Michele Bromberg, MSN, APN

Michele Bromberg is the Nursing Coordinator for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. She is responsible for planning, developing and implementing state-wide policy and procedure for the uniform administration of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act and Rules, which includes analysis of scope of practice for LPNs, RNs and APNs. Ms. Bromberg coordinates and monitors the evaluation of new nursing education programs, conducts site visits on new and existing education programs throughout IL for compliance.

Ms. Bromberg is also the Chairperson of the Illinois Center for Nursing Advisory Board. As Chairperson, she provides oversight and administrative direction for the Nursing Center in the strategic planning process for nursing manpower in Illinois. Michele serves as spokesperson and liaison representing the Department of Professional Regulation with professional associations, organizations, nursing education programs, healthcare facilities and government agencies at the state and national level.

Ms. Bromberg joined the Department in 2006, which was an exciting time for the IL nursing community. She was instrumental in the revision of the IL Nurse Practice Act as mandated by the IL Regulatory Sunset Act, which occurs every ten years. She was also pivotal in the development Rules for the Administration of the Nurse Practice Act, which were completed in 2010. Ms. Bromberg currently oversees one-hundred and thirty two IL nursing education pre-licensure programs. Since 2006, IL nursing education capacity has increased by an average of twenty percent. Under Ms. Bromberg's leadership, in 2007 the Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) was created. The ICN is recognized at the national and state level for expertise in both the development of data collection tools and data collection. ICN is co-chair of the IL Healthcare Action Coalition, working with stakeholder organizations to improve access to high-quality of health care for Illinois residents. Ms. Bromberg represents IDFPR on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Implementation Coordination Council in 2011.

With a B.S. in Nursing from Loyola University Niehoff School of Nursing and a Master of Science in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from Rush University, Ms. Bromberg has the honor of being the liaison to the Commission on Family Services, Board of Health and the Consumer Affairs Commission for the Village of Skokie. Since 2001, she has been an elected Trustee on the Village Board. Ms. Bromberg has worked with other elected officials to pass one of the first smoking bans in Illinois and initiated the lighter ordinance that prohibits the sale of cigarette lighters to minors.

Kathryn E. Christiansen, PhD, RN, FAAN

Kathy Christiansen is Director of Clinical Practice, Institute of Healthcare Innovation and Assistant Professor, Department of Health Systems Science, University of Illinois College of Nursing. She has spent forty-eight years in home and community care. Her experience includes direct patient care as a staff nurse, as well as in education with undergraduate and graduate nursing students and home care administration. Kathy holds a BSN and a Masters in Nursing of children from the University of Iowa College of Nursing, Iowa City, Iowa and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from Rush University College of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois.

Nancy Cutler, MSN, RN, CRRN

In October of 2008, Nancy Cutler transitioned to Freeport Health Network (FHN), located in Freeport, Illinois. Her position is Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing

Officer (CNO). FHN covers 7 counties in Northwest Illinois including a 172-bed acute care hospital and multiple ambulatory sites. From 2001 to September 2008, Nancy Cutler served as Vice President of Patient Services and CNO or Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. As part of this network, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital is a 120-bed private hospital dedicated to the delivery of rehabilitative medicine. Prior to joining Marianjoy, Ms. Cutler served as Vice President, Patient Care Services of Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network, a 125-bed comprehensive rehabilitation facility located in Chicago, IL.

Ms. Cutler is active in several professional organizations. She is the Regional President of IONL of Northwest Illinois. She has served as a member of the DuPage County Healthcare Leadership Strategic Council, Healthcare Leadership Committee and Co-Chair for the MCHC Clinical Coordination Committee. Related to her work with these initiatives, Ms. Cutler was the recipient of the Outstanding Business Leadership Award for DuPage County Tech Prep in 2005. Ms. Cutler was appointed to the IDFPR/Illinois Center for Nursing Advisory Board in 2006. Her interests in healthcare span a 27 year period, with 22 of those years spent in rehabilitation medicine as a clinician and an administrator. Ms. Cutler is an active member in many professional organizations including the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), the Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) and has been a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN) since 1987. Ms. Cutler received her MS in Nursing Administration from St. Xavier University in Chicago in 1995 and her BS from St. Xavier University in 1984.

