



The Illinois Center for Nursing Elects New Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Illinois Center for Nursing's (ICN) central challenge: to optimize ICN's influence as the leader for nursing workforce development that impacts quality healthcare policy, practice and education in an era of change.

The ICN Advisory Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of the months of February, April, June, September, October and December by videoconference in the IDFPR offices in Springfield & Chicago, 10am-2pm; meetings are open to the public

During the September 2016 Advisory Board meeting, the ICN elected a new Chairperson, Carmen Hovanec, MSN, RN and Vice-chairperson, Kathleen Delaney, PhD, RN. Carmen was ICN Vice-chair FY2016, and Kathy has been the Chair of the ICN Data Workgroup – responsible for the RN and LPN reports, which are based on the data collected with license renewal <http://nursing.illinois.gov/ResearchData.asp>.

The ICN Board continues to focus work in the following areas:

- Translate and select the Center's research findings into priorities to be addressed within the state: articles, webinars, etc
- Collaborate with stakeholders to promote the culture of health in the State of Illinois
- Serve as a liaison to interpret the impact of health care trends and professional nursing issues on the citizens of Illinois: planning for the nursing workforce needed to meet health care demands created by population shifts and health care transformation.

The 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, <http://nursing.illinois.gov>