UNC School of Nursing's Cheryl Jones Selected for Prestigious National Nurse Fellowship

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program Provides Leaders with Professional Development, Coaching, Education

Cheryl B. Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate professor and chair, Division of Health Care Environments, in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been named one of just 20 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellows for 2013. Jones joins a select group of nurse leaders from across the country chosen to participate in this world-class, three-year leadership development program designed to enhance nurse leaders’ effectiveness in improving the United States health care system.

In addition to her appointment at the School of Nursing, Jones is also a research fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research and a Research Consultant to the Nursing Division at UNC Hospitals. She has devoted her career to studying micro- and macro-level issues in the nurse workforce to improve the work environment, inform executive practice, and address the costs and quality of health care. One of her best recognized contributions is the development, testing, and refinement of an innovative method for measuring nurse turnover costs.

Began by RWJF in 1998, the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows (ENF) program strengthens the leadership capacity of nurses who aspire to shape health care in their communities, states and nationally. The program will provide Jones and her colleagues with coaching, education and other support to strengthen their abilities to lead teams and organizations working to improve health and health care. The ENF program is located at the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), and co-directed by: Linda Cronenwett, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Beerstecher Blackwell Term Professor and former dean of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and David Altman, PhD, executive vice president of Research, Innovation and Product Development at CCL.

“At this pivotal moment when the country’s health care system is being transformed, we need nurse leaders to help ensure that the changes we adopt improve patient and population health,” Cronenwett said. “The RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program is building and enhancing the leadership skills of talented nurses around the country. Our alumni are a virtual ‘who’s who’ of accomplished nurses, and we know that Jones and the other members of our 2013 cohort will also make enormous contributions to improving health and health care in our country.”
"I am honored and very excited to be a part of the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program," Jones said. "This program will provide me with valuable tools and connections that enable me to help shape the future nursing workforce, and articulate the value nurses bring in balancing the costs and quality of care. I look forward to working with the other new Fellows in my cohort and meeting the alumni of the program — a very impressive group of nursing leaders. We so badly need strong nursing leadership as health care evolves to meet society’s needs. This program will help me to be a part of that transformation."

Executive Nurse Fellows hold senior leadership positions in health services, scientific and academic organizations, public health and community-based organizations or systems, and national professional, governmental and policy organizations. They continue in their current positions during their fellowships, and each develops, plans, and implements a new initiative to improve health care delivery in her or his community.

The full list of 2013 RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows – selected from more than 100 applicants – follows:

- **Susan Apold**, PhD, MSN, BSN, dean, health and human services, Concordia College, Bronxville, New York;
- **Colonel Rachel Armstrong**, PhD, MSN, MBA, U.S. Army, Northern Regional Medical Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia;
- **Lynn Babington**, PhD, MSN, RN, dean and professor, Fairfield University School of Nursing, Fairfield, Connecticut;
- **Margaret Baker**, PhD, RN, associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor, University of Washington School of Nursing Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems, Seattle, Washington;
- **Susan Bauer-Wu**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Tussi and John Kluge professor in contemplative end-of-life care, University of Virginia School of Nursing, Charlottesville, Virginia;
- **Katherine Bechtold**, MHA, BSN, senior vice president and chief nurse executive, MultiCare Health System, Tacoma, Washington;
- **Joan Ching**, MN, RN, CPHQ, administrative director of quality & safety, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, Washington;
- **Angela Green**, PhD, MSN, BSN, director of professional practice, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas;
- **Deborah Green**, DNP, RN, CENP, vice president, nursing and patient services, Cone Health System Annie Penn Hospital and Penn Nursing Center, Reidsville, North Carolina;
- **Kristi Henderson**, DNP, APRN, FAEN, chief advanced practice officer and director of telehealth, University of Mississippi Medical Center Hospital Administration, Faculty-School of Nursing and Medicine, Jackson, Mississippi;
- **Cheryl Jones**, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate professor and chair, division of health care environments, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina;
- **David Keepnews**, PhD, JD, RN, associate professor and director of graduate programs, Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing, Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY), New York, New York;
• **Erin Maughan**, PhD, MS, RN, director of research, National Association of School Nurses, Silver Spring, Maryland;
• **Melinda Noonan**, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, assistant vice president for hospital operations and executive director, Rush Children's Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois;
• **Raymond Phillips**, PhD, RN, MS, chief nurse for inpatient nursing and nursing research, Veterans Administration Northern California Health Care System, San Francisco, California;
• **Marcella M. Rutherford**, PhD, MBA, MSN, dean, Nova Southeastern University, College of Nursing, Fort Lauderdale, Florida;
• **Susan Schrand**, MSN, CRNP, executive director, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania;
• **Marni Storey**, BSN, MS, interim director, Clark County Public Health and 2013 Chair-Elect, Association of State and Territorial Public Health Directors, Vancouver, Washington;
• **Janis Sunderhaus**, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, chief executive officer, Health Partners of Western Ohio, Lima, Ohio; and
• **Yvonne VanDyke**, MSN, RN, vice president, nursing education and administrator, Clinical Education Center Brackenridge, Seton Healthcare Family, Austin, Texas.

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For more information about the RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program visit: www.ExecutiveNurseFellows.org.

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