



**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**  
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**Minutes**

Illinois Nursing Center  
Advisory Board Meeting  
10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 5, 2007  
320 W. Washington, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Springfield, Illinois

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present:

*Michele Bromberg -Chairperson*  
*Kathryn Christiansen*  
*Linda Fahey*  
*Donna Hartweg*  
*Maureen Shekleton*  
*Marcia Maurer*  
*Nancy Cutler*  
*Susan Ehlers*  
*Bridget Cahill*

**TELE-CONFERENCE**

*James Renneker (Phone)*  
*Deborah Terrell*

**Other**

*Sandi Gillilan*  
*Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education*  
*Judy Erwin*  
*Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education*  
*Heather Ast*  
*Legal Counsel for the Illinois Center for Nursing*

At 10:05 am, the meeting was officially called to order by Chairperson Bromberg. There were nine board members present and two members present by teleconference call, representing a quorum.

The first item on the agenda was the consideration of the open minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting. There was a motion by Kathryn Christiansen, seconded by Susan Ehlers, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried. Chairperson Bromberg then made a motion to consider the

closed minutes of the March 1, 2007 meeting. The motion was carried by Donna Hartweg and seconded by Marcia Maurer.

Chairperson Bromberg then began discussion of the RFP for a state-wide survey of ADNs/RNs/LPNs. She updated the Board on the status of the RFP and that a final decision had been made on the vendor. The next item on the agenda was a review and discussion of the third informal survey conducted by the Illinois Center for Nursing to all approved Illinois Nursing Programs. From this survey the following was determined:

- Regarding Capacity / Expansion Barriers, there was a total percentage change in the number of responding Illinois Approved Programs of +12%
  - 39% responded to survey 2 while 51% responded to survey 3
- The breakout by region looks like this:

| TOTAL NUMBER OF APPROVED SCHOOLS IN ILLINOIS |                |                 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Northern Region                              | Central Region | Southern Region |
| 62   | 36             | 14              |

| TOTAL NUMBER OF APPROVED SCHOOLS RESPONDING TO SURVEY 2 |                |                 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Northern Region   | Central Region | Southern Region |
| 23  | 15             | 6               |

| PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS RESPONDING TO SURVEY 2 |                |                 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Northern Region                              | Central Region | Southern Region |
| 37%  | 42%            | 43%             |

| TOTAL NUMBER OF APPROVED SCHOOLS RESPONDING TO SURVEY 3 |                |                 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Northern Region   | Central Region | Southern Region |
| 25  | 22             | 10              |

  

| PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS RESPONDING TO SURVEY 3 |                |                 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Northern Region                              | Central Region | Southern Region |
| 40%  | 61%            | 71%             |

• This is how there

sponding programs answered regarding Capacity/Expansion:

| IS YOUR PROGRAM AT FULL CAPACITY? |    |                |    |                 |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|----|
| SURVEY 2 RESULTS                  |    |                |    |                 |    |
| Northern Region                   |    | Central Region |    | Southern Region |    |
| YES                               | NO | YES            | NO | YES             | NO |
| 17                                | 6  | 10             | 3  | 3               | 3  |

| IS YOUR PROGRAM AT FULL CAPACITY?        |              |                |              |                 |           |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| SURVEY 3 RESULTS                         |              |                |              |                 |           |
| Northern Region                          |              | Central Region |              | Southern Region |           |
| YES                                      | NO           | YES            | NO           | YES             | NO        |
| 9  | 16           | 9              | 13           | 7               | 3         |
| DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SURVEY 2 AND SURVEY 3 |              |                |              |                 |           |
| Northern Region                          |              | Central Region |              | Southern Region |           |
| YES                                      | NO           | YES            | NO           | YES             | NO        |
| -8                                       | +10          | -1             | +10          | +4              | 0         |
| <b>-47%</b>                              | <b>+267%</b> | <b>-10%</b>    | <b>+433%</b> | <b>+233%</b>    | <b>0%</b> |

- The Top Three Barriers to Capacity/Expansion From Survey 2:
  - o Lack of Physical Space
  - o Lack of Qualified Nursing Faculty
  - o Lack of Funding
- The Top Three Barriers to Capacity/Expansion From Survey 3:
  - o Lack of Qualified Nursing Faculty
  - o Lack of Opportunities for Clinical Placements
  - o Lack of Physical Space
- 25 Programs answered that they were at full capacity while 32 Programs answered that they were not at full capacity.
  - o Looking toward next semester, 17 Programs answered that they could accommodate more students while 25 Programs answered that they could not accommodate more students.

