



We have a new name – the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center!

When Governor Rauner signed Public Act 100-0513 into law last fall, changes to the Illinois Nurse Practice Act included a few changes for the Illinois Center for Nursing. Perhaps most notably is our new name, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC), which reflects the focus on the nursing workforce.

The Nursing Workforce Center was initially established through legislative action in 2006, and placed within the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing profession. Comprised of eleven members with diverse expertise, the Nursing Workforce Center is administered by a managing director. Since its inception, the INWC has established multiple coalitions with regional, state, and national organizations to address the statutory mandate.

Chairperson, Carmen Hovanec, MSN, RN and Vice-chairperson, Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMH-NP, FAAN wish to thank outgoing advisory board members: Julie E. Bracken, MSN, RN; Donna L. Hartweg, PhD, RN (past Chairperson); Mary M. Lebold, EdD, RN; Donna Meyer, MSN, RN; Maureen Shekleton, PhD, RN, FAAN (past Chairperson); and Deborah A. Terrell, PhD, FNP-BC, RN. In addition to C. Hovanec and K. Delaney, continuing board members include: Marsha A. Prater, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE and Corinne Haviley, MS, PhD, RN. New advisory board members will be appointed by IDFPR Secretary Schneider.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center 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 INWC website, www.nursing.illinois.gov