



## 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Nursing Community Coalition consists of 58 national nursing organizations committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support Registered Nurses (RNs) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Collectively, the NC represents over one million RNs, APRNs, nurse researchers, nurse faculty, and nursing students. The following report summarizes the NCC's 2017 engagement, accomplishments, and progress in more detail.

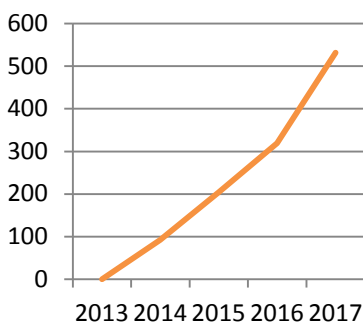
### ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

External Activity					
NC Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Letters, Statements	29	18	20	10	33
Congressional Testimony	2	3	3	2	2
Congressional/Administration Meetings	1	1	14	25	23
Receptions/Events	2	2	1	2	4

**100%**  
Increase in Events Hosted  
(2017 compared to 2016)

**230%**  
Increase in Letters Sent  
(2017 compared to 2016)

**67%**  
Increase in Twitter Followers  
(2017 compared to 2016)



Internal Activity					
NC Members	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
NC Member Organizations	59	61	62	64	58
Friends of the NC	3	3	3	3	3
Twitter Followers	-	92	204	319	532

# APPROPRIATIONS ADVOCACY

## 8 Actions Taken on Appropriations to Support Title VIII and National Institute of Nursing Research:

- **March 8, 2017**  
[Signed by 54 NCC Organizations](#)
- **March 27, 2017**  
[Signed by 55 NCC Organizations](#)
- **April 21, 2017**  
[Signed by 58 NCC Organizations](#)
- **May 23, 2017**  
[Signed by 51 NCC Organizations](#)
- **June 2, 2017**  
[Signed by 59 NCC Organizations](#)
- **July 18, 2017**  
[Sent by the Steering Committee](#)
- **September 26, 2017**  
[Sent by the Steering Committee](#)
- **September 28, 2017**  
[Sent by the Steering Committee](#)

# LEGISLATION SUPPORTED

## 4 Pieces of Legislation Supported in the First Session of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress:

- **June 1, 2017: Title VIII Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017**  
[Signed by 57 NCC Organizations](#)
- **June 20, 2017: The Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2017**  
[Signed by 44 NCC Organizations](#)
- **November 9, 2017: The Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act**  
[Signed by 40 NCC Organizations](#)
- **December 5, 2017: The Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance Act**  
[Signed by 35 NCC Organizations](#)

# REGULATORY ACTIONS

## 3 Comments Submitted:

**VA** |  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

- **January 13, 2017** on including CRNA's  
[Signed by 52 NC Organizations](#)
- **November 1, 2017** on telehealth services  
[Signed by 41 NCC Organizations](#)

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- **October 27, 2017** on the Strategic Plan  
[Sent by the Steering Committee](#)

# CONGRESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENGAGEMENT

## Letters were sent to the following federal entities:



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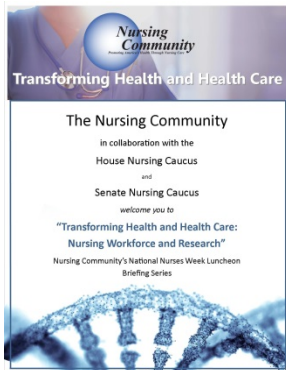


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## EVENTS

On **September 20, 2017**, the Nursing Community Coalition, in conjunction with the Campaign for Action, an initiative of the AARP Foundation, AARP, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, hosted a reception at the Reserve Officers Association. The reception was held to celebrate efforts to transform health and health care through nursing. [Photos](#) of the reception are posted on the Nursing Community Coalition website.

## BRIEFINGS



### [Nurses Week Briefing Series](#)

#### [Opioid Briefing](#)



In collaboration with REPRESENTATIVES PAUL TONKO (D-NY), BEN RAY, LUJÁAN (D-NM), AND THE HOUSE NURSING CAUCUS cordially invite you to attend

### THE OPIOIDS CRISIS: NURSING PRACTICES THAT SAVE LIVES

SAVE THE DATE: December 7, 2017 from 2:30-3:30 pm  
121 Cannon House Office Building

Joyce M. Kresnick, PhD, APRN, C-FNP, FAANP  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
Working Health Right  
President  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Laura G. Leahy, DNP, APRN, FAANP  
Family Psychiatric and Addictive Advanced Practice Nurse  
Master Clinician in Psychopharmacology  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association

Barbara H. Marin, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP-BC, ACHPN  
Assistant Professor  
University of Iowa, College of Nursing  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing

Bruce A. Weisen, DNP, MSNA, CRNA  
President  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Please RSVP to [Ellie Cwik at \[ecwik@nursing.org\]\(mailto:Ellie.Cwik@nursing.org\)](mailto:Ellie.Cwik@nursing.org)

Seating will be provided.

Please note photos will be taken for this event.

The Nursing Community is a coalition of 66 national professional nursing associations that builds consensus and advocates on a wide spectrum of health care issues, including practice, education, research, and regulation. For more information, visit [www.thenursingcommunity.org](http://www.thenursingcommunity.org).

## NEW MEMBERS

The Nursing Community proudly extended its membership to include two new members. The newest members of the Nursing Community are:

### [American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners](#)



### [Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research](#)



## TWITTER

The Nursing Community's Twitter account was created as a communication effort to build relationships with the healthcare field, Congress, the media, and the public, and to share information. The NC's Twitter account allows the coalition to dialogue about pressing issues. The NC's use of Twitter reflects the coalition's agreed upon views and positions based on previous initiatives or topics relevant to issues supported.



**2017 Top Tweet:** Thank you Senate Nursing Caucus Co-chairs [@SenJeffMerkley](#) & [@SenatorWicker](#) for support of today's briefing [pic.twitter.com/6LQSNE7684](https://pic.twitter.com/6LQSNE7684).

**For more information and the latest news from the Nursing Community, visit our website:** [www.thenursingcommunity.org](http://www.thenursingcommunity.org) and follow us on Twitter, [@RN\\_Community](#).