

# Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**  
 Meeting Date: April 13, 2022  
 Meeting convened: 11:05 am  
 Meeting Adjourned: 1:09 pm  
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Remote

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson  
 Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson  
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member  
 Fran LaMonica, Member  
 Cynthia Maskey, Member  
 Amanda Oliver (Buechel), Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda B. Roberts, Manager  
 Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator

Guests: Kelly Sands-Risinger  
 Susan Swart, ANA-Illinois

This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7) that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster.

Topic	Action
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order by K. Jones, Chairperson
Review Rules: a: mute, all participants will be placed on mute when the meeting begins; b: unmute yourself when it is your time to present or when you wish to speak.	
Reorder agenda to announcements until a quorum is present.	
<b>II. Announcements</b>	
1. COVID-19 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) update: Last week, the case positivity rate was 2.1%, (in December it was 4.7%), test positivity is 2.3% (in December it was 5.4%). The new COVID-19 subvariant, BA.2, is the cause of a current wave of COVID in Europe; it has been detected in the US and in Illinois.	
2. IDFPR 2022 RN, APRN, FPA-APRN license renewal: posted on social media last Tuesday: license renewal is currently moving to a new technology platform that should make the renewal process easier for licensees in the future; at this time the nurses renewal period has not opened, an email will be sent notifying individual nurses when the renewal period begins; there is an extended renewal deadline of August 31, 2022; and there is a fee waiver for nurses who renew their RN, APRN, and FP-APRN license prior to the August 31, 2022 expiration date.	
3. National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers: Swing for the Fences! Changing the Nursing Workforce Game; Bellagio hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 20-22, 2022. This annual conference is a hybrid event.	

<p>4. Illinois Nurses Foundation 40-under-40 Nurse Emerging Nurse Leader Annual Recognition. The nomination deadline has been extended to April 30, 2022.</p> <p>5. The Illinois Department of Public Health Nursing Education Scholarship Program (IDPH NESP) annual deadline for online applications is April 30.</p>	
<p><b>III. Declaration of a Quorum at 11:13 am</b> Continue with agenda.</p>	K. Jones declares a quorum
<p><b>IV. Approval of Minutes</b> The December 8, 2021, and the February 9, 2022, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes need approval. There was consensus to vote on approval or disapproval of both board meetings with one vote. Motion was made/seconded: F. LaMonica/C. Maskey to move and approve both sets of minutes. Move to approve the December 8, 2021, and the February 9, 2022, meeting minutes.</p>	Approve both the 12/8/21 meeting minutes and the 2/9/22 meeting minutes.
<p><b>V. New Business</b></p> <p>1. Internationally Educated Nurses. Fran LaMonica presented about the Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium (CBNC), a 501.C.3. The process of transitioning internationally educated nurses from licensure in another country to Illinois nurse licensure; the process, speedbumps, barriers. She also presented about a collaboration with the city Colleges of Chicago on establishing the “Welcome Back Initiative” <a href="https://chicagobilingualnurse.org/">https://chicagobilingualnurse.org/</a></p>	
<p><b>VI. Old Business</b></p> <p>1. Annual RN, APRN and FPA-APRN survey questions, review potential revisions.</p> <p>a. Review revisions recommended at the February Nursing Workforce Center board meeting to the RN, APRN and FPA-APRN survey questions. Four questions about the impact of SARS-2 COVID-19 have been added to the employment section. Question about the need to provide proof of vaccination; if one has a COVID-19 exemption, the need to complete COVID-19 testing; policies on the safety, well-being and support of the nursing workforce; employment status.</p> <p>b. FPA-APRN survey question revision clarifying specialty or subspecialty since CRNAs are not eligible for FPA-APRN licensure in Illinois. Delete “anesthesia” as an option, add as specialty areas: “pre-anesthesia” and “peri-operative”. Discussion consensus to only add “peri-operative”; this will include those that specialize in both areas.</p> <p>2. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF): Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity. RWJF has invited Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IHAC) leaders to attend a meeting May 18, 2022. This meeting marks one year since the release of the Future of Nursing 2020-2030 report. Representing Illinois will be representatives of IONL, ANA-IL and from the Nursing Workforce Center: K. Jones, F. LaMonica and L. B. Roberts.</p> <p>A draft crosswalk of the RWJF Future of Nursing nine recommendations and the Nursing Workforce Center goals and strategies was reviewed. Plan: further discussion after the May 18 RWJF national meeting; perhaps to target a few Recommendations.</p>	
<p><b>VI. Reports</b></p> <p>1. Chairperson Report, review Public Health Nurse Leader Workgroup update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4/21/22: 12noon-1pm: IPHA lunch-and-learn series, presentation: <i>Pandemic Nursing: Burn Out and Self-Care</i>. This is a repeat of the December 2021 presentation and includes a free 1 hour CE.</li> <li>• RWJF grants and academic-practice pilot projects. Successful applications and review; six projects will begin across Illinois beginning this summer. Robin Hannon is the grant PI.</li> </ul>	

<p>2. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Manager Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review FPA-ARPN 2020 survey report: revise the section describing practice focus specialty reflecting that since CRNAs are not eligible to apply for a FPA-APRN, but the survey only offered “anesthesia” as a specialty area, that these FPA-APRNs specialty area was “peri-operative”.</li> </ul> <p>Motion: T. Towle/F. Lamonica: to approve the FPA-APRN 2020 Workforce Survey Report with the above edits and to place on the Nursing Workforce Center website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IBHE Nurse Educator Fellows – annual collection of surveys and year-end grant report abstract continues. The State budget has allocated and increase in the amount for this program. Discussion: suggestion to share a past application with faculty over the summer months; per statute the application period is during the Fall semester.</li> </ul> <p>3. Nursing Organization updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illinois Nurses Foundation. A. Oliver, the 40-under-40 nurse leader, application period has been extended through 4/30/22. There is also an “honor a nurse” program that includes a submission fee that includes the submitter and the nurse being honored being included in a 50-50 split the pot raffle. Details and a link to be shared at a later date.</li> <li>ANA-Illinois: Susan Swart initiated discussion about data collection including NCSBN NURSUS data collection that some states, such as Missouri are currently using.</li> </ul> <p>4. Nursing Coordinator – Michele Bromberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Nursing – the next board meeting in May will include the pre-licensure nursing education schools that are on probation and their action plans.</li> <li>National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), the annual APRN meeting was yesterday and states shared current updates including those that are working towards full practice authority for APRNs.</li> </ul>	<p>Action: approve final edits of report as described in the discussion and placing the FPA-APRN survey report on the Nursing Workforce Center website.</p>
<p><b>VIII. Public Comment</b> Comment was requested</p>	<p>No comment</p>
<p><b>IX. Adjournment</b> The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, June 15, 2022.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm</p>

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Amanda Oliver, Oak Forest, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Fran LaMonica, Chicago, IL; Cynthia Maskey, Springfield, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

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