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Meeting: Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
Meeting Date: September 13, 2023
Meeting convened: 11:03 am
Meeting Adjourned: 1: 08 pm
Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago, Springfield

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member (arrive 11:40am)
 Fran LaMonica, Member
 Cynthia Maskey, Member
 Amanda Oliver, Member
 Daisy Sherry, Member

Board Members Absent: Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson
 (phone 11-11:30am)

Staff Present: Linda B. Roberts, Manager
 Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator
 (remote until 1:04pm)

Guests: In-person: none
 Remote: none

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call. a. Declaration of a quorum at 11: a.m.	K. Jones declared quorum 11:03 am
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY24 Nurse Educator Fellowship application deadline extended to Friday October 27, 2023. 2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY23 Nursing School Grant Program application deadline remains September 29, 2023, end of this month. 3. Illinois Nurses Foundation 40-under-40 recognition event, Thursday, September 21, 2023, Lisle, Illinois. I think this is the 9 th year, started 2015. 4. Illinois Student Nurse 74 th Annual Convention, Saturday, September 23, 2023, Loyola University of Chicago School of Nursing, Chicago campus. 5. RWJF/CCNA, October 31-November 1, 2023: Health Equity and Nursing Summit: Turning Commitments into Action: Washington, D. C.	
Reorder agenda, a quorum is not present.	

<p>III. Old Business</p> <p>1. Review of IDFPR Active Licensee data compared with INWC survey data.</p> <p>A: Nurses per 102 Illinois counties: there are separate tables for the different types of nurses licensed in Illinois by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR): FPA-APRNs, APRNs, RNs and LPNs. Documents reviewed at length, including details of each column of data in the draft documents. Review and discuss separate county table for: LPNs, RNs and a combined APRN and FPA-APRN document.</p> <p>-Summary: general board agreement to, as has been the past practice, place this information in the biennial data report for each level of licensure.</p> <p>B: Age data for: Illinois LPNs, RNs, APRNs and, FPA-APRNs reviewed. October-November 2022 voluntary survey participation for Illinois RNs, APRNs and FPA-APRNs collected; data includes date of birth. June 2023: IDFPR Licensure database accessed for age data of all LPN, RN, APRN and FPA-APRN license applications. LPN age data voluntarily collected February-March 2023. Discuss variances for each level of licensure survey responses are generally older than the age of active licensees.</p> <p>Plan: post this information as an appendix of each report; there are separate reports for LPNs, RNs, APRNs and FPA-APRNs.</p>	
<p>(11:45) Reorder agenda, a quorum is now present.</p>	
<p>IV. Review and Approval of Minutes (Action):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The May 10, 2023, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. <p>Motion was made/seconded: F. LaMonica/A. Oliver move to approve the April 12, 2023, meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Minutes approved by individual board members.</p>
<p>V. New Business</p> <p>1. Brief orientation</p> <p>A. Review of Statute and Illinois Open Meetings Act</p> <p><u>Illinois Nurse Practice Act, Article #75</u>: The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center: Purpose: to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing profession, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse manpower resources.</p> <p>Objectives or primary goals of the Center: to develop a strategic plan for nursing manpower in Illinois by selecting priorities that must be addressed; to convene various groups of representatives to review and comment on data analysis; to recommend systemic changes including strategies for implementation of recommended changes; to enhance and promote recognition, reward and renewal activities. The Center will propose and create reward, recognition and renewal activities for nurses, promoting media and positive image-building efforts for nursing.</p> <p><u>Illinois Open Meetings Act</u>: including rules for conducting meetings, facilitating public access to board meetings. Access includes publicly posting the agenda in</p>	

