

******Meeting Notes******

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**
 Meeting Date: December 8, 2021
 Meeting convened: 11:09 am
 Meeting Adjourned: 12:16 pm
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Remote

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
 Pamela Bigler, Member
 Amanda Buechel, Member
 Fran LaMonica, Member
 Cynthia Maskey, Member
 Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson

Board Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Linda B. Roberts, Manager
 Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator

Guests: none

Read at the start of the meeting.

This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7) that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster.

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order	Meeting called to order by K. Jones, Chairperson
Review Rules a. Mute, all participants will be placed on mute when the meeting begins b. Unmute yourself when it is your time to present or when you wish to speak	
II. Declaration of a Quorum	K. Jones declared quorum at 11:09am
III. Approval of Minutes (Action) Approval of the October 20, 2021 Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: C. Maskey/P. Bigler move to approve the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes.	October 20, 2021 minutes approved
IV. Announcements 1. COVID-19 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) update; case positivity is 4.7%, test positivity is 5.4%. COVID positivity is increasing, with the cooler weather and people spending more time inside, and the recent variant, COVID positivity is increasing.	

<p>2. National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers Annual Conference: Swing for the Fences! Changing the Nursing Workforce Game; Bellagio Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 20-22, 2022. Conference is a hybrid event; same conference fee for in-person or remote attendance.</p>	
<p>V. New Business None</p>	
<p>VI. Old Business – need to edit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APRN 2020 survey report, draft #2 was reviewed. Revisions were made based on previous board comments and review. Motion was made/seconded: F. LaMonica/C. Maskey move to approve the APRN 2020 survey report. 2. Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations (ICNO). The notes from the October Nursing Workforce Center board meeting will be distributed to all ICNO members. From those organizations that attended in October, it was an opportunity to learn about other member organizations. The next meeting is to be hosted by ANA-Illinois, unsure when in 2022 . Discussion: how to partner, to expand on priorities. Will need to measure impact; need an assessment of vacancies, vacancies being filled by “travel” nurses. Discussed different models of travel nurses, sign-on bonuses, referral bonuses, etc. Plan: contact IONL, state agency such as IDES or IWIB to determine current number of vacancies. Contact ANA-Illinois to find out the date of the next meeting; if it is not until March 2022, invite ICNO leaders to the February Nursing Workforce Center board meeting, discussing public health issues, disparities, and leadership. 3. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA) : Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity. Some states have received innovation grants; there was a joint project with NY-breaking barriers down, changing lives. Plan: develop a crosswalk of the 9 Recommendations with the INWC that fit with the priorities. 	<p>Motion: approve APRN report</p>
<p>V. Reports-this is old stuff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairperson Report Support of health, nurse well-being task force update (IONL, IHA, ANA-IL): background information and survey links were distributed to nurse organization leaders. This same information will also be published in the December issue of <i>Nursing Voice</i>. Return deadline is mid-January 2022. There are a limited number of participants thus far. 2. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Manager Report National Forum State Nursing Workforce Centers: Annual meeting next year to be in person/hybrid, June 20-23, 2022 Monday – Wednesday, Las Vegas, Bellagio hotel. Other projects: the Forum Research committee is working to revise the biennial results from the joint Forum-NCSBN survey data that is sent to each state, to increase state access. 3. Other Organizations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup: three projects continue: 1) writing a third article for publication; 2) partner with Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) to present a webinar to reach nurses across the state; 3) the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) grant funding that was on hold in 2020, there currently is an RFP for academic-practice partnerships (APPs) due mid-January 2022. This will fund projects in the Spring semester 2022. b. Illinois Nurses Foundation scholarship application open period is January 2-March 15, 2022. The annual gala was held December 4, 2021 and raised \$14, 000+, which exceeded the goal. c. American Nurses Association: this week is the leadership summit with executive officers and state presidents. 	

<p>4. Nursing Coordinator</p> <p>a. Board of Nursing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent legislation requiring implicit bias awareness training and a separate CE requirement for those working with adults who potentially might have Alzheimer’s, these requirements will begin in 2023 for LPNs and 2024 for RNs, APRNs and APRN-FPAs. • The COVID-19 temporary practice permit for healthcare workers has been extended until May 31, 2022. The professional must work with patients with the COVID-19 diagnosis. <p>b. National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), has COVID-19 CE courses available.</p>	
<p>VIII. Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>IX. Adjournment</p> <p>The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Motion was made/seconded: C. Maskey/F. La Monica to adjourn.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn approved</p>
	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm</p>

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Pamela Bigler, Savoy, IL; Amanda Buechel, Oak Forest, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Fran LaMonica, Chicago, IL; Cynthia Maskey, Springfield, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

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