

Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**
Meeting Date: December 11, 2024
Meeting convened: 11:03 am
Meeting Adjourned: 12: 42 pm
Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago #5C1, Springfield#258
Guests: remote
Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
Heather Escobar, Member
Glenda Morris Burnett, Member
Karen Richey, Member
Daisy Sherry, Member
Diane Smith, Member
Board Members Virtual: Blanca Miller, Member
Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson
Board Members Absent: None
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.	K. Jones declared quorum 11:03 am
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Illinois Board of Higher Education FY25 Grants Nurse Educator Fellowship Program: FY25 funding \$800,000, eligible faculty from an Illinois higher education institution with a pre-licensure RN program approved by IDFPR and accredited by CCNE or ACEN. Applications were reviewed and 40 were approved. The funds are to be spent by end of FY25, June 30, 2025. 2. ISAC Illinois Student Assistance Commission grant applications will be accepted beginning March 1 – April 30, 2025. FY25 has \$4 million in final budget.	
III. Review and Approval of Minutes (Action): The October 16, 2024, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: D. Sherry/K. Richey move to approve the October 16, 2024, meeting minutes.	10/16/24 minutes approved by individual board members.
IV. Chairperson K. Jones 1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY25 Grants Nursing School Grant Program: FY25 funding: \$1,500,000; individual grants awarded on competitive basis. Recipients to be announced at the January 2025 IBHE board meeting. 2. National Forum mid-year January meeting, Arizona, Illinois is not attending. 3. Data collection: LPN license renewal portal is open early November 2024- January 31, 2025.	
V. Board Liaison Time 1. L.B. Roberts, IDFPR INWC Board Liaison	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply data evaluation and reports for RNs, APRNs and FPAs are being written. The LPN data collection was discussed in the chairperson's report. Demand data collection planning continues. <p>2. M. Bromberg, IDFPR Nursing Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illinois Board of Nursing (BON) update: next meeting January 10, 2025. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the Illinois BON partnered on the annual survey of the Illinois pre-licensure education programs. Currently 35 state boards of nursing partner with NCSBN collecting this information. Illinois reports are being finalized. IDFPR has launched a new online licensing system, CORE, Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment https://idfpr.illinois.gov/core.html CORE is currently in Phase I. CORE is more user-friendly, mobile-friendly design for use across devices, simplified attachment uploads, an intuitive interface for managing your license or permit. 	
<p>VI. Old Business – Strategic Planning</p> <p>Strategic Plan: begin with third objective: complete strategies, timeline and metrics. Review and discuss fourth and final objective, strategies, timeline and metrics.</p> <p>Motion was made/seconded: H. Escobar/L. Bartlett move to approve the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Strategic Plan as amended today.</p>	<p>Action: strategic plan as amended today approved by individual board members.</p>
<p>VII. New Business</p> <p>1. Review draft 2024 RN supply survey report: Data for this report was collected post license 2024 renewal and through October 2024 ebasts. Draft report reviewed, same format as the 2022 report; state data for the appendices are pending. Final report review at the next board meeting.</p> <p>2. Review National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers Minimum Dataset: Supply 2024 revision (proposed). Recommendation includes collecting data at the time of initial licensure and renewal. The proposed question revisions are to be presented at the January 2025 meeting. Some of the proposed supply survey revisions Illinois has already made, such as combining the questions about race and ethnicity. The new questions include asking about student loan debt, and a question asking if the nurse is actively working in a position related to nursing or requires a nursing license. A few other questions to include in 2026 supply surveys.</p>	
<p>VIII. Public Comment</p>	<p>Questions asked and answered.</p>
<p>IX. Adjournment</p> <p>Motion was made G. Morris-Burnett/seconded H. Escobar</p> <p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.</p>	<p>Action: motion to adjourn approved by individual board members.</p>
<p>The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 11am.</p>	

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