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ICN Nursing Initiative Status Update:

Team Illinois: Action Plan Simulation Lab Asset Mapping: on line survey distributed by Illinois Hospital Association, Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, Illinois HomeCare Council and the Illinois Center for Nursing to membership, Illinois Schools of Nursing and Medical Schools. Special thanks to all the partner organizations for reformatting the survey for online format. Results due June, 2009.

IBHE FY 2009 Nurse Educator Fellows: The IBHE and the Advisory Board for the Illinois Center for Nursing recognized the 2009 Nurse Educator Fellows during the advisory board's May meeting. This distinguished group of nursing faculty were nominated by their schools of nursing and competed against 37 applicants to become part of this select group of 15 Nurse Educator Fellows in fiscal year 2009. This program helps to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning by providing a one-time salary supplement to the fellows. This fall the IBHE will be seeking new applicants for the program, pending the appropriation of state funds. FY 2009 Nurse Educator Fellows:

1) MariJo Letizia, PhD, RN, APN/ANP-BC; 2) Mary K. Pabst, PhD, RN; 3) Victoria Folsie, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, LCPC; 4) Mary Kakenmaster, MSN, RN; 5) Thelma Warner, MSN, RN; 6) Jodene Scheller, PhD, RN; 7) Teresa A. Saxton, MSN, RN; 8) Dawna Egelhoff, MSN, RN; 9) Michele Bromberg, MSN, APN, BC, Advisory Board Chair; 10) Mary Ann Freitag, DNP, RN; 11) Dianne M. Bazell, PhD, IBHE Deputy Director; 12) Sandra Hughes, PhD, RN; 13) Peggy A Gallagher, EdD, RN, CNE; 14) Frances R. Vlasses, PhD, RN, NEA-BC; and 15) Nancy Kipnis, MSN, RN. Unable to attend ceremony, Nancy Oldenburg, EdD, RN, CPNP and Patrick Robinson, PhD, RN, ACRN.

Home Health: A workgroup of DECO, ICN, MCHC, and PHI National are planning a meeting of stakeholders to explore workforce development strategies for the growing home healthcare sector in Illinois. The invitees to include policy, regulatory, employers and consumer groups.

The Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers, the Minimum Dataset Project, sponsored, in part, by AARP's Center to Champion Nursing America seeks your comments on the nurse supply, demand, and education dataset drafts. These documents are intended to establish standardized datasets to be collected by each state as part of a larger effort to effectively quantify and address the country's critical nursing shortage – which is expected to grow to between 340,000 and 1,000,000 Registered Nurse FTE vacancies by 2020. The public comment period will run from 5/12/09 until Friday, June 13, 2009; the dataset drafts can be downloaded at:

<http://www.nursingworkforcecenters.org/CallPublicComment.aspx>

To provide input about the minimum datasets drafts should do so by sending comments via email to datasets@nursingworkforcecenters.org. The Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers seeks feedback from all nursing stakeholders nationally and asks that you forward the call for public comment to all nursing stakeholders in your area.

The Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) was established in 2006 to advocate and ensure for the 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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