

Washington NURSING ACTION COALITION

New Co-lead for Washington Nursing Action Coalition Leadership Group

The WNAC Leadership work group has a new co-lead in Dr. Steven Palazzo from Seattle University College of Nursing! Dr. Palazzo is joining Debra Brinker MSN RN, from WSU and together they are recruiting a nursing practice leader to join their “troika” leading this group.

The Washington Nursing Action Coalition (WNAC) was created to ensure that the 2011 Institute of Medicine National recommendations on nursing are implemented in Washington State. Education, Leadership, and Practice workgroups have a charter and workplan to focus on specific recommendations in the report.

The group gained national attention from the Future of Nursing leaders for its recent survey regarding institutions in Washington that have an independent voting-member nurse on their boards. Follow up on the survey will involve seeking matches for RNs looking for a Board opportunity with organizations seeking a nurse as a Board member.

One of the pillars of the Future of Nursing report reflected the recommendations to engage more nurses in leadership roles shaping healthcare policy and decision-making as the PPACA advances. With more than 100,000 RNs and LPNs in Washington, the opportunities for nurses to influence directional decisions are many!

Click here to read the summary or download the report: <http://www.thefutureofnursing.org/IOM-Report>

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