

Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**
 Meeting Date: April 16, 2025
 Meeting convened: 11: 01 am
 Meeting Adjourned: 12: 43 pm
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago #5C5, Springfield#376

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
 Heather Escobar, Member
 Glenda Morris Burnett, Member
 Elaine Hardy, Member
 Blanca Miller, Member
 Karen Richey, Member
 Daisy Sherry, Member
 Diane Smith, Member
 Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson.

Board Members Remote: None

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests: Remote: Arielle Hernandez, NNU

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call. 1. K. Jones called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.	Quorum declared at 11: 01 am
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Welcome to Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduce recent appointment: E. Hardy; all board members and other attendees self-introduce, Chicago, Springfield, staff and guest. b. There remains one board vacancy, a nurse in a clinical position. An application is currently under review. 2. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY25 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FY25 Nurse Educator Fellows recipients: a total of 56 recipients from 32 different colleges or universities: each recipient receives a \$10,000 salary stipend. b. IBHE will be hosting a remote recognition event on 5/30/25, details pending. 3. Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual application period is 3/1/25-4/30/25. The FY25 \$4 million final budget, same as FY24 budget. In FY24 the number of scholarships applications was approximately 1,500; the number scholarships distributed – 252. The average scholarship was \$12,000; priority went to renewals before new scholarships. b. Question: eligibility: 20% graduate degree for nurse educator, 40% bachelor's degree in nursing, 30% associate degree or hospital-based diploma in nursing and 10% certificate in practical nursing. c. Question 2) if a student has a tuition reimbursement appointment within a hospital system are they also eligible to apply for this ISAC scholarship that also requires the recipient to work in Illinois for each year of tuition received. 	

d. 40-under-40 INF emerging nurse leader recognition award, application deadline extended through 4/22/2025. The awards ceremony is on September 18, 2025.	
III. Review and Approval of December 11, 2024, Minutes (Action): 1. The December 11, 2024, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Minutes reviewed. Motion was made/seconded: T. Towle/K. Richey move to approve the December 11, 2024, meeting minutes.	12/11/24 minutes approved by individual board members, except E. Hardy abstained.
IV. Chairperson Report 1. Illinois Board of Higher Education FY25 Grants- no new information. 2. Strategic plan: Continue data collection, continue outreach, consider partner other state agencies on projects. Consider another meeting with Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organization/ICNO.	
Reorder agenda, M. Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator to present next.	
V. Board Liaison M. Bromberg, IDFPR Nursing Coordinator BON update: next meeting May 2, 2025. Legislative update: briefly reviewed some of the current legislation impacting nursing. HB1807/SB1323: placing the Illinois Board of Nursing again with oversight of the prelicensure nursing education programs. Reviewed the current status of the 139 Illinois pre-licensure education programs, continuous board support programs designed to maintain National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) standard pass rate; discuss information will be posted on the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center website. IDFPR continues to move forward with a new online licensing system, CORE, Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment https://idfpr.illinois.gov/core.html CORE is currently in Phase I, nursing licensure will be phase 3. L.B. Roberts, IDFPR INWC Board Liaison 1. Data collection: LPN license renewal portal was extended through February 28, 2025. The two ebasts for additional data collection was March 18 and 28. The collection portal was closed April 14, 2025, 10.5% response rate. Survey question responses were briefly reviewed. Data analysis will begin shortly; data was collected through the IDFPR licensing system. 2. Demand data: currently working with Illinois Department of Employment Service/IDES with data that they are able to obtain through their contract with LightCast. Data collection to include the National Forum of State nursing Workforce Centers (Forum) Minimum Data Set (MDS) for demand data. If a nurse has a joint appointment they may be, for example, counted as faculty or as staff. 3. At the next Workforce Center meeting will need to review recently updated Forum supply minimum data set revisions and questions for the next surveys to be voluntarily be collected during license renewal beginning in 2026.	
VI. Old Business 1. Complete review and discussion of RN2024 supply draft report including key findings one page report. Motion was made/seconded: G. Morris-Burnett/T. Towle move to approve the 2024 RN supply survey report.	RN supply survey report approved by individual board members.

VII. New Business 1. Review and discuss 2024 APRN supply survey report including key findings one page report. If able, add faculty salary to the report prior to distribution. There are also a limited number of edits in the report to be corrected. Motion was made/seconded: T. Towle/K. Richey move to approve the 2024 APRN supply survey report after edit corrections completed. 2. Review and discuss 2024 FPA supply survey report including key findings one page report. If able, add faculty salary to the report prior to distribution. There are also a limited number of edits in the report to be corrected. Motion was made/seconded: T. Towle/L. /Bartlett move to approve the 2024 APRN supply survey report after edit corrections completed.	APRN supply survey report approved by individual board members. FPA-APRN supply survey report approved by individual board members.
VIII. Public Comment	Questions asked and answered.
IX. Adjournment Motion for adjournment was made T. Towle/seconded by K. Richey.	There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm
The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 11am. Springfield: room 258, Chicago: room 5C5	

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