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The WCNHCP has made assisting nurses on boards a priority. The focus came from the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing report and recommendations of the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC). Below is the definition of a board and a link to the NOBC website that has a lot of useful information everyone can use.

Definition of a Board

The NOBC defines a board as a decision-making body with strategic influence to improve the health of communities nationwide. This includes corporate, governmental, non-profit, advisory, or governance boards or commissions, panels, or task forces that have fiduciary or strategic responsibility.

Examples of boards to be counted:

- Corporate/industry boards
- Insurance company boards
- Hospital or health system boards
- Philanthropic boards

Advisory boards, commissions, task forces or positions appointed by the President, a governor, mayor, or state legislature.

- Citizen-elected boards (ie school boards)
- Non-profit, non-nursing boards

Examples of boards to be collected but not counted towards the 10,000 goal:

- Nursing association boards
- Governor-appointed state boards of nursing

[Click here](#) to visit the NOBC website.



The WCNHCP is the nursing workforce center and the Action Coalition for the State of Wyoming. The mission of the center is to strengthen the nursing workforce through on-going collaboration, communication, and consensus building to meet the health needs of the people of Wyoming.

Preceptor Orientation

Preceptor orientation modules are available on the WCNHCP website: wynursing.org. The modules can be viewed together or individually. Moreover, you can return to the modules whenever you'd like when you need more information or need a little assistance.

[Click here for Preceptor Orientation modules.](#)

To take the nurses on boards survey

[Click here to go to the survey.](#)

Nurses on Healthcare Boards A smart and logical move to make

As the spotlight on healthcare reform continues, it is becoming clear that hospitals need to focus on improving value by optimizing the balance among healthcare cost, quality and accessibility for patients and other stakeholders. In moving toward a more value-driven basis for healthcare delivery, hospital boards and leaders will benefit from tapping resources with clinical care expertise and an understanding of patient and community needs. Add to that skills in communications, decision making, management and leadership, and you have the basic job description of many of today's nurse executives.

To read the entire article [click here](#).

How Serving On Non-Profit Boards Can Boost Your Career

You are at the upper echelon of your company or firm and have family demands making you crazy busy, and, suddenly, you are asked to join a non-profit board. Who needs it? You do, and non-profits need you. Here is why.

Benefits

I have had the opportunity to sit on a dozen boards during the last 25 years. Joining a non-profit board does several things for you. It gives you board room experience so that you understand the organizational dynamics and etiquette of a board of directors. It gives you a chance to develop collaborative, teamwork skills with a set of usually highly accomplished peers. It gives you an opportunity to hone small group conversational and presentation skills. It gives you visibility.

To view the whole article [click here](#).

Inspired care comes from inspired nurses.

NDNQI tracks up to 18 nursing-sensitive quality measures, providing actionable insights based on structure, process, and outcome data. As a leading program of the American Nurses Association, it's the choice of more than 2,000 U.S. hospitals. See how they have benefited from using NDNQI:

Satisfied Nurses. Better Outcomes.

BENEFITS TO PATIENTS



Infection rate decreased by 87% in 2 years.^{4*}



Injury falls rate decreased by 17% in 4 years.^{**}



Hospital-acquired pressure ulcer rate decreased by 24-59% in 2 years.^{5*}

Overall results:

As nurse job enjoyment and intent to stay go up, patient outcomes improve.

¹On high-performing floor units. ²On moderate-performing floor units. ³On low- to moderate-performing floor units. ⁴Dunton, N., Boyle, D., & Cramer, E. (2013). Reaching to the core of success: NDNQI's latest research findings. Presentation delivered at the ANA's 7th annual nursing quality conference, Atlanta, GA. Retrieved from <http://www.nursingquality.org/282013>. ⁵American Nurses Association (2012). Evidence on Total Fall Rate (NQF# 0141) and Injury Fall Rate (NQF #0202). ⁶On low-performing critical care units. ⁷On low- and high-performing critical care units, and moderate- to high-performing floors.



Job enjoyment increased by

25%

in 2 years.^{1*}

Intent to stay increased by

29%

in 2 years.^{2*}

Quality of care increased by

5-20%

in 2 years.^{3*}

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