ANA-Illinois is proud to announce that we are launching our “Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation” campaign at our 3rd Annual Membership Assembly on October 15, 2016.

The 2016 ANA-Illinois Membership Assembly Meeting is a one-day event that brings the membership together with the association leadership to discuss issues of importance to the profession. A Keynote session and issue forum with 3.25 CE credits will take place after lunch and the day closes with a dessert reception hosted by the Illinois Nurses Foundation.

CE IS BEING CO-PROVIDED BY THE ILLINOIS NURSES FOUNDATION and ANA-Illinois.

Registration is $50.00 and will include a continental breakfast, plated lunch, 3.25 hours of CE and a dessert reception hosted by the Illinois Nurses Foundation.

*Students may attend the Keynote Session and Issues Forum on a complimentary basis.

Visit the ANA-Illinois website to register www.ana-illinois.org

AGENDA
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Registration open*
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Membership Assembly Meeting
Report from the President
Report from the Treasurer
Legislative Platform
Bylaws Proposals
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Lunch
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Keynote Speaker
2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Issue Forum/Discussion
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Dessert Reception hosted by the Illinois Nurses Foundation

This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91) for approval to award contact hours. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Please call Susan Swart at 815-468-8804 for more information about contact hours.

LOCATION: Sheraton Lisle Hotel • 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL 60532

American Nurses Association Urges Nurses to Help Stop Gun Violence

WASHINGTON, DC – In the wake of the Orlando, FL, massacre, the American Nurses Association (ANA) issued a declaration today calling for sensible gun control measures, including one that lifts a ban on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from studying gun violence. ANA held its annual Membership Assembly this week in Washington, DC. ANA is the premiere professional association representing the interests of the nation’s 3.6 million registered nurses (RNs).

“Now is the time to enact meaningful gun control legislation at the state and federal level to protect society,” said ANA President Pamela F. Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN. “We all must join with other members of our community and at every level of civil society in dialogue and action to address the underlying issues that result in hate and motivate unspeakable acts of violence.”

The declaration follows ANA’s Lobby Day on June 23, when almost 300 nurses from across the country went to Capitol Hill to share their perspectives and concerns about key nursing and health care issues, including safe nurse staffing, access to home health care, and gun violence.

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Dear Illinois Nurse Colleagues,

WE DID IT – NURSES RULE THE ROAD – Thanks to all of you who reserved the nurse license plate. At the time I am writing this column we are waiting for clarification as to “next steps” from the Illinois Secretary of State’s office. I know that turning money over to a state entity during the “budget crisis” was an act of faith for many, but we persevered and hit the mark for “Nurses to Rule the Road.”

There were moments during our campaign when I wasn’t sure we’d reach the required number. In fact, our reservations for the Secretary of State’s office to begin providing the special plates. We knew the whole special license plate program was being phased out – the nurse plate would be the last! If we didn’t achieve the goal now we would lose any opportunity to have a nurse plate in Illinois. Nurses came through in the end to make it happen! Again, thank you, thank you, thank you for your support for nurses and nursing!

This success will allow an income stream for the Foundation in addition to donations, fund raising, and grants. The INF Board will be able to budget with figures that are more definitive than the current situation with donations. Through careful stewardship of the donated funds, the Board has consistently grown the Foundation endowment, and will continue to do so at an accelerated rate with the new funds from license plates.

The license plate campaign showed what happens when nurses unite for a cause. Support came from our nurse leaders across the state and from our organizational affiliates and partners. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen – from supporting the legislation creating this opportunity through our exceeding the required number of reservations. Now we work through the process of implementation with the state! I can’t wait to see the plates on cars – how about you? It will be another reminder of how proud I am to be a NURSE!
Greetings,

On behalf of the ANA-Illinois Board of Directors, we would like to thank each and every one of you who RSVP’d and helped us secure the nurse license specialty plate.

