



Below is a summary of the Nursing Community coalition's activity for the month of February.

### **Title VIII Reauthorization Update**

To date, the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015 ([H.R. 2713](#)) has fifty-six bipartisan co-sponsors.

### **President's Budget**

On February 9, 2016, President Obama released his Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Budget. The President proposed \$229.472 million for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs (level funding with FY 2016 enacted) and \$145.912 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (near-level funding with FY 2016 enacted).

On February 29, 2016, the NC approved to support the following request levels for FY 2017: \$244 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs, and \$157 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research.

[FY 2017 President's Budget Compared to FY 2016 Enacted](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

In March, the Nursing Community will co-host a briefing with the Senate Nursing Caucus in Washington, DC. The briefing titled, "The Nursing Profession: What You Need to Know and Why It Matters" will feature the following speakers:

- Susan Schneider, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, AOCN, FAAN (Duke University, School of Nursing)
- Pamela Jeffries, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF (George Washington University, School of Nursing)
- Patricia Sengstack, DNP, RN-BC, CMHIMS (Bon Secours Health System)
- Joan Shinkus Clark, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, FACHE, FAAN (Texas Health Resources)

### **Social Media**

Twitter: [@RN Community](#)

New Followers: 12

Total Followers: 223

Profile Visits: 56

Tweet Impressions: 1,071

Top Tweet: President's FY 2017 Budget released today. See funding levels for Title VIII & NINR here:

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