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Senate Appropriation Committee Approves Labor-HHS-Education Spending Bill

On June 28, the Senate Appropriation Committee reported out the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS-ED) spending bill by a vote of 30-1. The Senate's FY19 bill, compared to the final FY18 Omnibus spending bill, includes level funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce and Development programs at $249.472 million and $163.076 million (a 3.9% increase) in National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) funding. This increase in NINR funding is reflective of the $2 billion overall increase the National Institutes of Health received in the Senate's FY19 proposal.

Other priorities set out in the Senate appropriation package include $3.7 billion to combat the opioid crisis along with mental health and substance abuse treatment, as well as, $120 million for efforts in rural communities to tackle this epidemic. A final vote on the Senate FY19 LHHS-ED spending bill is expected in the coming weeks. Follow us on Twitter at @AACNPolicy for the latest as the House continues its deliberation today on their FY19 LHHS-ED spending bill.

2018 National Nursing Research Roundtable Addresses Interdisciplinary Research

Each year, the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) co-hosts the National Nursing Research Roundtable (NNRR) convening nurse scientists, practitioners, and educators to discuss and disseminate research findings on nursing practice. For the 2018 meeting, NINR partnered with the Southern Nursing Research Society to address the topic "Promoting State-of-the-Art Biobehavioral Approaches in Symptom Science Research through Inter- and Intra-Professional Collaborations." NNRR speakers discussed cutting-edge biobehavioral research, the effectiveness and challenges of team science, and how collaboration and data-sharing is essential to advancing research. Read more on the NNRR here.

Request for Information: The HEALing Communities Study

As part of the National Institute of Health's Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, released a Request for Information (RFI) for the HEALing Communities Study. This multisite study will be conducted in up to three communities to develop an integrated set of evidence-based interventions across health care, behavioral health, justice systems, state and local governments, and community organizations to prevent and treat opioid misuse and Opioid Use Disorder. The RFI is seeking input on effective strategies, study outcomes, partnerships, and infrastructure necessary to help identify ideal treatments within communities. Submit responses no later than July 20.

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