



'Planning a National Nursing Quality and Safety Alliance' Reactor Ground Rules

Overview

Over the next year, leaders from selected national nursing organizations will participate in facilitated conversations about building a unified 'policy voice' for nursing. Housed in The George Washington University's (GW) Department of Nursing Education (DNE) and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), this planning project seeks to determine the enthusiasm for a national Nursing Quality and Safety Alliance (NQSA).

Under this project, leaders from AACN, AAN, AANP, ANA, AONE, NCSBN, NLN, and NONPF will be meeting over the next several months to discuss their enthusiasm for a national alliance of this nature. Because project staff recognizes that nursing is diverse and its constituencies extend beyond these eight organizations, every effort is being made to solicit feedback from the broader nursing workforce. For this reason, representatives from *all* national nursing organizations are invited to participate as 'reactors.' Reactors will have access to the deliberations and share comments, feedback, and suggestions episodically and during designated periods.

Participation as a Reactor

To participate as a reactor in one or more of the in-person meetings held on GW's Foggy Bottom campus, participants must *officially represent* a national nursing organization. Furthermore, a formal request made by the nursing organization, accompanied by the names of participants and other pertinent information, must be made through DNE's website at <http://www.gwumc.edu/healthsci/departments/nursing/research.cfm>. As seating is limited, accommodations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reactor Ground Rules

In fairness to all who choose to participate, and in an interest to achieve the project's aims, the following ground rules have been developed to guide each reactor's roles and responsibilities:

1. Reactors will notify GW of their interest in participating in this project by completing appropriate registration/participation forms. These forms are available on DNE's website at <http://www.gwumc.edu/healthsci/departments/nursing/research.cfm>;
2. Reactors will review, in advance of each meeting, the agenda and other supporting material provided by project staff to ensure that they are knowledgeable and have the opportunity to solicit feedback from their organization's constituents before attending;
3. Reactors will be invited to share comments, concerns, questions, and other pertinent feedback throughout the meeting at designated times as specified on the agenda or at the request of the meeting's facilitator(s);

4. Reactors will honor the confidentiality and security of any discussions, materials, and/or decisions that are designated as such;
5. Although every attempt will be made to conduct all deliberations in public, reactors must excuse themselves from any portion of the meeting that is designated as an 'executive session';
6. Over the course of the project, reactors may be invited to provide informal (e.g., anecdotal accounts) and formal feedback (e.g., survey responses) from their memberships. Reactors may do so at their discretion;
7. Reactors will assume all expenses associated with attendance at these meetings and/or participation in the NQSA project. Remuneration from GW, RWJF, or other involved parties is prohibited.

Questions or comments about this project and participation can be directed to Kerry Livingstone-Moonan, RN, MSN at 202-994-4968.

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