

FUTURE OF NURSING™

Campaign for Action

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Issued in 2010, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Institute of Medicine report, ***The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health***, assessed the critical role played by more than 3 million nurses in the nation's health care system. The challenges facing the nursing profession must be addressed, it concluded, or the system will never be able to provide quality care that is seamless, affordable and accessible to all Americans.

The report's major recommendations, which outline a path for improving health and health care, include:

- Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training.
- Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
- Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States.
- Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

The Future of Nursing's *Campaign for Action* is designed to create awareness and ensure implementation of these recommendations by taking steps to improve nursing education, remove barriers to practice, and foster nursing leadership.

The *Campaign for Action* is an initiative to improve the quality of patient care by fully utilizing the expertise and experience of nurses—the largest segment of the U.S. health care workforce—and by enhancing their skills and capabilities. The campaign goal recognizes the critical role played by the nursing profession in providing patient care and care coordination across the health care continuum.

As a health care facility committed to the delivery of seamless, accessible and affordable quality care, we hereby declare our support for the work done by the Montana Action Coalition/Montana Center to Advance Health through Nursing (MTCAHN) in the *Campaign for Action*.

And at _____, we will work with MTCAHN to help implement the IOM recommendations in our state. We support our nurses as essential partners in helping to create a better future for nursing in Montana.

Signature, Chief Nursing Officer/Director of Nursing

Date

Signature, Chief Executive Officer/Administrator

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Signature, Board Chair

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