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Dear Dr. Stanley:

The Association of Community Health Nursing Educators (ACHNE) has long supported the importance of AACN's *Public Health: Recommended Baccalaureate Competencies and Curricular Guidelines for Public Health Nursing: A Supplement to the Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice* (2013), as a document to guide faculty teaching public/community health nursing content. Thus, ACHNE greatly appreciates Dr. Susan Swider suggesting we review this important document and provide recommendations to AACN as the *Supplement* undergoes updating.

ACHNE's Education Committee, under the guidance of Co-Chairs Drs. Joy Hoffman and Mary Ann Drake, completed a thorough review of the *Supplement* and the Committee's recommendations are attached. Education Committee members reviewed the *Supplement* with an eye for updating the content and resources, as well as aiming to help faculty draw connections between the *2018 Quad Council Competencies for Community and Public Health Nursing (QCC-C/PHN)* and the *Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice*. ACHNE's hope is for the *Supplement* to support faculty in guiding their students in achieving an expected level of population health competencies as generalist nurses of the future.

The exploration and clarification of important issues in public/community health nursing education, research and practice in documents such as this reflect ACHNE's responsiveness to changing societal demands, meeting the needs of public/community health nursing educators, and clarifying issues to the larger nursing and public/population health communities. ACHNE is committed to promoting the public's health through ensuring leadership and excellence in nursing education.

Sincerely,

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