



(Above): Illinois nursing leaders who attended the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers Annual meeting which was held in Rosemont, Illinois June 6-8, 2018.

The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers Annual conference was hosted by the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center and other Midwest state nursing workforce centers; conference coordination through the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers. The conference theme was: *P4: Policy, Practice, Populations and Possibilities*.

There were several Keynote speakers who focused on nursing and workforce issues:

- Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Adviser for Nursing at the Robert Wood Johnson foundation and Director, Campaign for Action: *The Future of Nursing: Possibilities for Policy, Practice and Populations*
- Chuck Underwood, BBA, President, The Generational Imperative, Inc.: *Boomers, X'ers and Mils, Oh My!*
- Pam Cipriano, PhD, MN, BSN, RN, President, American Nurses Association: *Nursing Practice in the Future: Heraldng the Way to Health*
- MaryAnn Alexander, PhD, RN, National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN): *A Portrait of Nursing in America: 2018 and Beyond*
- The day of Dr. Alexander's keynote included other speakers and topics from NCSBN: NCLEX-the next generation; nurse licensure compact- multistate licensure for the 21st century and an NCSBN update.



Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Managing Director Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN, stands between Advisory Board members Kathy Delaney PhD, APRN, PMH-NP and Linda Taylor, PhD, RN, CNE. Drs. Taylor and Delaney represented the INWC at this national meeting.

Dr. Taylor and Luis Flores (BSN student) presented a poster: *Foreign Educated Nurses: A Comparative Study of Current State Rules and Recommendations to Illinois Department of Professional Regulation Rules of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act.*

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) INWC is comprised of eleven members with diverse expertise, and meets six times a year. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018. All meetings are open to the public.

The INWC remains as part of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act, to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing profession. The Nursing Center has established multiple coalitions with regional, state, and national organizations to address the statutory mandate. More details on the website <http://nursing.illinois.gov/>



The Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium presented a poster: *The Journey of Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) as They Seek Licensure in the State of Illinois.*

Pictured above: Mary Lebold, EdD, RN; Paula Schipiour, MSN, RN; Susana Gonzalez, MSN, MHA, RN, CNML; and Frances M. LaMonica, MS, RN.

The 2019 National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers annual conference will be June 12-14, 2019, Brown Palace Hotel, Denver Colorado: *The Changing Face of Nursing in the Decade Ahead.*

<https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/>