



OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY
2017 FEB 15 PM 12:38

MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

FEB 15 2017

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 4 of the Health Services Planning Program Reestablishment Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. 11-191; D.C. Official Code § 44-403), which established the Statewide Health Coordinating Council ("Council"), I am pleased to nominate the following person:


Ms. Chioma Nwachukwu
3714 17th Street, NE
Washington DC 20018
(Ward 5)

for appointment as a nurse representing an incorporated association of professional nurses in the District member of the Council, filling a vacant seat, for a term to end February 11, 2020.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,
which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Chioma Nwachukwu to the Statewide Health Coordinating
Council.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the "Statewide Health Coordinating Council Chioma Nwachukwu
Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Ms. Chioma Nwachukwu
3714 17th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20018
(Ward 5)

as a nurse representing an incorporated association of professional nurses in the District member
of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, pursuant to section 4 of the Health Services
Planning Program Reestablishment Act of 1996, effective April 9, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-191; D.C.
Official Code § 44-403), filling a vacant seat, and to serve for a term to end February 11, 2020.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CHIOMA NWACHUKWU, DNP, PHCNS-BC, RN

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To obtain a position that allows for maximizing my career experiences of project management and evaluation, workforce development, quality resource management and improvement, as well as advanced practice public/community health nursing in national and international settings.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Consulting, collaborating, and overseeing various teams, services and departments to develop multi-year prioritized plans and programs that support knowledge acquisition to meet the organization's mission, vision, and values.
- Creating, educating, monitoring, analyzing, and evaluating outcome performance measures.
- Conducting statistical analysis of outcome data to use in program modification within the allotted timeline and met necessary deadlines.
- Planning, developing, coordinating and directing curriculum development for baccalaureate programs
- Strategic planning-Division of Nursing (DON) five year strategic plan; Perioperative Services three year strategic plan; Board of Nursing (BON) five year strategic plan
- Policy development and evaluation
- Providing leadership, professional development and global education to staff.
- Utilizing the safety toolkit to promote safe delivery of care.
- Organizing and conducting emergency response preparedness drills.
- Excellent oral, written and electronic communication
- Proficient in Igbo language and marginal understanding of French

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Nursing Practice (May 2012)

The Catholic University of America – School of Nursing, Washington, DC

Adult Nurse Practitioner, Certificate (May 2011)

The Catholic University of America – School of Nursing, Washington, DC

Master of Science in Nursing, Community and Public Health Nurse Specialist (May, 2009)

The Catholic University of America – School of Nursing, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BSN – Magnum cum Laude (May, 1998)

The Catholic University of America – School of Nursing, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Biology (May, 1995)

The George Washington University – School of Arts & Sciences, Washington, DC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Medstar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC

7/1998 – Present

Nursing Director, 11/2012—Present

Outpatient OR/Pre & Post-Anesthesia Care Unit/Endoscopy Suite

- Responsible for strategic planning, business planning activities, marketing and execution of divisional activities. Participates in the overall strategic planning, and implementation of hospital goals, objectives and mission.
- Develop policies and procedures.
- Establish and implement organizational plans delineating performance expectations to divisional employees, either directly or by delegation.

- Monitor trends and develop innovative approaches to increase staff learning and knowledge to improve patient safety and quality through process improvement activities based on Lean principles.
- Responsible for budget management to include budget justifications for variances and executive summaries.
- Responsible for the leadership, oversight, implementation, and evaluation of new initiatives and process changes and provide strategic and technical direction for staff and advise various leadership councils.
- Collect and analyze data using Excel and other Microsoft applications; disseminate high quality research to inform and impact change and connect staff with research to affect their practice positively.
- Establish and allocate staff resources in accordance with regulatory guidelines utilizing productivity measures, patient acuity and budgetary indicators as primary benchmarks.
- Manage and direct a staff of 120 employees including four Assistant Nursing Directors across three departments within Perioperative Services.
- Provide workforce development strategies to enhance workforce skill and retention.
- Build capacity through active recruitment and retention measures.
- Serve as lead on projects that strengthen links between departments and foster interdisciplinary collaboration and maximize the use information systems to promote the integration of services to serve the underserved population in Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

