



Welcome to the Nursing Professional Advisory Committee (N-PAC). I am delighted that you are a member of the N-PAC. Each of your activities can help to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the nation.

The N-PAC is a committee comprised of nursing representatives, both civil service and Commissioned Corps, from all U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies (OPDIVS). The N-PAC's mission is to provide counsel and advice on professional nursing issues to the Surgeon General of the United States (SG); the PHS Chief Nurse Officer (CNO); and to HHS, federal health, and other leadership to include HHS agency/program heads and other federal agencies/programs that utilize PHS nursing personnel; while serving as a representative of the federal nursing voice.

The N-PAC carries out its functions on behalf of all HHS members of the discipline, including contract nurses, tribal nurses, nurses in other federal agencies/services in which PHS nurses are assigned, and Commissioned Corps nursing student trainees (COSTEPS).

Navigate through our website ([phs-nurse.org](http://phs-nurse.org)) to learn more about the N-PAC and the work that we do. I look forward to working with you and to seeing what you accomplish as a member of the N-PAC's incredible team.

Sincerely,

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