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Cheryl Taylor Selected NLN-Appointed Consultant to NSNA

Brooklyn, NY. April 23, 2009. The National Student Nurses' Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Cheryl Taylor, PhD, RN, as the National League for Nursing (NLN)-appointed consultant to NSNA. Dr. Taylor is stepping into the appointment as Dr. Carol-Grace Toussie Weingarten, PhD, RN, ends her term in the role. During her two-year appointment, Dr. Taylor will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors during their business meetings. She will fulfill this role along with Cheryl K. Schmidt, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, the American Nurses Association (ANA)-appointed consultant, who stepped in as a consultant last year.

Upon receiving her BSN from Dillard University New Orleans, Dr. Taylor was recruited by the University of Washington Seattle Masters in Nursing Program. She earned a Ph.D. in Nursing from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas, where she also guided student development as a Residence Hall Director. Taylor concentrated her doctoral research on the interplay of homelessness and chronic mental illness. Later, as a health policy intern, her research findings were cited in the U.S. Congressional Record. Taylor was also the principal investigator on seven-year community based participatory research program to reduce cardiovascular health disparities.

A self-described lifelong learner, Taylor spent the past three decades mentoring nursing students, health organizations and partnerships. She serves on the faculty of the Southern University of Baton Rouge School of Nursing, and is the director of Office of Nursing Research. Taylor also reviews articles for health journals and enjoys writing poetry.

In her role as teacher, mentor, researcher, leader and lifelong learner, working closely with students has been a constant and joyful core component of her life. “I am excited about working with NSNA,” she says. “I believe that student nurses are precious jewels in the crown of healthcare professionals.” Dr. Taylor hopes to inspire student nurses to dream big and strive for excellence. She hopes to continue the legacy of her predecessor, Dr. Weingarten.

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