## FUTURE OF NURSING" NEBRASKA ACTION COALITION



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**The Nebraska Action Coalition** (NAC) is a statewide partnership of professional nursing associations, local businesses, and consumer stakeholders committed to transforming health care. NAC is part of the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action,* a nationwide movement to improve health and health care through nursing. The *Campaign,* an initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, includes 51 Action Coalitions working to implement the recommendations from the landmark Institute of Medicine (IOM) report: *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.* 

**Our mission** is to improve health care access, quality, and costeffectiveness in a manner that embraces and reflects diversity in Nebraska through collaborative partnerships with consumers, providers, policymakers, and businesses.

## Our state is facing *real challenges* providing accessible, quality health care. For example:

- 21% of Nebraskans will be older than 65 years by 2030, increasing the demand for chronic care and the need for RNs.
- Already, 65% of Nebraska counties are shortage areas for primary care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants).
- RNs play a primary role in quality hospital care and comprise the majority of staff; yet, only 6% of Nebraska RNs serve on hospital boards where essential decisions about quality care are made.
- 18% of our population is non-White, but non-Whites represent fewer than **5% of Nebraska RNs**

# Nebraska Action Coalition is addressing these challenges and meeting IOM goals. Some NAC activities include:

- Implementing a statewide initiative with all schools of nursing to streamline RN to BSN education and *achieve 80% BSN by 2020.*
- Supporting removal of practice barriers for Nebraska nurse practitioners to ensure accessible primary care across the state.
- Leading statewide efforts to *diversify the RN workforce* in Nebraska and provide affordable, accessible health care for our increasingly diverse population.
- Promoting **nurse leadership** on community and health care boards to ensure quality care.

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