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**ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE ILLINOIS CENTER FOR NURSING**

**Minutes**

Illinois Center for Nursing  
Advisory Board Meeting  
09:30 A.M., Thursday, January 3, 2013

Locations:

JR Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street  
Department of Insurance  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room #9-375  
Chicago, Illinois

320 W. Washington Street  
Department of Insurance  
Second Floor, Room #258  
Springfield, IL

ATTENDANCE

ICN Board Members:

Present: Chicago:

*Michele Bromberg, Chairperson*  
Kathryn Christiansen  
Nancy Cutler  
Carmen Hovanec  
Mary Lebold  
Marcia Maurer  
Maureen Shekleton  
Deborah Terrell

Excused Absence:

Jim Renneker  
Donna Hartweg

Present: Springfield:

Donna Meyer  
Marsha Prater  
Marcia Maurer

ICN Staff: Chicago: LBRoberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting called to order at 0940am

1. Minutes December 6, 2012: DTerrell moved/MShekleton seconded, minutes approved.
2. National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Transition to Practice Newsletter – (<https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>). Final when phase I and phase II are both completed.
3. Legislative Update:
  - The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) voted on Dec. 17, 2012, to raise the passing standard for the NCLEX-RN Examination (the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses). The passing standard will be revised from the current -0.16

logits to 0.00 logit beginning April 1, 2013, with the implementation of the 2013 NCLEX-RN Test Plan. (A logit is defined as a unit of measurement to report relative differences between candidate ability estimates and item difficulties).

- The new passing standard will remain in effect through March 31, 2016. The NCSBN Board determined that safe and effective entry-level RN practice requires a greater level of knowledge, skills, and abilities than was required in 2009 when NCSBN implemented the current standard. The passing standard was increased in response to changes in U.S. health care delivery and nursing practice that have resulted in the greater acuity of clients seen by entry-level RNs.
  - Discussion: when the passing standard is raised, the nursing education programs do not receive notification prior to implementation, there is not time to adjust curriculum, so schools then receive a lower pass rate the first year after standard changes.
  - The 10th annual *Ready or Not? Protecting the Public from Diseases, Disasters and Bioterrorism* report suggests that persistent gaps remain in states' ability to respond to emergencies, ranging from bioterrorist threats to hurricanes to disease outbreaks. Thirty-five states and Washington, D.C., scored a 6 or lower out of 10 in preparedness indicators, such as the ability to fund public health programs, and to assemble decision-makers in an emergency. The Trust for America's Health and RWJF issued the report, published 12/19/2012, <http://www.healthyamericans.org/>
  - From Susan Swart, Executive Director, ANA-IL, are working with nursing and other associations/organizations on the formation of a taskforce to focus on nursing education in IL.
    - Discussion: suggestions for participants including consumers, health care providers - including long-term care. Will need to they articulate with IL HAC Education Workgroup, including communication through the Coordinating Committee.
4. Communication –will send e-newsletter with announcements.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. IDFPR Number Active Nurse Licensees
  1. Discussion: In the Illinois Nurse Practice Act the ICN is to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing profession. The number of licensees continues to increase, is gradual. Major increases in graduates a few years ago, but there has been recent stabilization.
  2. Review of data on the Illinois Center for Nursing Website, in addition to the number of active nurse licensees, there is the workforce supply and demand number of RNs by county and for the whole state, methodology also on the ICN website, data/research tab.
  3. In the past data comparisons were at the end of the year or end of the fiscal year. Recommendation: to continue to monitor number of active nurse licenses in Illinois as available on the IDFPR website [http://www.idfpr.com/LicenseLookUp/Active\\_Lic\\_All.asp](http://www.idfpr.com/LicenseLookUp/Active_Lic_All.asp) At the end of the fiscal year review to determine need to assess gap of non-renewal of IL RN licensees. Contact Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) regarding variance between workforce number of nurses in the supply-demand calculations and the number of active nurse licensees, have there been changes in the methodology. Consider convening a data committee such as the IL HAC Data Committee for additional follow-up.
  - Continue to monitor number of active nurse licenses
2. Clinical Faculty Academy (CFA)
  - According to the Kansas City Metropolitan Healthcare Council, the two day course curriculum has not been updated recently; however they are in the process of reviewing and revising the two day course, they are not certain when in 2013 this will be complete. The CFA reference manual and curriculum have been developed and copyright protected by the Health Alliance of MidAmerica, LLC.

