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Florida Center for Nursing Launches Well-Being Advisory Board Prioritizing the Emotional and Physical Well-Being of Nurses

The center is currently accepting Advisory Board applications

Tampa, Fla. - The Florida Center for Nursing (FCN) announced today the formation of a Well-Being Advisory Board (WAB). Prioritizing the emotional and physical well-being of nurses is crucial, not only in the workplace but also in their personal lives, because they are the backbone of patient care. It is essential that nurses are well-supported and healthy so that they can maintain the high-quality care they provide to patients and visitors throughout Florida. In order to better serve the nursing workforce, FCN's state-wide, multidisciplinary board will develop, implement, analyze, and disseminate the findings of well-being initiatives.

Nurses are on the frontlines of care, but an increasing number are suffering from burnout, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a <u>November 2022 study</u> from the American Nurses Foundation and Joslin Insight, 67% of nurses reported feeling stressed, and 57% exhausted. Nurses cannot offer care if they are not receiving care.

The Florida Center for Nursing Well-Being Advisory Board (FCN-WAB) will offer recommendations on policy matters related to the well-being of nurses in Florida. The FCN-WAB will identify well-being priorities across health care disciplines in the state, propose related potential research initiatives, and submit reports to FCN leaders outlining their progress and priority recommendations, in addition to other responsibilities.

FCN-WAB membership will consist of nurses representing various practice areas, as well as other health care professionals, business and industry representatives, health care providers, and consumers. The FCN selection committee will recommend board members, and the FCN Board of Directors will then appoint them. Applications are now open for all interested individuals.



The committee will make appointments biennially. Members will serve for two years, after which they will either be reappointed or replaced. The FCN-WAB will meet quarterly in locations across the state. Meeting attendance is mandatory for all board members.

Individuals interested in board membership must apply before [DEADLINE]. Send materials to [EMAIL/PHYSICAL ADDRESS and/or PHONE NUMBER].

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The Florida Center for Nursing is established under state statute (F.S. 464.0195) to research and address issues of supply and demand for nursing, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse workforce resources. For more information, visit flcenterfornursing.org. The Florida Center for Nursing is headquartered at the University of South Florida.

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