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Longtime ANA Member Appointed to Federal Healthcare IT Committee

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) commends the appointment of longtime ANA member Connie Delaney, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, FACMI, to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee, which will play a key role in the development of a nationwide health information technology system. Dr. Delaney, dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota, will serve a one-year term representing the research community.

“ANA believes that capturing data about decisions nurses make, nursing interventions and resulting outcomes is an important part of developing comprehensive electronic healthcare records,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “We expect that Dr. Delaney will be able to offer the committee a perspective on the value of nursing data to a national health information technology system.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Economic Stimulus Bill) required the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to appoint the health IT committee that will make recommendations on the most efficient and effective methods to electronically record, store, and share patient medical information.

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