



Action Coalitions: An Overview

Action Coalitions are the driving force of the **Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action**, which envisions a health care system where all Americans have access to high-quality care, with nurses contributing to the full extent of their capabilities. The *Campaign* is coordinated through the Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), an initiative of AARP, the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) with significant engagement of nurses and other health care providers; consumer advocates; policy-makers; and business, academic and philanthropic leaders.

Action Coalitions are built to effect long-term sustainable change at the local, state and regional levels. Coalition members are working together to implement the recommendations contained in the landmark Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. Activities for Action Coalitions will include capturing best practices, determining research needs, tracking lessons learned and identifying replicable models.

Kansas Action Coalition

Founded in June of 2011, the Kansas Action Coalition is working alongside the RWJF, AARP, and CCNA to ensure that high-quality, patient-centered health care is available for all Americans. To do this, we must address the challenges facing nursing in order to address challenges facing our health system. The purpose of the Kansas Action Coalition is to guide implementation in Kansas of major recommendations from the IOM's landmark *Future of Nursing* report.

Key messages from the *Future of Nursing* report:

1. Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training.
2. Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
3. Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States.
4. Efficient workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

The Kansas Action Coalition Teams

- **Practice***
- **Education***
- **Leadership***
- **Advocacy***

* Data, Interprofessional Collaboration, and Diversity are addressed by each Team.

Help is needed from nurses and nurse champions (non-nurses)!

If you want to get involved, please contact Kansas Action Coalition Program Manager, Jon Teel jteel@kumc.edu

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"The Future of Nursing: *Leading change, advancing health!*"

