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The goal of these meetings is to build an action coalition with the outcome being: "Improved population health, well-being and equity." The action areas the group was expected to address include: 1) Making health a shared value. 2) Fostering cross-section collaboration to improve well-being. 3) Creating healthier, more equitable communities, 4) Strengthening integration of health services and systems. The ultimate goal is improved health, well being and equity; including enhanced individual and community well-being, managed chronic disease and reduced toxic stress, and reduced health care costs. This meeting focused on how to make these changes in our communities, I appreciated that there was not a standard plan for everyone to use. Each area was trained in how to develop coalitions and supporters who can help advance these goals specific to our state and communities. They also promote the idea that nurses are essential to creating a culture of health!

Some of the pillars for work needed in our state include BSN Education; we were proud to introduce the RENEW Education project! Other states were impressed. We discussed Nurses on Boards, and that this issue was being presented in our publications and at the Nursing Convention and Summit. Another topic is making nurse leaders, I was proud to discuss the WNL project with the group at our table. Wyoming is doing amazing things. We have a lot to do to create a culture of health, but we are going in the right direction. These Future of Nursing meetings are exciting., I would enjoy the opportunity to attend additional training, and I encourage others to plan to attend!