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Nursing Alliance for Quality Care Announces New Executive Director, Dr. Joyce Hahn

WASHINGTON—The George Washington University’s Department of Nursing Education has announced the appointment of Dr. Joyce Hahn, Ph.D., A.P.R.N.-C.N.S., N.E.A.-B.C. as executive director for the Nursing Alliance for Quality Care (NAQC), an initiative supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Her appointment was effective June 1.

NAQC is a strategic and collaborative effort among the nation’s most prestigious nursing organizations, consumer groups and other stakeholders to bring a unified voice to the profession of nursing and strengthen its ability to influence quality-related health reform agendas. “As executive director, Dr. Hahn will bring a wealth of collaborative expertise and experience to this initiative,” said Ellen Dawson, Ph.D., A.N.P., chair of the Department of Nursing.

Dr. Hahn, comes to NAQC from George Mason University where she served as associate professor and assistant dean for the Master's Division in the School of Nursing. In addition to her visionary leadership in fostering the development of a culture of teaching excellence at George Mason University, she has held clinical and administrative positions in a variety of health care arenas to include acute care and community settings.

Dr. Hahn is the recipient of the Virginia Nurses Association Nursing Health Care Public Policy Award (2009) and comes to the project with extensive experience in bringing together nurses to work in an effective and collaborative manner. She has published several articles in peer reviewed journals to include *JONA*, *Nursing Economics*, *Nursing Management*, *MEDSIRG Nursing*, *Outcomes Management for Nursing Practice* and *The Journal for Healthcare Quality*. Dr. Hahn holds a gubernatorial appointment to the Virginia Board of Nursing for a four year term and also serves on the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

“Dr. Hahn brings her experience as a nurse leader to this initiative to improve patient care. She recognizes the critical role of nurses in providing quality care and knows how to work with an alliance to bring patient needs to the forefront of the reform debate,” said Jean Johnson, Ph.D., F.A.A.N., senior associate dean of Health Sciences at The George Washington University Medical Center.

For more information about the NAQC initiative, contact Jan Bull at the GW project office at 202-994-5083, or visit the initiative website at www.NursingAQC.org. To receive updates on important safety-related health policy updates, upcoming events related to quality and health policy, and a periodic e-

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