

# Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**  
 Meeting Date: October 19, 2022  
 Meeting convened: 11:02 am  
 Meeting Adjourned: 11: 42am  
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Remote

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

Board Members Absent: Lynda M. Bartlett, Member

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

Guests: None

Read at the start of the meeting. 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.

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>  | Call meeting to order 11:02am                          |
| Review Rules<br>a. Mute, all participants will be placed on mute when the meeting begins.<br>b. Unmute yourself when it is your time to present or when you wish to speak.   |  |
| Reorder agenda, to begin with Announcements, and since a quorum is not present.  | Delay approval of minutes until 12/7/22 board meeting. |
| <b>II. Announcements</b><br>1. COVID-19 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) update: Covid-19 community level is classified as low, medium or high. Data from October 16: the vast majority of Illinois counties, including around Chicago and Peoria are classified as “low”. More counties this week than last week are classified as “medium”, including a few counties far NW by Dubuque Iowa, West by Quincy Illinois, three counties south of Springfield, four counties far south, and five counties beginning with Ford County going south including Champaign County are classified “medium”. The 7-day case average as of 10/17/22 is approximately 1,638 cases in Illinois per day; in June it was approximately 5,000/day. The COVID-19 subvariant, Omicron BA.2, is 86% of the Illinois cases, about double what it was in June. |  |

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY23 Nurse Educator Fellowship application deadline has been extended to October 28, 2022.</li> <li>3. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY23 Nursing School Grant Program application deadline is October 31, 2022.</li> <li>4. Illinois Nurses Foundation Gala event, December 3, 2022, Doubletree hotel, Lisle, IL.</li> </ol>  |  |
| <p><b>III. New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data collection from Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Division of Professional Regulation Eblasts to Illinois RNs, APRNs and FPA-APRNs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN, APRN, FPA-APRN surveys: Eblasts were distributed on 10/5/22 to Illinois RNs, APRNs, and FPA-APRNs requesting individual voluntary survey participation.</li> <li>• The message on the Eblasts was modified to include a deadline of 10/31/22 and a thank you for participating and if you have completed the survey once please do not complete a second time. On 10/17/22 Eblasts were sent to Illinois APRNs and FPA-APRNs. On 10/18/22 Illinois RNs received emails requesting survey participation. on Oct 18 Tuesday.</li> <li>• Request for participation was sent to the Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organization member-leaders before each of the survey participation Eblasts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The Illinois Board of Nursing annual mandatory pre-licensure nursing education survey has been distributed. This survey includes the Nursing Workforce Center COVID-19 impact survey. Past 2 years of SARS2 COVID-19 survey results reports are available on the website <a href="https://nursing.illinois.gov/ResearchData.asp">https://nursing.illinois.gov/ResearchData.asp</a></li> </ol>  |  |
| <p><b>VI. Old Business-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF): Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RWJF Center to Champion Nursing in America, Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Will be having a hybrid meeting 12/1/22. Krista Jones, Monique Reed/ANA-IL and L.B. Roberts will represent the Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition/IHAC.</li> <li>• The IHAC summary report of local activities is being finalized prior to submission to RWJF.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |  |
| <p><b>VII. Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairperson Report: RWJF and ICNO information is above. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinars focusing on Illinois graduate nursing education programs preparing nursing faculty begin today at noon. The webinars will continue every other month. The first program presenters are: Elmhurst College, Rush University, SIUE and St. Xavier University. The next webinar will be 12/7/22 beginning at noon.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Manager Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Forum State Nursing Workforce Centers: next year's annual meeting will be in Washington, D. C., June 12-14, 2023.</li> <li>• National Forum national legislation: The National Nursing Workforce Centers Act: HB8817 SB4884 sponsored by HRSA. The <i>National Nursing Workforce Center Act</i> would establish a grant program to support public-private partnerships of entities seeking to stabilize, support, analyze, develop, and invest in growing the nursing workforce. Through this program, 3 existing nursing workforce centers will be able to expand their data collection and solution-based problem solving for their individual states. 3 States without nursing workforce centers will be able to establish one to respond to both nursing workforce and community needs. These are three year pilot projects. <a href="https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/national-nursing-workforce-center-bill/">https://nursingworkforcecenters.org/national-nursing-workforce-center-bill/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol> |  |

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| <p>3. Nursing Organization updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup (PHNL) update: there are 6 projects funded, they will begin Fall 2022. Lewis University (2 separate grants), McKendree University, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana Campus, Western Illinois University; INF is the fiscal agent.</li> <li>Illinois Nurses Foundation: 40-under 40 annual recognition event on September 22, was successful. December Gala event was in announcements.</li> <li>American Nurses Association, annual leadership summit will be in December 2022.</li> </ul> <p>4. Nursing Coordinator: Michele Bromberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Nursing annual mandatory pre-licensure nursing education report was distributed to school of nursing administrators at the end of August. Most have returned the survey. After review, the responses are routinely discussed at the January 2023 Board of Nursing meeting.</li> <li>The next Board of Nursing meeting is Friday October 28, the Board continues follow-up of pre-licensure schools of nursing that were placed on probation. There is also one new program applying for approval as a pre-licensure school of nursing.</li> <li>National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) – there is a search for a CEO, the current CEO Dr. David Benton will be leaving September 2023.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>VIII. Public Comment</b><br/>Comment was requested.</p>   | <p>No comment.</p>   |
| <p><b>IX. Adjournment</b><br/>The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, December 7, 2022.<br/>Motion to adjourn: C. Maskey moved/F. LaMonica seconded to adjourn the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting.</p>   | <p>Board members voted agreement to adjourn.</p>   |
|   | <p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:42am.</p> |

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

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>