Assistant Nursing Director, 2/2005 – 11/2012

Post-Anesthesia Recovery Room (PACU)

- Planned and executed all phases of work to ensure compliance with unit, divisional and hospital policies, procedures, Department of Health, Joint Commission regulations/standards and National Patient Safety guidelines by determining and scheduling specific tasks and providing education.
- Formulated and evaluated policies and procedures that help ensure patient safety.
- Monitored and analyzed departmental performance data and identified and participated in performance improvement activities; assessed the integrity and quality of clinical aspects of program operations.
- Assisted in establishing and maintaining staff knowledge and skill to foster a safe environment for patients based on current standards and research, to achieve quality patient outcomes
- Promoted a safe, patient-first culture that fosters a high level of patient satisfaction by analyzing outcomes data and developing dash-boards.
- Supported a professional atmosphere by coaching and developing a staff of 40 employees.
- Provided clinical leadership and gave technical advice through providing education and training of new/transfer employees in the new PACU fellowship.
- Co-Chair of Pain Resource Nurse Committee: provided project management and consultation to nurses to increase the quality of nursing and health care delivery with regards to pain management; reported patient trends and outcomes using Microsoft applications.

Volunteer Recovery Nurse

4/2005, 4/2006

IMO STATE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL MISSION, NIGERIA, AFRICA

Participated in two medical relief missions in Imo State, Nigeria. Delivered free medical care in the form of community health, out-patient care clinics, and professional and educational lectures. This collaboration with Imo State medical professionals provided the capacity to perform surgeries, provide critical and primary care, eye care, dispense eye glasses, medication, and provide health education to the disadvantaged.

ABIA STATE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL MISSION, NIGERIA, AFRICA

12/2011

Participated in a medical relief missions in Abia State, Nigeria. Delivered free medical care in the form of community health, out-patient care clinics, and professional and educational lectures. This collaboration with Abia State medical professionals provided the capacity to perform surgeries, provide critical and primary care. Eye care, dispense eye glasses, medication and provide health education to the disadvantaged.

- Liaised with the Ministry of Health and the State Governor to organize and conduct community health outreach to the underserved population in the state.
- Conducted and facilitated a city wide emergency preparedness drill.
- Consulted with locally trained medical professionals to understand areas of greatest need and planned services to help address those needs.
- Recovered post-surgical anesthesia patients
- Provided patient education
- Instructed nurses and nursing students on methods in recovering post-anesthesia patients
- Presented patient safety initiatives and practices being used in the U.S.

Registered Nurse, 11/2003 - 1/2005

Cardiovascular Recovery Room, (CVRR)

- Titrated intravenous vasoactive medication to help maintain adequate heart rate, blood pressure, and cardiac index and obtained cardiac outputs, index, and wedge readings
- Connected and operated external pacemakers, defibrillated and performed cardioversion
- Monitored and assessed patient vital signs. Managed arterial lines. Performed cardiac rehabilitation
- Suctioned, weaned, and extubated mechanically ventilated patients

Registered Nurse, 2/2001 - 10/2003

Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, (PACU)

- Repeatedly commended by patients and supervisors for outstanding quality of care; received consistent mention in care-survey responses and significantly improved facility's public image by ensuring exceptional patient satisfaction
- Identified current and potential complex issues of specific patient populations, critically analyzed trends and changes in patient status, and planned appropriate patient safety interventions directly or indirectly. Also, identified and evaluated the goals of nursing interventions.
- Educated patients on health maintenance strategies
- Oriented new nurses and performed charge nurse duties to assist the flow of patients through the PACU
- Developed, conducted, and evaluated Critical Care nursing in-service education programs

Registered Nurse, 7/1998 - 2/2001

Surgical Oncology Unit

- Systematically assessed and identified current patient care problems of surgical oncology and general surgery patient populations, prioritized and planned interventions.
- Provided nursing care in accordance with established standards of care, policies, and procedures
- Conducted individual orientation for new staff
- Assumed resource role for colleagues in unit management. Assessed patient care needs establish priorities and delegated tasks to peers and ancillary support staff as appropriate
- Participated in the implementation, maintenance and evaluation of unit goals, objectives, and policies and procedures. Constructively participated in group problem solving

TEACHING & CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

RN Board Member, District of Columbia Board of Nursing
Washington, DC

9/2013 – Present

- Develop policies to regulate the license of providers of health care: registered nurses (RNs); licensed practical nurses (LPNs); advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to include: nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners; and nursing assistive personnel (NAPs) to include: dialysis techs (DTs), certified nursing assistants (CNAs), home health aides (HHAs).
- Collaborate with Board members to approve and regulate the education and training programs of the health care providers listed above.
- Work to safeguard the public's health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.
- Testify on nursing related issues before city officials.

