 - b. Mission/purpose of the Board/organization:
 - c. Your role on the Board/Board of Directors:
 - Member
 - Officer
 - d. Your term on the Board/Board of Directors:

What type of Board/organization is it?

- Non-profit, health-related
- Non-profit, not health-related
- Public – state health-related
- Public – state, not health-related

2. Do you serve on a statewide Board/organization's Board of Directors? Yes No

- If you replied "Yes", provide the following information
 - a. Name of the Board or organization:
 - b. Mission/purpose of the Board/organization:
 - c. Your role on the Board/Board of Directors:
 - Member
 - Officer
 - d. Your term on the Board/Board of Directors:

What type of Board/organization is it?

- Non-profit, health-related
- Non-profit, not health-related
- Public – state health-related
- Public – state, not health-related

3. Do you serve on a national Board/organization's Board of Directors? Yes No

- If you replied "Yes", provide the following information
 - a. Name of the Board or organization:
 - b. Mission/purpose of the Board/organization:
 - c. Your role on the Board/Board of Directors:
 - Member
 - Officer
 - d. Your term on the Board/Board of Directors:

What type of Board/organization is it?

- Non-profit, health-related
- Non-profit, not health-related
- Public – state health-related
- Public – state, not health-related

4. If you currently serve on a Board/organization's Board of Directors **and/or** have served on a Board/organization's Board of Directors in the past, would you be willing to mentor other Registered Nurses who are interested in Board leadership?

- Yes
- No

5. If you do not currently serve on a Board/organization's Board of Directors, are you interested in serving on a Board/organization's Board of Directors?

Yes No

- a. Why?
- b. Is there a particular Board/organization's Board on which you would like to serve?

Would you appreciate assistance in serving on a Board/organization's Board?

If yes, what type of assistance would be valuable to you?

- Identifying a Board/organization's Board on which to serve
- Understanding what you have to offer as a nurse on a Board/organization's Board of Directors
- General training regarding the expectations, roles and responsibilities of Board members
- Mentoring by a nurse who is an experienced Board member
- Other?

6. Please provide your contact information: [I would not make this optional]

- a. What is your legal name with credentials?
- b. Who is your current employer?
- c. What is your current title?
- d. Telephone numbers:
 - i. Work:
 - ii. Home:
 - iii. Cellular:
- e. Preferred E-mail Address:

6. Comments:

Thank you, again, for taking time to participate in this survey!