



**Illinois Nurses Lead the Way at the National Academy of Medicine Town Hall Meeting:  
Social Determinants of Health into Nursing Education, Research, and Practice, Chicago- June 7, 2019**



The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Committee on the Future of Nursing 2020-2030 hosted the first of 3 town hall meetings at Malcolm X College on June 7, 2019. The NAM Committee is interested in nurses' insights on how to advance the profession of nursing to help our nation create a culture of health, reduce health disparities, and improve the health and well-being of the U.S. population in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The committee will examine the lessons learned from the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action as well as the current state of science and technology to inform their assessment of the capacity of the profession to meet the anticipated health and social care demands from 2020 to 2030. Each meeting features panel discussions around a specific topic, followed by limited public comment. Additional NAM information <https://nam.edu/publications/the-future-of-nursing-2020-2030/>

The Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IHAC) provided outreach which maximized registration at Malcolm X College at 450 the week before the meeting and had 2,000 signed up to listen by webcast. The IHAC co-leads: Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC), Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) and ANA-Illinois were well represented at the meeting: INWC Chair Dr. Kathy Delaney, Manager Linda B. Roberts; IONL President Dr. Jennifer Grenier; ANA-Illinois President Dan Frackowski, Vice-President Dr. Karen Egeness and EO Dr. Susan Swart. Other organizational leaders: ANA Board member Amanda Buechel; IACN President Dr. Judy Neubrander; IODN President Dr. Julie D'Agostino; NAHN-IL President Lupe Hernandez, Past Presidents Dr. Liz Aquino and Susana Gonzalez; State Board of Nursing Chair Dr. Catherine Miller and Nursing Coordinator Michele Bromberg, and many, many others. The above picture is of some of the Illinois nurses in attendance on June 7.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center is a resource to find information on education options, workforce reports from data collected with biannual online re-licensure as well as continuing education and re-licensure resources. <http://nursing.illinois.gov/Default.asp>