

Minutes

Meeting: Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
Meeting Date: October 16, 2024
Meeting convened: 11: 08 am
Meeting Adjourned: 1:02 pm
Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago, Springfield
Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
 Heather Escobar, Member
 Blanca Miller, Member
 Glenda Morris Burnett, Member
 Amanda Oliver, Member
 Karen Richey, Member
 Daisy Sherry, Member
 Diane Smith, Member
 Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson.

Board Members Virtual: Fran LaMonica, Member
Board Members Absent: Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
Staff Present: Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator (remote)
 Linda B. Roberts, Manager

Guests: None

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call. a. Declaration of a quorum at 11:08 a.m. Board members self-introduced.	K. Jones declared quorum 11:08 am
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Student Nurses of Illinois Annual meeting, Saturday October 26, 2024, Chamberlain University, Addison, Illinois. 2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY25 Grants a. Nursing School Grant Program: FY25 funding: \$1,500,000 same as FY24; individual grants are awarded on competitive basis up to \$150,000. Deadline to submit was extended from 10/14/24 to 10/18/2024. Link: https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/e8e7a550-f9e3-4eee-8139-044c6013c35f b. Nurse Educator Fellowship Program: FY25 funding \$800,000, same as FY24, eligible faculty from pre-licensure programs at institutions of higher education. Up to 80 awards \$10,000 each. Applications open until 11/08/2024 https://www.ibhe.org/nefp.html	
III. Review and Approval of Minutes (Action): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The September 18, 2024, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: K. Richey/H. Escobar move to approve the September 18, 2024, meeting minutes with the correction on the last page that the next meeting is on a Wednesday October 16, 2024, not Friday. 	09/18/24 minutes approved by individual board members with T. Towle abstaining.
IV. Chairperson Time	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: Krista Jones, DNP, MSN, RN, PHNA-BC, FAAN, ELAN Fellow, last month as Chair of the Public Health Nursing Organizations was with 26 other national nursing organization leaders meeting in the White House discussing climate change, including facing extreme weather events such as extreme heat and cold as well as workplace hazards due to the environment. • Data collection: the eblasts to IL RNs, APRNs, FPAAs: the first set of eblasts began 10/04 through 10/08/2024. The week of 10/21/2024 the second set of eblasts will be distributed with a return date of 11/11/2024. Post license renewal response rate was 3-6%; response rates to eblasts thus far ranges from 10-14%. 	
<p>V. Board Liaison Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.B. Roberts, IDFPR INWC Board Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supply data collection: the LPN license renewal will begin 11/1/2024 – end 1/31/2025. The LPN will not have to leave the IDFPR system to complete the IL Nursing Workforce Center supply survey. The request to participate is in a new format and will be received with the email notification of payment of LPN license renewal fee. ○ Supply survey reports have been posted on the INWC website since 2014. • M. Bromberg, IDFPR Nursing Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board of Nursing update: This is the first year that the IL Board of Nursing (BON) has partnered with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to conduct the annual survey of the 138 pre-licensure nursing education programs. It is anticipated that each pre-licensure nursing education programs will receive a report of quality indicators in the next few weeks. The BON conducts an annual report of pre-licensure nursing education programs as per statute. 	
<p>VI. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and discuss draft strategic plan, focus on first three objectives, with unique strategies, timelines and metrics for measurement. Continued draft review planned for the December 2024 advisory board meeting. 	
<p>VII. New Business</p> <p>Nursing shortage: brief discussion. Review of recent report stating no nursing shortage in a few years, however, other national nursing organizations indicate a continued nursing shortage, a shortage of healthcare workers.</p> <p>Discussion included that society is ageing, and the demands are different. That there is a variability in geography, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, rural and urban, as well as aggregated regions. Depending on the size of the hospital, for example, if it is a critical access hospital, a tertiary care university affiliated hospital, a community hospital, or an agency that provides public or community health, the compensation, transition from the educational program to direct care and the type of care provided is different.</p> <p>Discussion of the nursing education pipeline beginning in high school or grammar school for nursing and other healthcare professions. Many schools already do this. Discussion included strategies from the strategic plan, continuing outreach, include possible ways to incentivize individuals to become nurse educators, nurse leaders while retaining the existing professional nurses.</p>	
<p>VIII. Public Comment</p>	None.

<p>IX. Adjournment</p> <p>Motion was made/seconded: T. Towle/A. Oliver move to adjourn the meeting.</p>	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm.</p>
<p>The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, December 16, 2024, 11am; Springfield: room 376, Chicago: room 5C5</p>	

Members of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board of Directors: Lynda Bartlett, Chicago, IL; Heather Escobar, Norridge, IL; Krista Jones, Broadlands, IL; Fran LaMonica, Chicago, IL; Blanca Miller, Dunlap, IL; Glenda Morris-Burnett, Chicago, IL; Amanda Oliver, Oak Forest, IL; Karen Richey, IN; Daisy Sherry, Darien, IL; Diane Smith, Richton Park, IL; Theresa Towle, Tinley Park, IL.

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