

Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**
 Meeting Date: April 12, 2023
 Meeting convened: 11:01 am
 Meeting Adjourned: 12:58 pm
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Remote

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
 Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
 Fran LaMonica, Member
 Cynthia Maskey, Member
 Amanda Oliver, Member
 Daisy Sherry, Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda B. Roberts, Manager
 Ricky Breen, Attorney

Guests: Diana Cafi

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
I. Call 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.	
II. Declaration of a Quorum at 11:01 am	K. Jones declared quorum 11:01am
III. Approval of Minutes (Action): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The February 8, 2023, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: F. LaMonica/C. Maskey move to approve the February 8, 2023, meeting minutes. 	Minutes approved by individual board members.
IV. Announcements 1. COVID-19 Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) update: Covid-19 community level is classified as low, medium or high. This community level is based on hospital admissions per 100,000 in the past 7 days, the 7-day average percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days. Data from April 2: the majority of Illinois counties, are “low” or “NA”, only 10 counties are listed as “medium”. The 7-day case average as of April 2 is approximately	

<p>56 per 100K cases in Illinois per day. Governor Pritzker to stop the disaster proclamation May 11, 2023.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Nursing Education Scholarship Grant (NESP) online application open through April 30, 2023. There is a link to this application on the Nursing Workforce Center website. 3. Webinars: <i>Are you a nurse wanting to educate future nurses?</i> Introducing nurses to the Illinois graduate nursing education programs that prepare nursing faculty. --Wednesday, April 19, 2023: Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences; McKendree University; Oak Point University; Olivet Nazarene University; University of St. Francis, Leach College of Nursing. Webinars are on the IDFPR YouTube site. 4. National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers annual meeting, June 12-14, 2023, Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia. 5. Illinois Nurses Foundation 40-under-40 recognition, applications accepted through April 15, 2023. Recognition event is in September. 	
<p>V. New Business</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) data collection through eblasts. LPN license renewal began mid-November 2022 and ended 1/31/2023. Data from Illinois LPNs was collected from February 16 – March 22, 2023. Eblast messages with a link to a SurveyMonkey survey were distributed twice, 2/16/2023 and 3/03/23 to approximately 27,000 IL LPNs. The response rate was approximately 31%, 8,367 LPNs. A draft one-page “key findings” document was reviewed. 	
<p>F. LaMonica left the meeting at 1132am.</p>	
<p>Reorder agenda to Reports section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Begin with Nursing Coordinator Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legislation: Welcome IDFPR Attorney R. Breen: briefly discuss two pieces of legislation, HB1615 and HB2509. Questions asked and answered. For both pieces of legislation meetings with sponsor and interested parties continue. <p>Additional information below presented by L. B. Roberts on behalf IDFPR Nursing Coordinator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board of Nursing – pre-licensure RN & LPN annual pass rates for 2022 not yet posted on the IDFPR website. There are 3 categories of schools with less than standard pass rate: warning letter, probation, school closure. Schools receive pass rates throughout the year, on a quarterly basis;. Beginning with the Fall quarterly report schools also receive remediation guidelines that have been created by the Board of Nursing/BON. ▪ The IDFPR Temporary Practice Permits/TPP are due to expire 5/31/23. Since 3/20/20 IDFPR has issued TPP reinstatements and endorsements to certain healthcare professionals, including nurses. All TPP holders have received notification that if they are planning to continue to practice in Illinois they need to apply for either license reinstatement or endorsement. There is current legislation to extend the deadline for TPP recipients to complete the application process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Manager Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition of Nursing Education Scholarship Program/NESP administration from IDPH/Illinois Department of Public Health/IDPH to ISAC/Illinois Student Assistance Commission discussed during Announcements. NESP application deadline end of April. ▪ IBHE/Illinois Board of Higher Education FY23 Nurse Educator Fellows and Nursing School grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The joint IDFPR/IBHE remote recognition ceremony will be at the beginning of the May 10 Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting, which will begin at 10am. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General discussion regarding the March 15 IBHE board meeting motions regarding Nurse Educator Fellows and Nursing School grant amendments. Concern was expressed about the proposed amendments. ▪ National Forum State Nursing Workforce Centers next annual meeting will be in-person only in Arlington Virginia, June 12-14, 2023. ▪ Outreach: various activities since the last INWC board meeting described. Future events include Student Nurse Day, April 18, 2023, Springfield, Illinois. ▪ Other: preparing for State of Illinois in-person board meetings. The first INWC BOD in-person meeting will be Wednesday September 13, 11am-1pm. All State of Illinois boards must begin in-person meetings on May 11, 2023. Review use of IDFPR videoconference rooms in Chicago and Springfield, required State of Illinois ID badges, use of expense voucher to reimburse travel expenses such as mileage and parking, etc. Additional in-person meeting details during board meeting next month. ▪ Other: Illinois Department Health and Family Services/HFS: initial contact was answering questions regarding Illinois nursing faculty, the various pre and post licensure education programs. This multi-year project has a focus on the healthcare workforce, various licensed professions. Continue communication and anticipate future meetings. ○ Chairperson Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/RWJF Center to Champion Nursing in America: There is tentatively a remote meeting scheduled for Monday June 19. ▪ Webinars focusing on Illinois graduate nursing education programs preparing nursing faculty was discussed under Announcements. <i>Are you a nurse wanting to educate future nurses?</i> Next webinar Wednesday April 19, 2023. Webinars are also taped and available on IDFPR YouTube upon completion. ▪ NCLEX® NextGen/NGN style questions. The nurse initial licensure examination, NCLEX®, has started (4/1/23) including as a portion of the examination NGN style questions. Arrangements have been made to have NCSBN/National Council State Boards of Nursing to present education sessions about this new style of questions to Illinois nursing faculty. The plan is to have one webinar directed towards faculty teaching LPN students and one towards faculty teaching RN students. When the webinar dates are finalized details for registration will be shared with Illinois nursing faculty. ▪ The RWJF Public Health Nurse Leaders/PHNL grants: the INF is collecting the end of grant reports. All grant funds were distributed in December 2022. There were six grants distributed, multiple reports continue to be collected. ○ Nursing Organization updates – this is same information as was in June meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Health Nurse Leaders Workgroup (PHNL) update: discussed under Chair’s report. ▪ Illinois Nurses Foundation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The INF 40-under-40 recognition discussed under Announcements. ○ The “honor a nurse” recognition is now open for applications; recognition event is in December 2023. There is also a split-the-pot fundraising raffle for the month of May. ▪ Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations – plan the next meeting in the next few months, hosted by ANA-Illinois. 	
<p>VI. Old Business-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of data voluntarily collected from Illinois licensed RNs, APRNs, FPA-APRNs during eblasts in October 2023 Review of the draft RN report. Discussion included maintaining current format, and various edits throughout the draft report. Details at the next board meeting. 	

VIII. Public Comment Request comments	Questions asked and answered.
IX. Adjournment The next meeting of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 10 a.m.	
Motion for adjournment made/second: C. Maskey/T. Towle: passed.	There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 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; Daisy Sherry, Darien, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

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