AAPACN Builds on 20 Years of Success and Sets a Course for the Future

Orlando, FL. April 3, 2019 – Before the largest gathering of nurse assessment coordinators and directors of nursing in their twenty-year history, the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) and the American Association of Directors of Nursing Services (AADNS) announced today a new brand and parent organization, the American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN).

The organizations convene this week in Orlando to both celebrate the 20th Anniversary of AANAC and herald the future of the profession in post-acute care. AAPACN President and CEO, Tracey Moorhead, along with Board Chair, Stephanie Kessler, Partner, RKL LLP, announced the new brand and expanded focus to more than 1,300 conference attendees. Moorhead, named AAPACN’s President and CEO in 2018, and Kessler, as one of the original members upon AANAC’s 1999 launch, took the opportunity to reflect on the legacy of AANAC, to celebrate twenty years of achievements, and to envision AAPACN’s role to support post-acute care professionals.

“In selecting the AAPACN name, the Board of Directors foresaw the growing importance of long-term care and skilled nursing along the post-acute care continuum,” explained Kessler. “The AAPACN Board believes it is the right time to highlight that role and to position our members and the profession for the future of post-acute care nursing. For this reason, we’re repositioning AAPACN to lead education, advocacy, and professional development for LTPAC nursing.”

Moorhead added, “The role of skilled nursing in the care continuum continues to shift and evolve through impacts of market forces, patient demographics, payment, and delivery models. Future payment models, including a unified post-acute payment model, will expand the need for highly competent reimbursement and clinical leaders across post-acute settings. AAPACN endeavors to support these leaders through education, certification, professional development, advocacy, and peer support.”

Themed “Envisioning the Future,” the unified AANAC and AADNS Conference continues through this week and includes keynote sessions with dementia expert, Teepa Snow; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services representatives, Evan Shulman and John Kane; and American Health Care Association (AHCA) and National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) President and CEO, Mark Parkinson.

Learn more about AAPACN by visiting the website www.AAPACN.org, which launched today.

About AAPACN
The American Association of Post-Acute Nursing (AAPACN) represents more than 17,000 long-term and post-acute care nurses and professionals through its subsidiary associations, the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) and the American Association of Directors of Nursing Services (AADNS). Dedicated to supporting LTPAC nurses and healthcare professionals in providing quality care, AAPACN offers members best in-class education, certification, resources, and strong collaborative communities.

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