Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition Status Report

Organization and Leadership Structure

- The Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IL HAC) builds upon a group of partners who have previously worked together on a number of nursing issues in the state. The Illinois Center for Nursing (Michele Bromberg and Linda B. Roberts) and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (Julio Rodríguez) have partnered for five years on nursing workforce development programs and projects. These two organizations, as members of the Center to Champion Nursing’s Team Illinois, have recruited coalition members.
- In April, it was announced that the IL Center for Nursing Board of Directors will be the leadership for the IL HAC.
- The IL HAC has identified partners in 5 regions and has begun an analysis of what recommendations each partner is engaged in. The goal was to establish regional meetings with local regional leaders by late summer; this is now being re-evaluated.
- In August a first draft organization structure was developed (see below). The IL Center for Nursing Board of Directors made minor revisions on September 1 meeting. The final draft will be voted on at the October 6 board meeting.

Priorities/Progress

- 5/2011: Developed and implemented an asset mapping tool to determine current activity in the state in support of IOM recommendations.
- 7/2011: in partnership with National Council State Boards of Nursing begin recruitment of sites to participate in the Transition to Practice Phase II (non-acute) study of RNs and LPNs
- 8/2011: Two AC members were appointed to the State Health Improvement Plan Implementation Coordination Council

Rec. 1 - scope

- In Illinois, APRNs must have a written collaborative agreement with a physician or podiatrist to practice (diagnose and prescribe). APRNs that are credentialed and privileged to work in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center are exempt from the collaborative agreement requirement.
- Current bills include the Driver's License Medical Review Law which would amend the definition of "medical examiner" or "medical practitioner" to include APRNs.
- APN curricula reflect knowledge and skills to function at full scope of practice.
- A member of the IL HAC, MCHC, created an open discussion forum for nursing executives and APRNs. MCHC has also conducted surveys and developed a database.

Recs. 2 & 7-leadership

- State has a best practice model of nurse managed clinics funded by HRSA.
Rec. 3- residency
- IL is one of three states participating in the NCSBN Transition to Practice randomized research study of newly licensed nurses evaluating the effect of the NCSBN transition model on patient safety and quality outcomes.
- IL Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) will coordinate the Marquette University SON HRSA grant to expand preceptor/new nurse programs in IL rural communities.

Recs. 4 & 5 - degrees
- 4/2011: The Illinois Nurses Association, with support from IONL, ISAPN, IACN and ICOD, convened nursing educators and leaders from every region of Illinois on April 1 in Normal, IL. At the Summit, “Educational Advancement of Registered Nurses”, participants developed strategies to implement IOM recommendations. Susan Hassmiller gave keynote address. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2011.
- STEM: IL DCEO, in collaboration with ICCB, IBHE, ICN, IDES, ISAC develop STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Learning Exchanges to support capacity building and scaling up programs of study by forming open-collaborative, public-private statewide networks in the career cluster areas.

Rec. 6- lifelong learning
- The state Nurse Practice Act changed in 2007 to require continuing education of licensed nurses.

Rec. 8 - data
- The state has strong data collection and analysis infrastructure. The Illinois Center for Nursing developed a template with the Illinois Department of Employment Security and regional partners to analyze nursing workforce data; this template is now being used to analyze other IL licensed professions.

Technical Assistance Requested or Needed:
- Requesting assistance with connecting to AARP State Office

Technical Assistance Received:
- Sue Hassmiller met with AC (June 16).
- Weekly Campaign updates.
- Provide one-on-one technical assistance calls with Campaign Liaisons on a bi-Monthly basis since inception.
- Provided for two AC members to participate in the “Connect training designed to help ACs build and strengthen relationship with members of Congress to advance their mission.
- Use of the extranet to obtain the following materials:

Communications Materials:
- Campaign Overview One-pager
- Campaign Standard Presentation PPT
- Campaign Key Messages
- Campaign Logo
- Campaign For Action - Action Coalition Overview One-pager
- AC Map and Campaign Involvement Map
- IOM Report Brief
- Strategic Advisory Committee Roster
- Wave II AC Selection Press Release (editable)
- Champion Nursing Coalition Member List

Planning Resources:
- Spitfire Strategic Planning Tool and Guide
- Key Stakeholder Assessment Tool
- Conference Line Direction for AC Use
- WA –Congressional Pledge Document
- Various material posted by Action Coalitions on presentations, structure, and one-pagers.

Issues-Based Resources:
- Restrictive Practice Map
- MI-Survey on Advance Practice Nurses 2010
- Executive Summary Recommendation Briefs

As of August 2011
○ Champion Nursing Council Member List
○ State One-pagers (Connect docs)

- Access to a variety of live and archived webinars geared towards providing technical assistance to ACs, including:
  ○ 4/7/11: “Lobbying & Political Activities—Where is the line?” & “How CA Organized Their Action Coalition”
  ○ 4/13/11: “Northeastern States Region - Equip and Empower for Educational Transformation: Getting to 80% Baccalaureate by 2020”
  ○ 5/20/11: “Future Opportunities for Nursing in an Evolving Health Care System”
  ○ 6/9/11: “Federal Nursing Workforce Funding: An Update”
  ○ 6/13/11 “AARP Solution Forum: Advancing Health in Rural America: Maximizing Nursing’s Impact”
  ○ 6/29/11: Western States Region - Equip and Empower for Educational Transformation: Getting to 80% Baccalaureate by 2020”
  ○ 7/7/11: “Southeast States Region - Equip and Empower for Educational Transformation: Getting to 80% Baccalaureate by 2020”
  ○ 7/7/11: “Midwestern States Region - Equip and Empower for Educational Transformation: Getting to 80% Baccalaureate by 2020”
  ○ 7/14/11: “Applying to be an Action Coalition - Wave III applicants”
  ○ 7/21/11: “Preparing Health Professionals for Interprofessional Education and Collaboration”
  ○ 8/18/11: “A Summary of the Regional Webinar Series - Equip and Empower for Educational Transformation: Getting to 80% Baccalaureate by 2020”

Technical Assistance the AC Could Provide to Others
- Can provide assistance regarding asset mapping and templates to determine current activity in the state in support of IOM recommendations.
- Michele Bromberg and Linda Roberts have been invited to be a part of Joanne Spetz’s advisory committee on dashboard indicators

Technical Assistance the AC Provided to Others
- Initial Wave II application, goals both short-term and long-term, template of other organization letter of support
- Asset mapping tool
- IOM RAC/SAC/IL HAC powerpoint with notes
- Various nursing workforce and education data collection tools

Grants ($) and In-kind Resources (description):

The Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) was established in 2006 to advocate and ensure 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. For more information, visit the ICN website, www.nursing.illinois.gov.

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