



More than 100 Members Come Together to Launch *Moving Forward Nursing Home Quality Coalition*

Nationwide Group will Launch Actions for Nursing Home Improvements in Early 2023

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September 12, 2022 Washington, DC -- A two-year initiative to improve nursing home quality has formally launched with a diverse group of nursing home residents and care partners, family members, providers, and leading experts to develop and test action plans that advance recommendations outlined in a [major report](#) released by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) in April 2022. That report found nursing home care to be fragmented, unsustainable and urgently in need of fundamental change.

The [Moving Forward Nursing Home Quality Coalition](#) is funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, and draws on leadership from LeadingAge, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), other national organizations and subject matter experts. The coalition will lead work to promote and support quality of life improvements with residents living in America's nursing homes.

"Because our coalition's purpose is to move nursing home quality forward, we are fortunate that so many action-oriented leaders and stakeholders have volunteered to join, to make real progress now," said Alice Bonner, Chair of the Moving Forward Nursing Home Quality Coalition and Senior Advisor for Aging at IHI.

After a nationwide search, Moving Forward has named more than [100 professionals and stakeholders](#) to serve on the coalition's seven different committees. They will engage long term care advocates, nursing home leaders and residents, federal and state policymakers, and others to prioritize 7-14 NASEM recommendations.

"It is incredibly exciting to see the commitment and passion of this coalition's members, most of whom have made improving nursing home care their life's work," said Terry Fulmer, President of The John A. Hartford Foundation. "The NASEM nursing home quality report gives us a comprehensive set of critical recommendations. Now we must continue to engage more individuals and organizations in the coalition and move forward with actionable reforms and support that will produce more equitable, person-centered, and high-quality care for all nursing home residents."



Members praised the Coalition and its work:

- “The Moving Forward initiative is exciting because it embodies the collaboration needed to make significant improvements in nursing home resident quality of life,” said Barbara Bowers, Faculty Director of the Center for Aging Research and Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Nursing. “The Coalition is already working to bring the voice of residents into all of its committees, and as a member I am excited to help guide its inclusive and equitable approach.”
- “The moment is right, and I believe this Coalition can turn the recommendations from the NASEM report into real progress towards improving nursing home quality,” said David Grabowski, Professor of health care policy in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School. “Over the next two years and beyond, the Coalition will work to create broad and sustainable change.”
- “Moving Forward is focused on empowering, supporting, and engaging direct care staff to create meaningful, lasting change,” said Lori Porter, co-founder and CEO of the National Association of Health Care Assistants. “Certified Nursing Assistants are well represented on the Coalition’s committees, and workforce issues will be integrated into all of its work.”

Each of the seven committees will prioritize one or two recommendations by topic in the first few months, will outline action plans and begin to test and promote those plans during the second year of the initiative. The seven committee focus areas are:

- Person-Centeredness, Culture Change, Care Planning & Quality of Life
- Staffing & Well-Trained Workforce
- Transparency & Accountability of Finances and Ownership
- Financing System
- System of Quality Assurance
- Quality Measurement & Continuous Quality Improvement
- Health Information Technology

The Moving Forward Coalition's website, movingforwardcoalition.org, provides more information on the committees, their co-chairs and members--along with a wealth of resources about the challenges facing America's nursing homes and information on how to join or support the Coalition.

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