Overall Framing:

This was the first of three meetings in the dialogue. It was designed to lay the groundwork for the dialogue, and to identify and build understanding of some of the critical issues we need to work on in greater depth and detail over the next two meetings. After the third meeting, our hope is to craft a statement that is jointly developed that will help inform the future of inter-professional collaboration.

Key Points:

- The dialogue was collegial, and it was great to meet and talk to people who lead other physician and nursing organizations.
- We had a candid conversation where many of the hard issues were identified, and we were able to reach an understanding of each other’s perspective, and the perspective of their profession, on these key issues.
- We know that we have further work ahead over the next two meetings to get underneath these critical issues now that we have a clearer understanding of the issues from multiple perspectives.
- We agreed that we must continue to work through these issues and get to agreements given that the increasing need for patient-care is so great.
- To that end, we’ll continue to ask the question that stands behind change for all professions affected—“What does this mean for me?”
- We’ll also be working to define the terms where there has been misunderstanding or misinterpretations of meaning in the past, so we can move ahead with a shared ‘glossary of terms’ that are relevant to inter-professional collaboration.