

Campaign for Action Vision: All Americans have access to high quality, patient-centered care in a healthcare system where nurses contribute as essential partners in achieving success.

IOM Report October 2010: *The Future of Nursing, Leading Change, Advancing Health*: this is considered to be a landmark report for nursing; it continues to have more downloads than any other IOM report. Initially there were four key messages and eight recommendations; IL has five campaign aims (see below) that focus on nursing care improving health of a community. The IL Center for Nursing, with co-chair IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, was chosen in the Spring 2011 first round of participating state action coalitions by the national coordinating organization, the Center to Champion Nursing in America/AARP.

The IL Center for Nursing has assumed leadership of the IL Healthcare Action Coalition during the asset mapping project. IL nursing organizations, government agencies and Team IL Regional Partners have been surveyed; considerable time has been spent reviewing the current initiatives of IL nursing and some healthcare organizations. Coalition development has included review of other state models, a focus on communication amongst organizational structures, a model for involvement that is inclusive for individuals and organizations and committee development that focuses each committee on one specific campaign aim/action plan.

The IL Center for Nursing, with Team IL Regional Partners, beginning in 2008 focused on improving educational advancement, and was successful in increasing the number of seats in IL nursing education programs by approximately 18%. IL is currently participating in two transition to practice studies, one with the National Council of State Boards for Nursing and one with the Critical Access Hospitals. The Employment trends in the State of IL in healthcare over the last 5 years show that the annual growth rate for healthcare jobs has ranged from 1.6% to 2.4%. The growth is in ambulatory health care, hospitals/acute care and nursing and residential care facilities. The annual growth rate for all jobs in the State of IL has ranged from -4.5% to 1.2%.

The IL Center for Nursing anticipates that the IL Healthcare Action Coalition structure, etc, is in the process of completion. Then IL Nursing Organization Leadership will be contacted to move forward. Employment in health care continues to grow; nurses remain essential providers of leadership and care in various settings.

Future of Nursing: IL Healthcare Action Coalition Campaign Aims

- 1) IL will foster a well educated workforce prepared to meet future healthcare demands
- 2) IL will advance inter-professional collaboration across the health spectrum
- 3) Nurses will practice to the full extent of their education and training
- 4) Nurses will strengthen leadership skills at all levels
- 5) IL will gather and generate data for program performance measures and outcomes to make informed decisions

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 Mission: The mission of the IL Center for Nursing is to advocate and ensure appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of IL. 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. Visit the ICN website, www.nursing.illinois.gov.

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