

## **ANA President Attended Summit Conversations: Exploring the Emerging Consensus on American Health Care for the 21st Century**



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American Nurses Association (ANA) President, Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR attended the first of a series of "Summit Conversations" to highlight the emerging national consensus on key components of a reformed 21<sup>st</sup> century health care system on January 28, 2009, at the University of Miami.

ANA has long been a supporter of a restructured health care system that assures universal access to a standard package of essential health care services for all people within U.S. borders. ANA favors a restructured health care system that:

- Enhances consumer access to services by delivering primary health care in community-based settings.
- Fosters consumer responsibility for personal health, self care, and informed decision-making in selecting health care services.
- Facilitates utilization of the most cost-effective providers and therapeutic options in the most appropriate settings.

Sponsored by *America's Agenda: Health Care Education Fund*, Summit Conversations will be held in cities throughout the country over the next 12 months. They will bring together 100 of America's leaders in business, labor, government and the health care sector and will be hosted by University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala and moderated by Emmy-award winning political commentator Bill Press. In addition to Shalala, participants will include Dick Gephardt, former Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; Billy Tauzin, president and CEO of PhRMA; Jim Hagedorn, CEO and chairman of Scotts Miracle-Gro Company; Terry O'Sullivan, general president of the Laborers' International Union of North America; John R. Seffrin, Ph.D., CEO of the American Cancer Society; Rebecca M. Patton, President of the American Nurses Association; Pedro Jose Greer, Jr., M.D.,

assistant dean for Academic Affairs, School of Medicine, Florida International University; and Dr. C. Martin Harris, chairman, IT Division, Cleveland Clinic.

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