



NURSES ON BOARDS COALITION OVERVIEW

What is NOBC?

The Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) represents national and state efforts by nurses and others working to build healthier communities in America. Our goal is to improve the health of communities and the nation through the service of nurses on boards and other bodies. The key strategy of the NOBC is to increase nurses' presence and influence on corporate, health-related, and other boards, panels, and commissions. The Coalition's intent is to ensure that at least 10,000 nurses are on boards by 2020, as well as raise awareness that all boards would benefit from the unique perspective of nurses to achieve the goals of improved health and efficient and effective health care systems at the local, state, and national levels.

Why was NOBC initiated?

NOBC is a direct response to the landmark Institute of Medicine Report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* (2011), which recommended increasing the number of nurse leaders in pivotal decision-making roles on boards and commissions working to improve the health of everyone in America.

What boards is the NOBC targeting?

NOBC defines a board as one with strategic influence to improve the health of communities and the nation. This includes corporate, governmental, non-profit, advisory or governance boards or commissions that have fiduciary or strategic responsibility.

Who are the current members?

AARP • American Academy of Nursing • American Association of Critical Care Nurses • American Holistic Nurses Association • American Nurses Association • American Nurses Foundation • American Organization of Nurse Executives • Asian American/Pacific Islander Nurses Association • American Assembly For Men in Nursing • Association of PeriOperative Nurses • Association of Public Health Nurses • Center to Champion Nursing in America • Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. • Emergency Nurses Association • Infusion Nurses Society • National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers • National Association of Hispanic Nurses • National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners • National Black Nurses Association • National League For Nursing • National Student Nurses Association • Oncology Nursing Society • Organization for Associate Degree Nursing • Robert Wood Johnson Foundation • Sigma Theta Tau International

Be Counted: Register on our website

Please register to be counted if you currently serve on a board or to indicate your interest in serving on a board at <http://nursesonboardscoalition.org>. Please be sure to "opt in" to be notified of future board opportunities and to receive occasional communications from us.

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NOBC Database Registrants

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- 2,511 nurses have entered 3,992 boards (2,625 boards count towards 10,000)
- 3,521 nurses want to serve
- 1,845 nurses who are already on boards are interested in serving on an additional board

NOBC Testimonials

NOBC Strategic Partner:

"Foley & Lardner LLP is a national law firm representing many of the nation's largest hospitals and health systems coast-to-coast. Our clients are for-profit and not-for-profit, secular and religious-affiliated, public and private. But one thing with which all of our clients struggle is guaranteeing talented and committed leadership on their governing bodies. Finding board members who are able to bring the "4 Ws" (work, wisdom, weight, and wealth) and who understand the complexities of the ever-changing health care delivery system is no easy task. Add to that the increasing expectations and burdens on board members, and you can understand the challenge is getting more acute. That's why we are proud to support and be a strategic partner to the NOBC. Nurses are key and valued members of our clients' workforce. Nurses are fundamental caregivers and they have unique perspectives on the needs and opportunities for care improvement within many health care organizations. We hope that as the NOBC succeeds, then our clients will be better-served and our communities will have more robust and informed governance over their essential health care providers."

- Lawrence W. Vernaglia, Chair, Health Care Industry Team, Foley & Lardner LLP, Boston, Mass.

NOBC Sponsor:

We are supporting NOBC because our healthcare system needs to change. I think one of the reasons the healthcare system is the way that it is, is because nursing has not been in key leadership roles. I think that historically we have not felt empowered to make changes or to speak up and this has done a huge disservice to public health system which is now in a crisis. We owe our perspective and our voice to our patients and the public. At Walmart we put nursing front and center to address the health needs of the vulnerable, underinsured, self-insured, Medicaid and uninsured, which unfortunately is a rapidly growing segment of our population. Nurse Practitioners have the key elements to improving community health. NPs have proven again and again that we have the skill set and knowledge base to deliver safe, quality care. Walmart recognizes NPs as the change agents our healthcare system needs to create a healthy society. And we proudly support nursing in key leadership roles. I am very excited to be a part of your movement. I'm giving my speech tomorrow in Houston about the Voice of Nursing and I have several slides for NOBC and how they can get involved. I will also continue to encourage our own nurse practitioners to join boards and register on the NOBC website.

- Catie Harris, PhD, MBA, AGACNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, Senior Manager Health and Wellness Talent Acquisition and Professional Relations, Walmart Care Clinics, Bentonville, AR

Nurse registered in NOBC database:

I am attending the Governance Institute Leadership Conference in Nashville this week. The focus of the weekend pre-conference session was on hospital and health systems responsibility for population health. My experience in public health nursing and hospice and home care nursing was so relevant to the discussions and development of an action plan. Nursing leaders have so much to offer to hospitals and health systems, in not just the patient and family experience, which is critical but also in the broader community responsibilities and community benefits that address social determinants of health and root causes of disease and disability. I feel totally in the right place on the Board and as the President/ Chair to help move us forward.

- Nancy Davis, President of the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board in Juneau Alaska, a city-owned and operated community hospital, sole hospital in the northern part of Southeast Alaska.