We’re Off to a Great Start!

The Moving Forward Coalition is up and running and we’re excited to share some early progress we’ve made toward advancing the vision of the 2022 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s (or NASEM) nursing home quality report (The National Imperative to Improve Nursing Home Quality).

Our two-year initiative, funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, needed a name and website. The name we developed speaks to our spirit of inclusive action: Moving Forward: Nursing Home Quality Coalition (or the Moving Forward Coalition for short). We can’t wait to launch our website in the coming month.

Meanwhile, our focus has been on recruiting a wide range of experts to serve on committees that will address the seven goals the NASEM report identified. Below we share some details about the structure of these committees, as well as the leaders who have agreed to join us to make this work possible.

We’re eager for input as we go, so please reach out to get involved or share your ideas.

The Coalition Structure

The Moving Forward Coalition is fortunate to have recruited a diverse group of leaders from across the aging services field. These individuals will play various roles in our collaborative work – including serving on our Steering Committee and directing seven goal-focused committees.

We conducted a nationwide search for co-chairs to ensure the Coalition represents many perspectives, backgrounds, and areas of expertise. We made selections with input from nationally recognized leaders.

The seven committees, with guidance from the Steering Committee, will engage federal and state policymakers, advocates, nursing home leaders and residents in reviewing, testing, and implementing action plans.

One co-chair from each committee will serve on the Coalition’s Steering Committee. Committees will begin meeting in late August or September 2022.
Committees & Co-Chairs

1. **Person-Centeredness, Culture Change, Care Planning & Quality of Life Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Deliver comprehensive, person-centered, equitable care that ensures residents' health, quality of life, and safety; promotes autonomy; and manages risks.
   - **Susan Ryan**
     Senior Director, The Green House Project
   - **Penny Cook**
     President & CEO, The Pioneer Network
   - **Tetyana Shippee**
     Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota School of Public Health
     Associate Director of Research, Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation, University of Minnesota

2. **Staffing & Well-Trained Workforce Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Ensure a well-prepared, empowered, and appropriately compensated workforce.
   - **Jasmine Travers**
     Assistant Professor, New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing
   - **Kezia Scales**
     Senior Director of Policy Research, PHI

3. **Transparency & Accountability of Finances and Ownership Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Increase the transparency and accountability of finances, operations, and ownership.
   - **Joe Angelelli**
     Senior Advisor, UPMC Center for Social Impact, UPMC Health Plan
   - **Nicholas Castle**
     Professor, West Virginia University
4. **Financing System Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Create a more rational and robust financing system.
   - **David Grabowski**
     Professor of Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School
   - **Marc Cohen**
     Co-Director, LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston
     Research Director, Community Catalyst

5. **System of Quality Assurance Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Design a more effective and responsive system of quality assurance.
   - **David Stevenson**
     Professor, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
   - **Douglas Pace**
     Senior Director, Long-Term & Community-Based Care, Alzheimer’s Association

6. **Quality Measurement & Continuous Quality Improvement Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Expand and enhance quality measurement and continuous quality improvement.
   - **Kate McEvoy**
     Program Officer, Milbank Memorial Fund
   - **Tara McMullen**
     Associate Director, Opioid Safety, VHA Pain Management, Opioid Safety, and PDMP Program
     Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown University Master’s of Aging and Science Program

7. **Health Information Technology Committee**
   NASEM Goal: Adopt health information technology in all nursing homes.
   - **Terrence O’Malley**
     Corresponding Faculty, Harvard Medical School
   - **Gregory Alexander**
     Helen Young Alumni Professor, Columbia University
Steering Committee Members-at-Large

The Steering Committee will help guide the direction of the Coalition, provide context for its work, and consult with its members on challenges and best practices.

- **Barbara Bowers**  
  Chair, Advancing Excellence in Long Term Care Collaborative  
  Professor Emerita, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Nursing

- **Deke Cateau**  
  CEO, A.G. Rhodes

- **Holly Harmon**  
  Sr. Vice President, Quality, Regulatory & Clinical Services, American Health Care Association

- **Ruth Katz**  
  Senior Vice President of Public Policy/Advocacy, LeadingAge

- **Christopher Laxton**  
  Executive Director, AMDA – The Society for PALTC Medicine

- **Lori Porter**  
  Cofounder & CEO, NAHCACNA

- **Anne Montgomery**  
  Principal, AHM Enterprises

- **Lori Smetanka**  
  Executive Director, National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

- **Tina Sandri**  
  CEO, Forest Hills of DC

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

Moving Forward has a growing list of interested professionals with many areas of expertise. We intend to engage these SMEs for additional insight or input.

Contact Information

Please reach out to us with any questions:

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