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Greetings!

Welcome to the *Action Now!* Solutions Summit! Thank you for joining us in today's important activities.

We launched *Action Now!* because we understand the critical link between nursing education, the nursing workforce, and the health of the people of Washington State. Our vision statement is: "*Nursing Education: Securing the Future of a Healthier Washington.*"

We know several complex issues are impeding Washington's ability to produce the nursing workforce needed by our communities:

- A nursing faculty shortage;
- A lack of quality practice experiences for all students; and
- Funding for nursing education that fails to keep pace.

Coupled with these issues is a national call to advance nursing education to increase access to and support success at baccalaureate and graduate levels.

Since 2016, *Action Now!* has been working with key stakeholders to develop priorities, strategies, and initiatives to tackle these challenges and transform the state's nursing education system.

You are among our key stakeholders. During today's gathering, we will:

- Brief you on the issues underlying the crisis in nursing education that impacts the health of all of us living in Washington State;
- Ask you to assist us in optimizing the solutions we are presenting; and
- Invite you to engage actively in the implementation of the key solutions refined today to achieve desired outcomes for our state.

Thank you again for coming—we look forward to engaging with you today!

Sincerely,

All of us from *Action Now!*