



Nursing Community Coalition Statement on the President's FY 2022 Budget

Tuesday, June 1, 2021—The Nursing Community Coalition, which includes 63 national nursing organizations, applauds funding for key domestic and health care programs in the Biden Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget. This budgetary blueprint, which includes the American Families Plan and American Jobs Plan, aims to address immediate needs, while outlining historic investments in public health, education, and increased nursing workforce and research efforts.

The NCC is pleased to see resources dedicated to Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act). Under this proposal, Title VIII programs received \$267.972 million. This includes a \$3.5 million increase in Nursing Workforce Diversity grants to advance the goal of having a more diverse nursing workforce, as well as level funding for the remaining Title VIII programs. While encouraged to see funding restored, the NCC will continue its work to achieve bold investments in these critical programs, especially as we support our students, nurses, and APRNs who are the backbone of the nation's health care system and who have been leading on the frontlines of COVID-19.

The President's Budget also outlined renewed investments in research, with more than \$51 billion for the National Institutes of Health, including \$199.755 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). NINR's budget reflects nearly a \$24.8 million or 14.2 percent increase over FY 2021 enacted levels. Of this amount, \$20 million would be dedicated to addressing health disparities as we work to create a more equitable health care system. The NCC strongly supports these resources as nursing science and research transforms how care is delivered, how future cures are discovered, and how transformative practices change lives for the better.

The NCC is further encouraged to see increased funding for veteran's health, a commitment to address racial disparities in health care, and support for other priorities, including mental health, public health infrastructure, maternal mortality, and the ongoing opioid epidemic. The Nursing Community Coalition looks forward to working with Members of Congress to include bold investments in nursing education and the workforce, while taking direct steps to spur scientific discovery and increase access to the care patients need and deserve.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 63 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse executives, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.