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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Department of Health Professions (DHP) Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC), thank you for your tireless contribution towards the implementation and launch of www.dhp.virginia/hwdc, the Commonwealth's first centralized repository of supply and demand data on the healthcare workforce.

It would not have been possible without your insight and guidance.

Additionally, DHP gratefully acknowledges the contributions of George Mason University, Linda Lacey of Lacey Research Associates, the Lewin Group and others to the work of the Department of Health Professions Workforce Data Center.

Today, DHP officially launches the HWDC through online placement of the first supply side data on Nurses in the Commonwealth in 2010, as well as a forecast on Nursing through 2028. An electronic media release is being disseminated statewide to consumer press who cover healthcare and the health professions, as well as to professional healthcare publications and medical societies. Reporters will be directed to a new link on the homepage of the agency website that will lead them to DHP HWDC postings that include:

- *The 2007 & 2008 Virginia Licensed Nursing Workforce Survey Findings and Recommendations and relate Nursing Data Cube Tables;*
- *Report on 2008 Nursing Education Programs in Virginia, and*
- *Forecasting Nurse Supply and Demand in Virginia 2008 – 2028.*

Please visit www.dhp.virginia/hwdc to review these materials. A copy of the press release is attached. In the next few days you will receive technical assistance materials to help share the DHP Healthcare Workforce Data Center story with your own extended network.

Your continued support to raise awareness regarding the work of the DHP HWDC among stakeholders is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, thank you for all that you do to improve the health of all Virginians.

Sincerely,

Marilyn B. Tavenner,
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