



February 20, 2014

Rear Admiral (RADM) Kerry Paige Nesseler
Director, Office of Global Health Affairs
Health Resources and Services Administration
Parklawn Building Room 12-41
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Rockville, MD 20857

Dear RADM Nesseler,

On behalf of the 49 undersigned organizations representing the Nursing Community coalition, we sincerely thank you for your steadfast dedication to improving America's health during your tenure as the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). Collectively, our organizations represent nearly one million registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, researchers, and students, and are committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.

We are honored and grateful to have had you serve in this highly-regarded role. Your extensive career prior to assuming the role of the CNO of the USPHS has undoubtedly shaped the knowledge and expertise you brought to this leadership position. As the CNO, your guidance was critical to informing public health nursing priorities for the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

This was readily apparent in your work as the chair of the task force that released the first Federal Public Health Service Nursing (FPHSN) Strategic Plan. The strategies outlined in the plan align with the goals of the U.S. Surgeon General's 2011 report, *National Prevention Strategy- America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness* and also compliments specific plans within HHS, non-HHS agencies, and Tribal health programs. Your collaboration with these entities will continue to propel the priorities set before the USPHS to advance models of care that focus on improving population health, wellness, and prevention.

Moreover, due to your guidance and direction, individuals serving in the Nurse Corps will continue to provide high-quality care for communities across the nation so that we may maximize our healthcare resources while aiming to minimize costs.

Again, thank you for your commitment and service to our profession, and more importantly, to America's patients through strengthening our public health infrastructure. If our organizations can be of any assistance, please contact Convener of the Nursing Community, Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at Smiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930, ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing

American Academy of Nursing
American Assembly for Men in Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Society for Pain Management Nursing
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Association of Public Health Nurses
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Psychiatric Nursing
National American Arab Nurses Association
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Nurses
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
Oncology Nursing Society
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society
Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society