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Report of the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program March 2018

This report addresses the activities and progress of the Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program (NRP) since October 2017. Highlights include: 1) Continued expansion of the NRP; 2) NRP Outcomes Report; 3) Collaboration between Vizient and AACN; and 4) Accreditation of nurse residency programs.

Continued Expansion of the Nurse Residency Program

The Vizient-AACN NRP has experienced rapid growth. The program is currently at 403 hospitals in 42 states and the District of Columbia (added 77 in 2015, 95 in 2016, and 95 in 2017). In addition, the Air Force has joined the NRP, and there are three state collaboratives (Hawaii, Maryland, and Pennsylvania).

NRP Outcomes Report

The Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program™ Annual Conference will take place March 13-16 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa in Savannah, GA.

The overall learning objectives for the conference are :

- Outline successful practices related to implementation of NRP
- Discuss the outcomes of evidence based practice projects within their organizations

Dr. Mary Lynn, Professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing, will present the NRP outcome data on March 15 at the conference.

Collaboration between Vizient and AACN

Vizient is revising the NRP curriculum. AACN's staff liaison to the NRP program is assisting with analyzing and updating the assumptions for each chapter of the curriculum. In addition, in November 2017, Deb Trautman and Kathy McGuinn met with the Vizient leadership, Julie Cerese and Jayne Willingham to discuss strategies to maximize the synergy between the two organizations. This group will meet again in June 2018.

Accreditation of Nurse Residency Programs

CCNE currently accredits 36 nurse residency programs (25 employee-based nurse residency programs and 11 federally funded traineeship nurse residency programs) at 27 institutions. CCNE has 3 new applicant programs at 3 institutions. Two new applicant programs hosted on-site evaluations in Fall 2017 and will be considered by the CCNE Board in Spring 2018. One new applicant programs is hosting an on-site evaluation in Spring 2018 and will be considered by the CCNE Board in Fall 2018.