Donna L. Hartweg, Ph.D., RN

Donna L. Hartweg is a consultant in nursing education and health care. She is also Professor Emerita, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, after retiring as Caroline F. Rupert Professor of Nursing and Director of the School of Nursing. After receiving a BSN from the University of Iowa, she completed master's degrees at Illinois State University (education) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (medical surgical nursing). Her PhD in nursing is from Wayne State University in Detroit.

The majority of her academic career was at Illinois Wesleyan University with community leadership within the University and professional nursing community including president of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary, chair of the University's major policy council, and positions in the regional or state Illinois Nurses' Association and Theta Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. She also chaired the Illinois Association of Colleges of Nursing, the organization of all baccalaureate and higher degree nursing programs in the State of Illinois. Dr. Hartweg continues as an active scholar with an interest in women's self-care. Most recent investigations are on health and self-care behaviors of Spanish-speaking Latinas from Mexico and Central America and the Arizona/Mexico border. With her interest in self-care, Dr. Hartweg was a founder and current officer in the International Orem (self-care) Society of Nursing Scholarship.

Past leadership roles within Central Illinois include serving as president of the Community Health Care Clinic, the local free clinic, and chair of (now Advocate) BroMenn Healthcare Hospitals Board of Directors responsible for (Advocate) BroMenn and Eureka Hospitals, the latter a rural access hospital. She currently serves on the John M. Scott Commission (serving health care needs of low income individuals) and is a Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer.

Mary Lebold Ed.D., RN

Dr. Mary Lebold Ed.D., RN is the Executive Director of the Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium (CBNC) and the Dean Emeritus of Saint Xavier University, School of Nursing. She has extensive experience in nursing, nursing education and administration. As Dean of the School of Nursing she was responsible for the undergraduate nursing and graduate nursing programs, faculty recruitment and evaluation, student recruitment, retention and graduation, and special projects and program development. She also worked with faculty to implement several funded projects such as the development of Nursing Centers, endowed nursing scholarships, a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program and the first LPN-BSN program in the State of Illinois. In her current role, she assists internationally educated nurses (IENs) obtain their nursing license in Illinois and the U.S.

Dr. Lebold holds a doctorate from Northern Illinois University in Adult and Continuing Education and a master's degree from University of Illinois, Chicago in Medical-Surgical Nursing and Nursing Education. She has served as an external consultant for program development and evaluation and a CCNE accreditation site visitor for nursing programs in the U.S. Dr. Lebold is a member of several community boards and committees. Currently, she is the secretary of the Board for Alivio Medical Center and a member of the Board's Quality Assurance Committee. Her research, presentations and publications are in the areas of caring, adult and continuing education, curriculum and program development, implementation and evaluation.

Marcia Maurer, Ph.D., RN

Marcia Maurer, RN, MS, PhD, is Professor and Dean of Nursing, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). She earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration the School of Education at Loyola University of Chicago; a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Colorado Health Sciences**;** and the BSN from the University of Illinois College of Nursing, Chicago, IL. Prior to her appointment at SIUE Dr Maurer was Associate Dean Academic Programs in Nursing and Director Graduate Programs in Nursing, Loyola University Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Chicago, IL. The majority of her academic and practice career has been dedicated to maternal-child health nursing and high risk perinatal/neonatal nursing. She began the first high risk perinatal/neonatal master's degree in the State of Illinois at the University of Illinois College of Nursing in 1981.

Dr. Maurer has held many positions in the region, and state including Illinois Nurses' Association Board of Directors, Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Beta Chapter Board, and March of Dimes Advisory Committee, Chicago Chapter. She is currently the only nurse member of the Anderson Hospital Board of Trustees and serves on a number of program planning committees for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow between 2004 thru 2007, and prior to that a fellow in the AACN Leadership Institute. She has multiple presentations and publications including books, refereed journal articles, videos, expert testimony and interviews. Her service to the community spans practice in perinatal/neonatal settings, expert care consultation, health fairs, to serving on nursing and non-nursing advisory boards.

