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Dear Ms. Drehobl:

Enclosed is the Final Report from the recent Public Health Nursing Forum, sponsored by the Quad Council of Public Health Nursing organizations (Quad Council). The forum's invitational meeting built on recent work and progress important to the specialty of public health nursing (PHN). The forum's goal was to develop consensus among public PHN leaders in education, research and practice, and other key stakeholders to enhance and promote the ability of PHN to improve the health of the public.

The key recommendations for action highlighted in this report include:

- Priority 1: Identify and support current and emerging roles of public health nurses**
- Priority 2: Create and find sustainable funding for innovative models of PHN practice and PHN interventions**
- Priority 3: Develop and support leadership skills in PHNs at all levels of practice, and education and research**

Specific action steps for each identified priority area are in the attached report. The Quad Council intends to use the document in ongoing strategic planning for the next 3-5 years. The report integrates prior work led by RWJF in the *Future of Nursing* initiative. We believe this document is useful within workforce development at the CDC. As you well know, it is imperative for PHN to fully participate in health policy planning and change for the achievement of community health and believe this document will prove useful in your continued efforts on behalf of communities and populations. We thank you for your advocacy for PHN specialty practice within CDC. Please feel free to share the document as you wish. Should you have any questions or would like to follow up on some aspect of the report please feel free to contact me at 919.707.5131. Sincerely,

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