<p>advance of the meeting; participation: ask for public comment during each meeting. Meetings are to be in-person beginning May 11, 2023.</p> <p>HB1615, 225 ILCS 65/75-10 Signed by the governor 7/28/23. Provides that the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center's primary goals shall include developing a strategic plan for the nursing workforce in the State. Brief discussion including current work, projects.</p> <p>2. Election of Officers, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (Action) State statute requires State board of directors' election of officers to occur during the first meeting of the fiscal year. The State of Illinois fiscal year begins July 1 and extends through June 30. The Nursing Workforce Center has two officers: chair and vice-chair. Discussion: K. Jones offered to continue to serve as chair and states that T. Towle earlier has offered to continue to serve as vice-chair.</p> <p>Motion was made/seconded: C. Maskey/F. LaMonica: nominate K. Jones as Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Chairperson Motion was made/seconded: C. Maskey/A. Oliver nominate T. Towle as Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Vice-Chairperson</p> <p>3. Approval of FY25 Advisory Board Meeting Dates Discussion: review and agree to keeping board meetings during the same months as past years. Board meetings are in-person, IDFPR Chicago and Springfield conference meeting rooms, videoconference board meetings Chicago and Springfield plus remote guests since May 11, 2023. This is the first in-person board meeting for FY24. -Discuss: general agreement to continue meeting during the months of: September, October, December, February, April, May and June. General agreement to continue to keep advisory board meetings to six times per year. -Discuss transition from COVID-19 pandemic employer remote only meetings to some in-person meetings and some continued remote meetings. State of Illinois IDFPR remote advisory board meetings have transitioned to in-person board meetings since May 11, 2023. -Lengthy discussion and review of FY24 meeting dates and times as well as FY25 potential meeting dates. Plan to keep meeting times: 11am-1pm CT. -Discussion and agreement, beginning in 2024 calendar year to move meeting dates from the second Wednesday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month.</p> <p>-Summary: maintain INWC Advisory Board meeting dates for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year. Review Advisory Board meeting dates, beginning with 2024 calendar year; finalize meeting dates during the October 2023 INWC advisory board meeting.</p>	<p>Board members individually voted approval for K. Jones as Chair. Separate individual verbal vote for T. Towle as Vice-Chair.</p>
<p>Reorder agenda.</p>	
<p>VI. Board Liaison Time</p>	

<p>1. IDFPR Nursing Coordinator Report, M. Bromberg -National Council State Boards of Nursing Annual Meeting, August 2023. Multiple Board of Nursing members were able to attend. Presentations included WHO spokesperson in the healthcare workforce. -The Board of Nursing distributed the annual pre-licensure nursing education survey request to the 138 eligible pre-licensure nursing LPN and RN programs. Completion is required by the Illinois Nurse Practice Act (NPA), Section 1300.230 (LPN) / 1300.340 (RN). Program response due date is 10/1/2023. -HB2509 was signed by Governor Pritzker in August 11,2023, Public Act#103-0533. This bill goes into effect January 1, 2024.</p>	
<p>Reorder agenda, return to (III) Old Business.</p>	
<p>III. Old Business Discuss the draft reports of data voluntarily collected Fall 2022 from Illinois APRNs and FPA-APRNs. Limited revisions suggested, including adding APRNs and FPA-APRNs per county and age of practitioners at the end of the report as appendices. 2. Review the draft APRN report, data collected Fall 2022. 3. Review the draft FPA-APRN report, data collected Fall 2022. -Summary: general agreement that today’s discussed revisions are to be incorporated into the reports. The revised reports are to be returned to the Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board for additional review with a written response by the end of September 2023.</p>	
<p>VII. Chairperson Report 1. Chairperson Report, K. Jones. A. In partnership with the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) are providing Next Generation NCLEX® (NGN) examination webinars for Illinois pre-licensure nursing faculty. Two free webinars are scheduled for Tuesday October 24 for LPN faculty and Tuesday October 31 for RN faculty. Each seminar will be 90 minutes; resource docs will be sent either just prior to or shortly after webinar is completed. B. The Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup – there was a June meeting with Sue Swider/Rush University, discuss past and current projects. C. The RWJF/R. Hannon final grants: there were 6 final grants funded for FY22, and there are 2 grants that are in the process of completion in 2023. Delay in completion due to delay IRB approval, delay receipt of equipment, grant PI leaving institution. Reports are submitted to the Illinois Nurses Foundation/INF.</p>	
<p>VIII. Board Liaison Time 2. Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Manager Report, L. B. Roberts -Data: Continue to complete data analysis and write reports; reports to be reviewed and approved by the INWC board prior to posting on the website.</p>	

<p>-Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE): continue to partner to highlight the opportunity for nursing faculty to apply for both the fellowships and the expansion and improvement grants.</p> <p>-Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) – 110 ILCS 975, continue working with ISAC in the transition from IDPH oversight of the annual nursing scholarships to ISAC oversight as per 2022 legislation. FY23 funding: \$4 million.</p> <p>-RWJF CCNA – meeting discussed earlier with announcements.</p>	
<p>IX. Public Comment Request comments.</p> <p>Additional comments: A. Oliver: Announcements: ANA-Illinois: next board meeting, Saturday, September 16, 2023, 9am-130pm, remote. ANA-Illinois: professional issues conference, November 4, 2023, Urbana, Illinois. Illinois Nurses Foundation: annual holiday gala, December 2, 2023, Lisle, Illinois.</p>	<p>1:04pm: Questions asked and answered.</p>
<p>X. Adjournment The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 11 a.m. Board members will attend in person at either the IDFPR Chicago or Springfield offices.</p>	
<p>Motion for adjournment made/second: C. Maskey/A. Oliver: passed.</p>	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm</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; Daisy Sherry, Darien, 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: <https://nursing.illinois.gov>