Donna Meyer, MSN, RN

Donna Meyer is the Dean of Health Sciences and Project Director for the Lewis and Clark Community College Nurse Managed Center. She holds a bachelor and masters degree in nursing. Her career has spanned over thirty years in both practice and education. Her primary clinical background has been in pediatric nursing at St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

Ms. Meyer began her academic career at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois as a nursing faculty member and progressed into Director of the program and ultimately became Dean of Health Sciences. During her tenure as the Director of Nursing Education, she received funding from Health Resources and Services Administration to develop the first Nurse Managed Center at a community college. The Center's services have grown substantially in the last three years reaching over 35,000 patient encounters. Ms. Meyer was responsible for working with then Senator Obama in 2007 to receive funding of a mobile health unit to serve the rural communities. Ms. Meyer has received various awards for her work including the:

- MetLife Community College Excellence Award for Innovation – 2010
- Illinois Nurses Association Innovation in Health Care Award – 2009
- Illinois Community Administrators Award for Innovation – 2009
- Illinois Rural Health Association Award – 2008

Ms Meyer is involved in numerous professional organizations. She is a National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) site visitor. She is a member of the Illinois Nurses Association, the National Nursing Centers Consortium, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing, and the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (NOADN) She has been a member of the NOADN Board of Directors for the past four years. She is the current President of NOADN, and will serve as President through 2014.

Marsha Prater, Ph.D., RN

Marsha Prater, PhD, RN, is the Senior Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer of Memorial Health System (MHS) in Springfield IL. She oversees the integration of the MHS mission, vision, values and strategic goals into the daily operations of patient care delivery across the system which includes three hospitals, a home services division, a community-based mental health center, and a primary care physician practice network. Dr. Prater brings over 30 years of nursing and leadership experience in acute care nursing to the Board. She has been with Memorial since 1990, initially serving as the administrator for Oncology Services until assuming her current role in 1992. Prior to coming to Memorial, Dr. Prater was an assistant professor of surgery and a staff nurse at SIU School of Medicine and a medical-surgical staff nurse at St John's Hospital.

Dr. Prater holds adjunct faculty positions at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville (SIUE) School of Nursing and SIU School of Medicine. She also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Benedictine University Department of Nursing and Health.

Dr. Prater received her bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing. She obtained her master's and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University. She is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and holds ANCC certification as a nurse executive advanced-board certified (NEA-BC). She is also a member of several professional nursing and healthcare leadership organizations, including IONL, AONE, ICNR, Sigma Theta Tau International and ACHE.

Jim Renneker, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE

Jim Renneker, MSN, RN is currently serving as Chief Nursing Officer/ Chief Operating Officer for Vanguard Health-Weiss Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Prior to his appointment at Weiss, he served as Vice President of Nursing at NorthShore University Healthcare-Highland Park Hospital from 2002-2009. Mr. Renneker has practiced as a registered nurse for over 30 years; has held leadership positions as Vice President of Hospitals and Clinics, Vice President of Patient Care Services, Interim Provost for a College of Nursing (BSN Program), and System Executive Director. He has worked in acute care, home care, hospice and long-term care in non-profit and for-profit organizations.

Mr. Renneker holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati, a BSN from Creighton University; Omaha, NB; and an MSN from the University of Cincinnati.
He is currently a doctoral student in the DNP Program at Loyola University, Chicago. He is licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator in Illinois (LNHA); board certified as a Nurse Executive-Advanced (NEA-BC); Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE); Beckwith Fellow; University of Pittsburgh; and an Academy Fellow of The Advisory Board, Washington, DC. He is a member of the Advisory Board for Robert Morris University, Illinois, in their Master of Management and Physician Assistant Programs, a member of IONL, AONE, Sigma Theta Tau, IHPCO, and CHEF. Mr. Renneker is Past Treasurer for the Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (IHPCO), and Past President of the Chicago Healthcare Executives Forum (CHEF).

