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Dear Friend of Oregon Nursing:

The Oregon Action Coalition (OAC) is a group of individuals and organizations who are dedicated to implementing the Institute of Medicine Future of Nursing’s (IOM-FON) bold vision for America’s health care system in Oregon by developing strategies to engage and communicate with nursing and non-nursing partners throughout the state. Since 2012, the OAC has focused on building nurses as leaders, removing scope of practice barriers for advanced practice nurses, creating strategies to increase the number of baccalaureate nurses, and raising awareness of the value of nursing in the state.

The OAC is part of a national campaign that began in 2010 with the publication of the IOM-FON report. This study, which was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is one of the most important reports about the state and future of nursing in the United States ever written. The National Coalition campaign envisions a healthcare system where all Americans have access to high quality care with nurses contributing to the full extent of their capabilities.

Recently the OAC Steering Committee deliberated about expanding the make-up of our board as we recognize the importance of our work to the health and healthcare of all Americans. We are specifically reaching out to you and your organization as we believe that you could bring a valuable viewpoint to the board regarding setting our strategic goals and direction.

The board generally meets monthly on the second Friday at the Oregon Nurses Association in Tualatin from 10 am to noon. The meetings are accessible by teleconference. In addition to our general business agenda, specific reports from our three strategic workgroups (Leadership, Education and Communication) are presented.

Currently significant work is ongoing related to the national goal of placing 10,000 nurses on governing boards by 2020. According to the American Academy of Nursing, “without a nurse trustee, boards lack authority on the patient experience, quality and safety and the largest part of the hospital workforce”.

If you would be interested in speaking with one of our Membership Committee members to hear more about how you and your organization can help, please contact Edward Brewington, Chair, Membership Committee at edward.brewington2@gmail.com

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