Adjunct Professor, Department of Nursing, Washington Adventist University
Takoma Park, MD

8/2012 – Present

- Formulate quizzes and test that assess critical thinking skills
- Created lesson plans to promote quality learning
- Instructed graduate students on the principles of Evidenced-Based Practice and research through a combination of in-class, on-line, and virtual learning methods
- Developed rubrics for objective assessments
- Employ various pedagogical strategies suitable for the adult learner
- Encouraged knowledge sharing and class participation that fostered deep thinking and strengthening of knowledge base

Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

8/2010 – 12/2010

- Facilitated the clinical experience for senior nursing students and provided guidance and development of critical thinking skills through the review of clinical logs.
- Fostered Evidenced-Based Practice learning through article reviews and case study assignments
- Developed rubrics for objective assessments

Adjunct Professor, Department of Nursing, Trinity DC University
Washington, DC

5/2009 – 8/2009

- Developed curriculum and objectives for the NURS 350 & 350C Midlife to Older Adult Med/Surg course and clinical for undergraduate students.
- Formulated quizzes and test that assessed critical thinking skills
- Created lesson plans
- Fostered Evidenced-Based Practice learning through article reviews and case study assignments
- Developed rubrics for objective assessments
- Employed various pedagogical strategies suitable for the adult learner
- Served as student learning advisor and guidance counselor

DISSERTATION

Decreasing pain and length of stay in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit, (PACU), by implementing the ASPAN Pain and Comfort Guidelines

PRESENTATIONS

Nwachukwu, C. (2010). *Implementing ASPAN Pain and Comfort Guidelines in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit to Reduce Length of Stay*. Poster Presentation at the Washington Regional Research Consortium Doctoral Student Conference, Washington DC.

Johnston, L., McNish, J., Nwachukwu, C., Patchen, L., Reisenberg, C. & White, M. (2015). *Doctoral education programs for nurses*. Panel presentation at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center Nursing Evidence-Based Practice and Research Conference, Washington DC.

AWARDS

Blue Cross Blue Shield Project RN Scholarship, 2009

Medstar Washington Hospital Center Nurse Excellence Award for Clinical Expertise, 2012

CERTIFICATIONS, PROFICIENCIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Certifications: Public Health Clinical Nurse Specialist-Board Certified, (PHCNS-BC), Ventilator support systems; Chemotherapy Administration; Basic Life Support (BLS); Acute Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Organizations: Board of Nursing Committee Member, American Public Health Association, American Nurses Association, DC Response Team Member, DC Action Coalition.

LICENSURE

Registered Nurse (RN), Washington, DC



Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

Chioma Nwachukwu



Dr. Nwachukwu, DNP, PHCNS-BC, RN is an Assistant Nursing Director in the Post-Anesthesia Recovery Room at Washington Hospital Center.

Dr. Nwachukwu is Board Certified and has years of experience providing clinical leadership and technical advice that is based on current standards and research, so as to support patients and ensure quality outcomes. Dr. Nwachukwu has planned and executed all phases of work that ensures compliance with unit, divisional and hospital policies, including the Department of Health, Joint Commission regulations/standards and the National Patient Safety guidelines. She has been responsible for formulating and evaluating policies and procedures for measurable efficacy; monitoring and analyzing department data; and identifying and participating in performance improvement activities.

A Ward 5 resident, Dr. Nwachukwu received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from The George Washington University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The Catholic University, a Master of Science in Nursing from The Catholic University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from The Catholic University.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lolita Alston, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: February 3, 2017
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions appointing Marc Rankin and Chioma Nwachukwu to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Cavendish