

## Draft Minutes Draft

**Meeting:** **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**  
**Meeting Date:** December 11, 2019  
**Meeting convened:** 11:12 am  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:40 pm  
**Meeting Locations: Video Conference:** Chicago, Conference Room #9-375; 100 W. Randolph Street  
 Springfield, Conference Room #258; 320 W. Washington Street  
**Board Members Present:** Linda D. Taylor, Chairperson  
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member  
 Laura W. Bernaix, Member  
 Susan Edamala, Member  
 Krista L. Jones, Vice-chairperson  
 Cynthia Maskey, Member  
 Marsha A. Prater, Member  
 Theresa E. Towle, Member  
**Board Members Absent:** Carmen Hovanec, Member  
**Staff Present:** Cecilia Abundis, Director, Division of Professional Regulation  
 Linda B. Roberts, Manager  
 Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator

Topic	Action
<b>I. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions</b> Board members, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) staff introduce themselves.	Meeting called to order by L. Taylor, Chairperson
<b>II. Declaration of a Quorum at 11:12 am</b>	L. Taylor declares quorum
<b>III. Approval of Minutes (Action)</b> Approval of the September 11, 2019 Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded M. Prater/C. Maskey to approve the September 2019 meeting minutes.	September 2019 minutes approved
<b>IV. Announcements</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual mandatory sexual harassment prevention training and ethics training for State of Illinois board members</li> <li>2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY20 Nurse Educator Fellowship Award recipients</li> <li>3. Illinois Public Health Nurse Leaders annual conference: Return on Investment, Partnerships Add Value; Thursday, March 12, 2020, McKendree University and Zoom</li> <li>4. Student Nurse Political Action Day March 31, 2020; ANA-Illinois Nurse Political Action Day, April 1, 2020</li> <li>5. National Forum for State Nursing Workforce Centers and National Nurse-Led Care Consortium Annual Conference. June 10-12, 2020, Philadelphia, PA: The Power of Data to Build a Healthier Nation</li> </ol>	
<b>IV. Reports</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairperson Report, L. Taylor               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief review of meeting with Division of Professional Regulation (DPR) Director Cecilia Abundis, October 16</li> <li>• Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations (ICNO) conference call meeting was held 11/20/19. Report during nursing organization reports.</li> <li>• Appointments; there are two vacancies and one pending vacancy of a board member with an expired term. The Nursing Workforce Center has received two applications.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

<p>2. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Manager’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles for Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) quarterly newsletter <i>Nursing Voice</i> were submitted, distribution December 2019 <a href="https://www.nursingald.com/publications/1990">https://www.nursingald.com/publications/1990</a></li> <li>A report of the INWC 2019 accomplishments was submitted to the Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) for their annual report. The INF is the fiscal agent for the PHNL project.</li> <li>The Telligen grant with J. Albers, McKendree University: workforce focus: collaboration: rural critical access hospitals, local health depts, has ended</li> <li>Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Nurse Educator Fellows FY20 have been notified. Discussion IBHE request to increase the number of community college faculty applicants. Recommendations include: collect 2-line quotes past 2years of recipients about their projects, Spring and Fall eblast deans/directors to share with faculty, include link to project summaries, consider social media outreach.</li> </ul> <p>3. Nursing Organization updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICNO (L. Taylor) conference call: nursing organization participants shared plans to introduce legislation in 2020. There were about 20 groups on the call.</li> <li>Public Health Nurse Leaders (PHNL) (K. Jones) 2 projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 12, 2020: population health interprofessional conference: <i>Return on Investment, Partnerships Add Value</i>, first 2 hours include zoom option and McKendree University will host; keynote: Patti Scott, Director Primary Prevention, Tennessee Department of Health and RWJF Fellow. <a href="https://conta.cc/2NAn33k">https://conta.cc/2NAn33k</a></li> <li>A team is writing 3-4 articles for submission to peer-review journals with support from a RWJF (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) consultant</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>4. Nursing Coordinator (M. Bromberg)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCLEX® NextGen revision of licensure exam questions briefly discussed</li> <li>Academic progression- September meeting university deans discussed and reaffirmed support of BSNc curriculum recommendations from 2014; check next meeting minutes</li> <li>Sexual harassment prevention training, re-licensure requirement vs annual requirement for State of Illinois board member or employee reviewed</li> <li>Rules for RNs and LPNs to be available for public comments in the near future</li> </ul>	
<b>Break: 12:25-12:30</b>	
<p><b>V. New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cecilia Abundis, Division of Professional Regulation, Director. After introductions discussion included INWC charge – to ensure for the appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of Illinois. That the Illinois nursing shortage is regional, for example, in parts of central Illinois there is a 20-25% vacancy rate, 1/5 positions are vacant. Lengthy discussion of placement of voluntary survey participation during license renewal process; options explored.</li> <li>INWC board meeting dates FY2021 (Action) (switch June 2020 meeting date from June 10 to June 17 – due to National Forum State Nursing Workforce Centers annual meeting) Motion was made/seconded T. Towle/S. Edamala to approve the June 2020 meeting date change and the FY21 meeting dates.</li> <li>IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) report: A plan to revitalize the Illinois economy and build the workforce of the future (October 2019) briefly discussed</li> </ol>	<p>2. June 2020 and FY21 meeting dates approved</p>
<p><b>VI. Old Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LPN 2019 Survey Report- draft#4- brief discussion. A motion was made/seconded T. Towle/S. Edamala, to approve the report with editorial change to the talking points section.</li> <li>Nursing Education Scholarship Program (NESP), administered by the Center for Rural Health, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)</li> </ol>	<p>Motion on LPN report with editorial change to talking points approved.</p>

<p>Review of the NESP which is funded by nurse re-licensure fees since 1993, FY20 level of funding is \$2million. The NESP is administered by IDPH, Center for Rural Health. The NESP goal is to increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois by offering scholarships to overcome financial barriers to education. This program has been successful in meeting its goals. Between FY 1993 and FY 2020 scholarships have been awarded to 2,626 nursing students. Each year there are approximately 1,000 qualified applicants per year. Between FY 1993 – FY 2020 approximately of 120 scholarships were awarded annually to Illinois nursing students. The next open application period is March 1 through April 30, 2020.</p> <p>3. Strategic Plan – recommendations for revision to be discussed at February meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b> The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, February 26, 2019. Motion was made/seconded M. Prater/T. Towle/S. Edamala to adjourn.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm</p>

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Laura Bernaix, Edwardsville, IL; Kathleen Delaney, Evanston, IL; Susan Edamala, Des Plaines, IL; Carmen C. Hovanec, Chicago, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Cynthia Maskey, Springfield, IL; Marsha Prater, Springfield, IL; Linda Taylor, Normal, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

The Illinois State Healthcare Action Coalition (IHAC) was convened to advance *The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action™*, a collaboration created by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the AARP Foundation <http://championnursing.org/>.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) (formerly the Illinois Center for Nursing) was established in 2006 to advocate for appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of Illinois. INWC 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. INWC Website: <http://nursing.illinois.gov>