**Informal Survey Results - Survey 3  
GRADUATE PROGRAM**

- Of the 112 Illinois Approved Nursing Programs, 14 responded that they had a Graduate Program
  - o 1 CNM Program
  - o 5 CNS Programs
  - o 3 CRNA Programs
  - o 9 CNP Programs
  - o 7 listed "OTHER" as a Program choice. Those "OTHER" Programs include
    - Nurse Educator
    - MSN
    - Clinical Nurse Leader
    - DNP
    - PhD

- CNL
  - Administrative Studies
  - Advanced Community Health Nursing
  - ANP
  - FNP
- Of the 14 Graduate Programs
    - o 3 Programs are at Full Capacity
    - o 3 Programs turned away qualified applicants
    - o 12 Programs have an Educator Track

The Board then took up the next item on the scheduled agenda; the presentation by Sandi Gillilan, Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education; and Judy Erwin, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education. Judy Erwin discussed Academic Affairs, a department within IBHE, whose basic function is to grant approval for new academic programs for colleges and universities within the state of Illinois. Sandi Gillilan explained in detail the nursing expansion/improvement and fellowship grant rules. She then asked the Board for assistance with the application process for the upcoming granting period. She also discussed areas of improvement within IBHE's Grant Program and said that they were open to suggestions from the Board. The hope of IBHE is that more funds can be made available in the future so that they can open up their rules to give additional grants.

At this point, Linda Fahey pointed out that a relationship could be facilitated between IBHE and the Illinois Center for Nursing through the recipients of the Fellowship Grant. Sandi Gillilan agreed and said that in the rules the Fellows were required to assist IBHE or the Center as needed.

Judy Erwin moved on to discuss other areas that IBHE is looking to apply funding: 1.) Baccalaureate Completion, 2.) Nursing Education, and 3.) Improving teacher preparation

Kathryn Christiansen talked about research data that point to only a small portion of ADN's returning to school. She suggested that that data points to a strong need for nursing faculty. She raised the question to IBHE as to where they saw the greater need: 1.) To recruit ADN's to receive their Baccalaureate degrees and then on into teaching or 2.) To focus primarily on the current Baccalaureate programs and recruit those graduates into teaching.

The discussion then moved toward assistance to minority students. Everyone agreed that an aggressive push needs to be made to entice minorities to pursue nursing as a career.

Maureen Shekelton suggested that the Board's role in partnering with IBHE can be to help get the word out to nurses in Illinois about the programs that IBHE offers.

Linda Fahey raised two questions: 1.) What is the expected impact to the workforce from the money IBHE is utilizing and 2.) How is success being measured? Collaboration among Illinois agencies is essential to answer Linda Fahey's questions. The Illinois Center for Nursing will facilitate that goal by being the "home" for Nursing.

Chairperson Bromberg then discussed the next item on the agenda, the Board's invitation to the 15 Nurse Educator Fellow Grant recipients. The Fellows have agreed to meet with the Board at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Chicago. The topics for the Fellows to consider in preparation for this meeting are as follows:

Regarding nursing overall, how would you address the following

- 1.) Faculty Development
- 2.) Mentorship Programs
- 3.) Transition from Clinical to Educator
- 4.) Expert to faculty novice

Regarding your Fellowship Grant

- 1.) How are you utilizing the funds that you received from the Fellowship Grant

Chairperson Bromberg outlined the requirements for a Fellow's Grant. It was decided that the Center should make a presentation to the Fellows to update them on the center's activities. This would put the Fellows in a better position to see how they fit into the Center's goals and how they can best assist the Center.

Chairperson Bromberg then moved on to the next item on the agenda which is outreach to the APN's in Illinois. She began by discussing outreach tools such as a brochure that other Nursing Centers around the country have utilized to inform the population that the Illinois Center for Nursing exists. In addition to APN's, hospitals, organizations and other stakeholders are target groups.

Chairperson Bromberg also proposed to the group to invite various stakeholders to the Board meetings to learn exactly what they do and how the Center can work with them.

There were no other matters to be brought before the Board; Chairperson Bromberg entertained a motion to adjourn at 2:18P.M. by Board member Kathryn Christiansen and seconded by Marcia Maurer.