- The South Metropolitan Healthcare Education Consortium (SMHEC) is interested in hosting a CFA in the fall, 2013. William Rainey Harper College is also interested – not certain of a date.
  - Discussion: MBromberg to present information that ICN has CFA resource material available at the February meeting of the ICCB Nursing Deans & Directors and the March meeting of the Illinois Association of Colleges of Nursing (IACN). If other schools are interested in CFA they are to contact the ICN. Many Illinois nursing education programs in the southern part of the state attend CFA in Missouri.
3. Jonas Nurse Leader Scholars 2012-2013 (3 IL recipients) – next steps
- As a requirement of the program, each scholar must complete a leadership project that incorporates recommendations from the IOM report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading change, Advancing Health*, and working in their local action coalition so that each student has the opportunity to make an impact on the future of nursing.
- Sara B. Adams, University of Illinois at Chicago, is working with the IL HAC Leadership Workgroup, Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders, Sharon Canariato, ED; development of a resource toolkit for managers to utilize for nurses returning to school.
  - Ben Inventor, Rush University, is working with the IL HAC Practice Workgroup, ANA-Illinois, Susan Swart, ED and ICN Board member Maureen Shekleton; development of talking points toolkit for pending legislation.
  - Teresa Yambo, Rush University, has requested to work with the IL HAC Education Workgroup. She will be working with ICN Board member Donna Hartweg and Janet Krejci/co-chair IL HAC Education Workgroup.
4. Institute of Medicine (IOM) Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IL HAC) Strategic Planning
1. Three of the four Workgroups (Education, Leadership, Practice, Collaboration) have a Convener or Co-convener.
- Discussion: The Collaboration Workgroup: options for involvement with other associations and organizations. Certain departments are mandated to have collaborate activity for accreditation. Review participants in simulation asset mapping project, pharmacy departments, inter-disciplinary groups at various medical centers – may have work on a specific task. May need to define collaboration, be more specific, outcomes, add information to the organizational chart.
  - Conveners: contact as a group, determine when they are having the first meeting, conference call. Send organizational chart, etc, all information is also on the ANA-Illinois website <http://www.ana-illinois.org/>
  - Participants, review with Conveners who has submitted their name for involvement, follow-up that they have been contacted; resend names to Convener of Workgroup.
  - Then they can start working on within their group recruiting for example, the community members, practice people; each group figures out who is to be in the group
  - Next steps include recruiting community members, non-nurses, etc
  - Missouri Action Coalition, they are having a webinar in January prior to beginning the meetings of the workgroups/subcommittees and all Missouri subcommittees are meeting the first week of February 2013. Missouri information to be distributed.
  - Community of Foundations, successful outreach with BCBs, involvement in the Donor's Forum
  - Communication workgroup: convene and maintain compliance with the Open Meetings Act
  - Data workgroup: will contact IDES, questions earlier re: number active licenses
  - CCNA website, state page, community communication
5. Illinois Pathways Initiative, Science Technology Engineering and Math Learning Exchanges
- a. The state of STEM in Out-Of-School-Time in Chicago December 2012 meeting, the focus was after school programs

b. Condensed Strategic Plan – funding pending

12:30 PM ADJOURNMENT

*The Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) was established in 2006 to advocate for appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of Illinois. ICN is working with industry professionals and educational institutions to ensure that Illinois has a nursing workforce necessary to meet the demands of a growing and aging population. ICN Website: [www.nursing.illinois.gov](http://www.nursing.illinois.gov).*

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