

# Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**  
 Meeting Date: December 7, 2022  
 Meeting convened: 11:13 am  
 Meeting Adjourned: 12: 14 pm  
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Remote

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

Board Members Absent: Lynda M. Bartlett, Member  
 Amanda Oliver (Buechel), 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.

Topic	Action
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Call meeting to order
Review Rules a. Mute, all participants will be placed on mute when the meeting begins. b. Unmute yourself when it is your time to present or when you wish to speak.	
Reorder agenda, to begin with Announcements, since a quorum is not present.	Delay approval of minutes until next board meeting.
<b>II. Announcements</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COVID-19 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) update: Covid-19 community level is classified as low, medium or high. Data from Dec 5: approximately half (51) of Illinois counties, including around Chicago, Peoria, Champaign, Springfield and the Illinois side by St. Louis are classified as “medium”; 12 counties as high. The rest are classified as low. The 7-day case average as of December 5 is approximately 3,387 cases in Illinois per day; last week it was approx. 2,000 cases per day; in June it was approximately 5,000/day. The COVID-19 subvariant, Omicron BA.2, is 59% of the Illinois cases, less than it was in October.</li> <li>○ Data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) FluView report shows 47 states plus NYC and Washington DC have seen very high or high flu activity for the week ending November 26. The overall cumulative hospitalization rate increased to 16.6 per 100,000 people,</li> </ul>	

<p>marking the highest hospitalization rate at this point in the season since the 2011 flu season. Data from IDPH has the Illinois flu positivity at 30.2%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) Gala event, December 3, 2022, was successful. This was a fundraiser, also included the “Honor a Nurse” recognition. For the first time there was a new Lifetime Achievement recognition, which went to Joan Bundley, parliamentarian and former Illinois Nurses Association staff.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>III. New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Full review of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Pre-licensure School of Nursing SARS-2 COVID-19 2021 Survey Report will be during the next board meeting with a quorum. This data is collected as part of the IDFPR Board of Nursing pre-licensure nursing education program 2022 annual mandatory survey report. The COVID-19 survey questions were also collected in 2020 and 2021. That summary report is available on the INWC website <a href="https://nursing.illinois.gov/resources/data-reports.html">https://nursing.illinois.gov/resources/data-reports.html</a></li> </ol>	
<p><b>IV. 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>○ December 1, 2022 summit: <i>Health Equity Summit: Building Equity in Nursing and Health Care Leadership</i>. There were significant issues accessing this presentation, a recording of the presentation is to be distributed to each state at a later date.</li> <li>○ Multiple panels &amp; panelists demonstrated courage and agility within their respective professional roles and environments to instill change that reduces health disparities, promotes health equity, and eliminates racism and bias.</li> <li>○ The Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IHAC) summary report of Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations (ICNO) activities is being finalized for submission to RWJF CCNA Future of Nursing. When the report is available will share.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<p><b>V. Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairperson Report: the RWJF and ICNO information is above. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Webinars focusing on Illinois graduate nursing education programs preparing nursing faculty. <i>Are you a nurse wanting to educate future nurses?</i></li> <li>○ The first webinar was in October. The second webinar is December 14: Lewis University, St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, Mennonite College of Nursing and U of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.</li> <li>○ Future webinar dates: February 15, March, April and June 2023.</li> <li>○ The Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup information is below.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Manager Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) website was migrated to a new platform in early November 2022. The INWC website is a combination of resources from the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center and the Illinois Board of Nursing. The new platform also is an effort to make the user experience more comfortable to smart phone/tablet users.</li> <li>○ The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Nurse Educator Fellows and Nursing School grants update will be available after the January IBHE board meeting.</li> <li>○ Data analysis of the RN, APRN &amp; FPA-APRN survey responses has begun.</li> <li>○ National Forum State Nursing Workforce Centers next annual meeting will be in Washington, D. C., June 12-14, 2023.</li> <li>○ The LPN survey participation will be requested through Eblast after license renewal is complete. License renewal ends 1/31/23. The plan is for the first Eblast mid-February, with a second eblast in the beginning of March 2023.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

<p>3. Nursing Organization updates – this is same information as was in June meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup (PHNL) update: there are 6 projects funded, they began in the Fall semester 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. The grant PI, Robin Hannon, is closing the RWJF grant; each of the six current grant recipients will receive an additional small amount. These expenditures to be included on final grant report. About half the projects will continue through Spring 2023 semester. This grant has funded approximately 30 grants across Illinois.</li> <li>○ Illinois Nurses Foundation: was included in the Announcements section.</li> <li>○ Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations (ICNO) – next meeting anticipated in Spring 2023.</li> </ul> <p>4. Nursing Coordinator: Michele Bromberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board of Nursing – continue follow-up of pre-licensure schools of nursing that are on probation due to less than standard pass rate. The Board of Nursing has standards for programs that receive a warning letter or are placed on probation. Fourth quarter data will be at the end of the calendar year.</li> <li>○ LPN license renewal continues through the end of January 2023.</li> <li>○ The Board of Nursing approved a third credentials evaluation (CES) company: Josef Silny &amp; Associates International Education Consultants. The two CES companies already being used: Education Records Evaluation Service, Inc. and Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). The Internationally Educated Nurse (IEN) resource document is available on the IDFPR Nurses page <a href="https://idfpr.illinois.gov/Renewals/Apply/Forms/CGFNS_02.pdf">https://idfpr.illinois.gov/Renewals/Apply/Forms/CGFNS_02.pdf</a></li> <li>○ National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) – NCSBN announced the publication of the Next Generation NCLEX® Exam Preview. The Exam Preview is available for the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN. Each Exam Preview includes items similar to ones a candidate may see on their exam starting April 1, 2023. This is a free resource, available in downloadable format directly on the website at <a href="https://nclex.com">NCLEX.COM</a>. The Exam Preview will replace the current Nurse Practice Exam (NPE). Sales of the NPE will end on January 27, 2023, and all practice exams purchased by candidates must be completed by March 17, 2023. Information regarding this can also be found on the NCSBN website at: <a href="https://nclex.com/nclex-practice-exam.page">https://nclex.com/nclex-practice-exam.page</a>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VIII. Public Comment</b> Comment requested</p>	None
<p><b>IX. Adjournment</b> The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023.</p>	
	There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm

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>