

December 4, 2025, Minutes

Meeting: Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
 Meeting Date: December 4, 2025
 Meeting convened: 11: 10 am
 Meeting Adjourned: 12: 50 pm
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago #5C5, Springfield#379
 Guests: remote

Board Members Present: Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
 Glenda Morris Burnett, Member
 Gina Canny, Member
 Heather Escobar, Member
 Blanca Miller, Member
 Karen Richey, Member
 Daisy Sherry, Member
 Diane Smith, Member

Board Members Virtual: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson

Board Members Absent: Elaine Hardy, Member
 Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson.

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

Guests: Remote: Jonlyn Miller
 Alexis Neal

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call.	K. Jones declares quorum 11:10 a.m.
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. Recognition of Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board Manager, who will be retiring at the end of 2025. 2. Welcome to Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting. All board members, guests and staff self-Introduce. 3. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) a. FY26 Nurse Educator Fellowship program: 52 educators from 28 different schools were approved. Recipients are being notified. IBHE plans to announce a second round of applications in 2026. Remote recognition events under discussion. b. FY26 nursing school grants: there are 15 recipients; schools being notified. 3. Illinois Nurses Foundation annual event December 6, 2025, Warrenville, IL. 4. Student Nurse Political Action Day, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Springfield, Illinois	
III. Review and Approval of Open Minutes (Action) Approval of the October 22, 2025, INWC Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: G. Canny/H. Escobar move to approve the October 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Abstain: K. Jones	10/22/25 minutes approved by individual

	board members.
IV. Chairman Time National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Center mid-year state subscriber meeting, Tampa, Florida, January 6-8, 2026. Appointments – review INWC board member terms, that if want to be considered for re-appointment must complete and submit the application.	
V. Board Liaison Time 1. L.B. Roberts, Board Liaison -Briefly review grants summary document, partnerships with IBHE, ISAC. -Briefly review summary document of Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition that started with the 2010 RWJF/Future of Nursing report. - INWC website has been updated, the Illinois approved nursing education program pass rates – last 5 years has been placed higher up on both the IDFPR Nurses page and on the INWC pre-licensure education page. -Plan to continue to partner with IDES to obtain demand/employer data on a biennial basis divided by 102 Illinois counties. Briefly discuss draft report, 10-15 pages long. 2. M. Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator -Update IDFPR CORE licensing system -Board of Nursing meeting update	
VI. Old Business – 1. INWC FY26 Strategic Plan Review and briefly discuss FY26 strategic plan. Discuss, in numerical order, each objective, the individual strategies, timelines and metrics. General consensus agreement amongst board members to conduct at least quarterly lunch-and-learns that are taped and posted on the website. Continue outreach. Motion was made/seconded: H. Escobar/B. Miller move to approve the FY26 Strategic plan. Abstain: K. Jones	Action: Approve FY26 strategic plan
2. Draft demand survey data The partnership with Illinois Department of Employment Security/IDES continues. An overview of the draft data of Illinois LPNs, RNs, CNMWs, CRNAs, CNPs and CNSs was briefly discussed. Data from December 2024, distributed amongst 102 Illinois counties, separated by level of licensure: LPN, RN, APRN, was placed in a table divided by county. Brief review of different types of information divided amongst the counties. The HB1615/PA225 ILCS65/75-10 requires that a report be submitted by 2027. Suggestions to develop a set of separate reports with employer/demand information.	
3. PowerPoint of INWC online resources The PowerPoint highlighting IDFPR online nurses' resources was reviewed and discussed. This is based on the online resources articles that have been shared quarterly these past many years. The nursing community has asked for a presentation and for that presentation to be taped, to possibly be a lunch-and-learn. Next steps: to schedule a time/date, advertise the presentation and to tape and post the presentation. Presentation to be by IDFPR staff.	
VII. New Business	

Discussion of National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers PowerPoints on hold until next meeting due to time constraints.	
VIII. Public Comment Brief comment from Jonlyn Miller, California Nurses, NNU, NNOC Illinois included requesting additional demand/employer information and responses to the voluntary data collected from Illinois LPN, RN, APRN and FPA-APRNs.	Questions asked and answered.
IX. Adjournment Motion was made: G. Morris-Burnett/seconded G. Canny, Abstain: K. Jones. Motion was carried.	There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm
The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 11am. Springfield: room 258, Chicago: room 5C5	

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