Joint Statement of Partnership on Ebola Management

WALLINGFORD – As work continues throughout the state of Connecticut and the nation to address management of the Ebola virus, widespread communication and education is essential. Through communication of current science and knowledge related to Ebola, particularly regarding best practices to keep caregivers, patients, and the community safe, we are able to provide quality care and protection, as well as alleviate fear.

The Connecticut Hospital Association, the Connecticut League for Nursing, the Connecticut Nurses’ Association, and the Organization of Nurse Executives, Connecticut (ONE-CT), are committed to working together on Ebola preparedness. We know that nurses are key frontline caregivers in multiple settings who need to be informed fully about how they can prepare to identify individuals who may have had exposure to or have symptoms of Ebola, protect themselves and others, and respond appropriately.

Our organizations agree to partner to:
- Share information related to Ebola among our organizations.
- Disseminate widely to our membership information, updates, and guidance related to Ebola.
- Respond to nurses’ questions and concerns about Ebola and Ebola preparedness, particularly with regard to the safe use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Collaborate in identifying information and resource needs and facilitate action to address them.

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About The Connecticut Hospital Association
The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.

About The Connecticut League for Nursing
Since 1952, the Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN) - a constituent league of the National League for Nursing - has been dedicated to expanding educational access and opportunities for all nursing faculty, practitioners and students. CLN promotes excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse workforce to advance the nation’s health.

About The Connecticut Nurses’ Association
The Connecticut Nurses’ Association (CNA), established in 1904 as the professional organization of registered nurses in Connecticut, is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association. The Connecticut Nurses’ Association speaks with a unified voice for nurses across all specialties, in all forums. The Association exerts its
organized influence on education and legislation, to protect and advance the practice of nursing and the health of the people in Connecticut.

**About The Organization of Nurse Executives - Connecticut**
The Organization of Nurse Executives Connecticut (ONE-CT) is a statewide professional association committed to providing direction and leadership for the advancement of nursing practice and patient care in health care systems, through the achievement of excellence in nursing leadership practice, and the shaping of policy affecting healthcare delivery.

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