

# Minutes

**Meeting:** Illinois Nursing Workforce Center  
**Meeting Date:** June 4, 2024  
**Meeting convened:** 11:02 am  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:03pm  
**Meeting Locations:** Video Conference: Chicago, Springfield  
 Guests: remote  
**Board Members Present:** Krista L. Jones, Chairperson  
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member  
 Heather Escobar, Member  
 Blanca Miller, Member  
 Karen Richey, Member  
 Daisy Sherry, Member  
**Board Members Remote/Virtual:** Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson  
 Diane Smith, Member  
 Glenda Morris Burnett, Member  
**Board Members Absent:** Amanda Oliver, Member  
 Fran LaMonica, Member  
**Staff Present:** Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator  
 Linda B. Roberts, Manager  
**Guests:** In-person or remote: Glenda Gallisath, PhD, IBHE Senior Associate Development of Talent  
 And Workforce Development

Topic	Action
<b>I. Call to Order, Roll call.</b> a. Declaration of a quorum at 11:02 a.m. b. Each individual board member self-introduced.	K. Jones declared quorum 11: 02 a.m.
<b>1. Announcements, Correspondence</b> a. Welcome. Brief self-introductions, each advisory board member, including two new board members: Diane Smith RN, University of Chicago Hospitals/Clinics, and National Nurses United (NNU); and Glenda Morris-Burnett, Rush University College of Nursing. 2. National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers annual meeting, June 17-19, 2024, San Diego, California. 3. Forty-under-forty tenth anniversary event; Thursday, September 19, 2024, Courtyard Banquets, Warrenville, Illinois. Nominations closed, applicants currently under review by past recipients. Next remote meeting 6/10/23; there were 107 nominees being reviewed by past recipients to determine 40 award recipients.	
<b>III. Review and Approval of Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The February 21, 2024, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: H. Escobar/D. Sherry move to approve the February 21, 2024, meeting minutes.</li> <li>• The April 3, 2024, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: K. Richey/L. Bartlett move to approve the April 3, 2024, meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	02/21/24 minutes approved by individual board members. 04/03/24 minutes approved by individual board members.
<b>IV. Chairperson Time- Krista Jones</b> Today's meeting is 1 hour, the second hour will be presentations by the FY24 IBHE Nurse Educator Fellow recognition recipients. We will continue strategic planning under Old Business section.	

Forty-under-forty has a tenth anniversary event, 9/19/2024 evening, Warrenville, Illinois, as discussed in the Announcements section.

Recent State of Illinois budget includes:

ISAC/IL Student Assistant Commission: \$4 million in scholarships funded by the IDFPR nurse licensure and re-licensure fees. This scholarship program was initially started in the 1990's and oversight was by IDPH/IL Department of Public Health. It has been with ISAC for two years. Funding in FY24 increased to \$4 million from FY23 \$2million; FY 23 resulted in 245 awards.

<https://nursing.illinois.gov/resources/financial-aid-scholarships-grants.html>

-ISAC FY 24 also has a Nurse Educator loan annual program, not to exceed \$5,000, from the education assistance fund: <https://www.isac.org/students/after-college/forgiveness-programs/nurse-educator-loan-repayment-program.html>

#### IV. Board Liaison Time

1. Linda B. Roberts, INWC Board Liaison:

-Data collection continues post license renewal for RNs, APRNs & FPA-APRN's. May need to do E-Blasts similar to what was done collecting survey data in 2022 to increase survey response rates. Plan to work with IDFPR Licensing Section for further details to set up survey E-blasts. LPN survey collection with license renewal starts in November 2024.

-Outreach: 4/16/24 Annual Student Nurse Political Action Day, Springfield, IL convention center; about 600 students and faculty; information table for the day.

-4/26/24: Annual State Nurses Expo, Rockford, IL; first time INWC was there as an information table, approximately 200 people, mostly nurses, few student nurses.

-Articles are submitted to *Nursing Voice* ANA-IL/INF quarterly newspaper; most recent included IDFPR online resources, IDFPR Licensing Scam Alert, LPN 2023 Data Highlights.

-IBHE/IL Board of Higher Education: FY25 IL State budget funding same as FY24: \$1.5 million expansion- improvement grants; \$80,000 Faculty Fellowships. It is our understanding that IBHE is working on Rules revisions to revise amount of each faculty fellowship grant and how frequently this can be received; details to follow. IBHE FY24 recipients, are presenting as groups, the first group to present today 1pm.

2. Michele Bromberg, IDFPR Nursing Coordinator

-License renewal for RNs, APRNs and FPA-APRNs has been extended from 5/31/24 to 6/30/2024.

-Board of Nursing pre-licensure education update: Illinois up until recently had one hospital pre-licensure education program; that program has recently been transitioned to a BSN pre-licensure education program. Now all pre-licensure RN education programs are either RN associate degree, RN baccalaureate degree, or RN master's entry level degree.

-Low pass rates for 1/1-12/31/2023: are maintained on the INWC website:

<https://nursing.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/nursing/documents/pdf/il-approved-nursing-ed-programs-low-pass-rates-2023.pdf>

-Legislation update: limited review of recent legislation that has been passed, not yet signed by Illinois Governor Pritzker.

#### V. Old Business – Strategic Planning

Resume Strategic Planning document that the board began during INWC Board meeting April 2024 with four objectives. Review 4 objective goals and timeline and metrics. Discussion.

<p><b>VI. New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First IBHE FY24 Nurse Educator Fellows presentations will begin at 12noon with Glenda Gallisath, PhD, IBHE Senior Associate Director for Talent and Workforce Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Simulation Training and Simulation Instructional Development Team</li> <li>ii. Certification/Advanced degree DNP Team</li> <li>iii. Certification/Advanced degree variety Team</li> <li>iv. Conferences/Leadership Development ATI Nurse Summit Team</li> <li>v. Conferences/Leadership Development Variety Team:</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Post event remarks: INWC Chairperson Dr. K. Jones:</b></p> <p>We thank the five groups of nurse educators from 20+ colleges and universities located across the state of Illinois who have worked together these past few weeks to create today's presentations. They have shared how they have utilized the \$10,000 IBHE FY24 Nurse Educator Faculty funds. Utilization includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simulation training and simulation instructional development – something that is essential to nursing pre-licensure education.</li> <li>- Certification/advanced degree, DNP, obtaining education in order to obtain a DNP.</li> <li>- Certification/advanced degree variety team, certification in their unique specialty area, ACUE, NLN, CNE, etc.</li> <li>- Conferences/leadership development ATI (National Nurse Educator) Summit.</li> <li>- Conferences/leadership development variety team, AACN, ANCC, Teaching professor conference.</li> </ul> <p>Many of the faculty attended additional conferences, events, these presentations represent only one of the some of the many places/projects.</p> <p>Thank you again. We look forward to the next conference lunch-and-learn presentations next week Wednesday 6/12/2024.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Questions asked and answered.</p>
<p><b>VIII. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 pm</p>
<p><b>The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 11am, Chicago and Springfield meeting rooms.</b></p>	

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Heather Escobar, Norridge, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Fran LaMonica, Chicago, IL; Blanca Miller, Dunlap, IL; Glenda Morris-Burnett, Chicago, IL; Amanda Oliver, Oak Forest, IL; Karen Richey, IN; Daisy Sherry, Darien, IL; Diane Smith, Richton Park, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

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