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Illinois Named *Campaign for Action* Regional Action Coalition to Help Ensure a Prepared and Effective Health Care Workforce

Vision is Long-Term Change in Health and Health Care

[Chicago] — IL Regional Action Coalition for Nursing has been selected as a Regional Action Coalition by the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action* (CFA), a collaboration created by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the AARP Foundation to implement solutions to the challenges facing the nursing profession, and to build upon nurse-based approaches to improving quality and transforming the way Americans receive health care. To turn growing momentum and nationwide interest in the health care workforce into action, the Regional Action Coalitions have been convened to advance key issues at the local, state and national levels.

IL Regional Action Coalition (RAC), which includes the CBNC - Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium; IACN - IL Association of Colleges of Nursing; ICNR - IL Coalition of Nursing Resources; ICOD - IL Council of Directors of Associate Degree Nursing programs; INA - IL Nurses Association; IOADN -IL Organization of Associate Degree Nursing programs; IONL - IL Organization of Nurse Leaders; ISAPN - IL Society of Advance Practice Nursing; IL AARP; IL Hospital Association along with Team IL Regional Partners: CINI-Central IL Nursing Initiative; CIRCLE- Central IL Regional Collaborative Effort; Connect SI, Inc.; ILLOWA – IL Iowa 2009 RWJF PIN recipient; and MCHC –Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, will work with the Campaign for Action (CFA) to implement the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.

Specifically, IL Regional Action Coalition aims to: Short-term: Establish the organization Between the IL Center for Nursing (ICN) and the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to articulate and coordinate the IOM health care reform goals; Create a state leadership structure to implement IOM recommendations; and Survey organizations to determine current activity in support of IOM recommendations. Long-term (12+ months): Enhance ongoing regional work on IOM recommendations and set new priorities; Utilize new strategic partners to leverage resources through foundation, federal, private and business sector grants to fund regional and state coalition efforts; create a leadership development institute to educate nurses throughout the State of Illinois to lead and diffuse collaborative improvements and advance healthcare.

“The diversity of our coalition and our proven capacity were key factors in being selected,” said Julio Rodriguez, Co-Lead, Program Manager and IL DCEO. “As a participant in the movement to maximize the contributions of the nurses who deliver health care in our state and nation, IL RAC is excited to bring its energy and ideas to the table.”

IL Regional Action Coalition joins Regional Action Coalitions in these states:

- New York
- Michigan
- New Jersey
- Mississippi

- California
- Washington
- Idaho
- Utah
- Colorado
- New Mexico
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Virginia
- Florida

Regional Action Coalitions function as the campaign’s field operation. Their mission is focused on fostering interprofessional collaboration, the ability of all health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their education and training, strengthened nurse education and training and the increased participation of nurses as leaders.

“The *Campaign for Action* was developed to realize a vision of improved health care for all Americans,” said Susan B. Hassmiller, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., senior advisor for nursing at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “The groundswell of support demonstrated by the creation of Regional Action Coalitions all across the country—beginning with five last fall and now expanding to 15 and beyond—shows the vigor and commitment that is driving this effort.”

IL Regional Action Coalition for Nursing was selected in February in this round of Regional Action Coalition selections. CFA aims to ultimately engage groups in all 50 states. To help build and sustain momentum across the country, states that have not yet become Regional Action Coalitions have access to campaign materials and communications for use in the change efforts they have initiated in their states.

According to IL Regional Action Coalition Co-leads M. Bromberg and L. B. Roberts, IDFPR/IL Center for Nursing, “we are honored to have our efforts recognized in this way and look forward to working with our partners to maximize the contributions of nurses in IL.”

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Regional Action Coalitions are convened to advance the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. Comprised of diverse groups of stakeholders at the state level that can effect long-term sustainable change, Regional Action Coalitions will further the overall effort by capturing best practices, determining research needs, tracking lessons learned and identifying replicable models.