Maureen E. Shekleton, Ph.D., RN, FAAN

Maureen E. Shekleton is the President of the Illinois Nurses Foundation. She also holds the position of Professional Relations Specialist at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Rush University, a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the College of Mount Saint Joseph. She is a Fellow in both the American Academy of Nursing and the National Academy of Practice. Dr. Shekleton was the satellite site coordinator at Du Page Community Clinic, a free clinic serving medically indigent residents of Du Page County. She has held faculty positions at the University of Illinois College of Nursing and Lewis University and both faculty and service positions at Rush University Medical Center.

Dr. Shekleton has served in a variety of elected and appointed positions in both the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the Illinois Nurses Association (INA). She has served as the INA President, 2nd Vice President and Board member and as a Chair of the ANA Congress of Nursing Practice. She was co-founder and President of the Respiratory Nursing Society and chaired the Nursing Assembly of the Chicago Lung Association. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and was president of the Gamma Phi Chapter at Rush. Dr. Shekleton is the author of two textbooks in nursing and has published several book chapters and clinical and research articles. She holds the rank of Ni Dan (2nd degree Black Belt) in Shotokan karate.

Deborah A. Terrell, PhD, FNP-BC, RN

Deborah A. Terrell is Associate Professor Richard J. Daley College, Chicago City Colleges. She earned the Doctor of Nursing Science and Family Nurse Practitioner degrees from Rush University, a Master of Science degree (women and pediatric nursing) from Northern Illinois University College of Nursing, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Illinois. Dr. Terrell was the clinical Coordinator at Frances Nelson Health Center a clinic serving medically indigent residents in Champaign County. She has held faculty positions at Parkland College Department of Nursing and Trinity Christian College Department of Nursing, and Family Nurse Practitioner positions at Dunbar Adolescent Health Center and Chicago Christian Industrial League.

Dr. Terrell's community activities focused on her interest in adolescent health, children born to adolescent mothers, and women's health. Dr. Terrell's research focused on barriers related to adolescent mother's adherence to the well child regimen. Dr. Terrell's interest provided the opportunity to volunteer at Project Hope where she provided informational sessions and mentored adolescent mothers. She also designed the course *Mother and Me* to assist in opening the avenue of communication between pre-adolescent girls and their mothers.

She received the Pioneer in Medical Miracles award from Provident Foundation. She was featured on the cover of the Nursing Spectrum Magazine and the featured article discussed creative avenues to address the nursing shortage. Dr. Terrell also participated in Phase IV of Nurses Investing in Maternal-Child Health Leadership Academy. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and current president of the IL chapter of National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (NOADN) .

Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN

Linda B. Roberts is the Manager for the Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN). The ICN was established in 2006 as part of an overall strategy to produce more highly skilled nursing professionals and an ongoing effort to ease the nursing shortage and improve access to quality health care for Illinois families. The ICN is located within the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Before joining IDFPR, Ms. Roberts was a Clinical Research Coordinator with the Division of Solid Organ Transplantation, Department of Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Her educational background includes a Master of Science degree from Loyola University Niehoff School of Nursing in Chicago and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Illinois College of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois. Since becoming licensed as a RN in 1978, Linda has, by choice, worked directly with patients in a staff role or as a direct care research nurse.

Ms. Roberts is a past member of the Illinois Board of Nursing from 2005-2008, where she represented nursing practice. She was President of the Illinois Nurses Association, 1997-1999, when APN's first became licensed in Illinois. She has worked extensively, primarily through the Illinois Nurses Association, as an advocate for nurses and on health-care advocacy issues in the legislative arena. Ms. Roberts is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Illinois Nurses Association, the State Forum of Nursing Workforce Centers, is Co-Chair of the IL Healthcare Action Coalition, and along with Ms. Bromberg, represents IDFPR on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Implementation Coordination Council.