I hope you can join us on Saturday, October 15, 2016 for our 2016 ANA-Illinois Membership Meeting in Lisle, Illinois. The one day event brings together nurses from across the state for education and networking. Members and non-members alike are welcome. Watch our social media feeds and website for registration info. Also, the Student Nurses Association of Illinois Convention will be held on Saturday, October 1-Sunday, October 2 at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, IL. More info will be available at www.snaillinois.com or on their social media feeds.

We are beginning to host summits to share recommendations developed by the Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations for the 2017 Nurse Practice Act Sunset. The Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations is a collaborative of professional organizations across the state from a diverse range of practice settings. Our first event was held on August 11, 2016 at the University of Illinois College of Nursing in Chicago, IL, and there are more to come. I hope that you can join us to provide feedback and support as we advance these recommendations via a bill in the Illinois State legislature.

By this time of year, we are getting inundated with political ads for the November 2016 election. While these recommendations via a bill in the Illinois State legislature. You don’t need to be a member to participate, and we welcome students to sign up too.

Finally, as I’ve shared before, this year we have a nurse candidate, Martha Shugart, RN who is running for State Representative in the 75th legislative district. Her district encompasses parts of Channahon, Coal City, Morris, Minooka, etc. Please consider joining us as we knock on doors, make phone calls, march in parades and fundraise for Martha. Even the most skeptical voters Martha meets on the campaign trail are impressed and encouraged when she introduces herself as a Registered Nurse. We hope that you can take some time out of your busy schedules to support in whatever method you can, or at the least, like Martha Shugart for State Representative on Facebook. To volunteer on Martha’s campaign, please email marthashugart2016@gmail.com.

Thank you for your service to patients, and the profession,

Sincerely,

Dan Fraczkowski MSN, RN

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Update your MyANA profile today!

Thank you for being a member of American Nurses Association Illinois and the American Nurses Association! We value you and want to continue creating opportunities that meet your needs. In order to do so, we need to understand your nursing role, interests, and experience.

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And a thank you for your time, we have a gift for you; Stepping into Your Spotlight: Building Your Professional Brand. This webinar shows you how to advance your nursing career by creating, developing, and promoting your professional brand.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity so we can continue to deliver relevant and tailored experiences.

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Accidental drug overdose is a leading cause of death in the United States, which are preventable in most cases. Over 165,000 overdose cases are opioid-based drugs (illicit and prescription), such as heroin, hydrocodone, or oxymorphone. Naloxone hydrochloride ("naloxone"), a short acting opioid- antagonist is a prescription medication that blocks the effects of natural and synthetic opioids, thus reversing the symptoms of an overdose, i.e. severe respiratory depression. In 2010, the state of Illinois enacted the Drug Overdose Prevention Program, an amendment to the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act, which provides immunity to health care providers who prescribe naloxone in good faith as well as authorizing the administration of naloxone by laypersons in the event of an emergency when a drug overdose is occurring (Illinois General Assembly 2010). This health policy is the state's emergency treatment actions.

Naloxone, a potent opioid antagonist that "rapidly displaces opioids from the brain receptors to which they bind, reversing their side effects of depression and respiratory depression (Davis & Carr, 2015, p. 112). Naloxone is used in standard practice by medical personnel at the scene of an overdose or when respiratory victims arrive at the emergency department of a hospital. Since naloxone simply reverses the side effects of an opioid without producing any analgesic or euphoric effects, the drug has no potential for abuse (Drug Policy Alliance, 2016).

The Impact of an Opioid-Induced Drug Overdose

Drug overdoses have increased by nearly 600% in the United States in the past 30 years, with both the prevalence of heroin-related drug overdoses increasing by nearly 400% and overdoses related to opioid medications increasing by nearly 200% (Prescription Drug Abuse Policy System, 2016). Presently, the combination is the only prescription combination opioid antagonist that "rapidly displaces opioids from the brain receptors to which they bind, reversing their side effects of depression and respiratory depression" (Davis & Carr, 2015). Naloxone hydrochloride is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat opioid overdose. Naloxone is used in standard practice by medical personnel at the scene of an overdose or when respiratory victims arrive at the emergency department of a hospital. Since naloxone simply reverses the side effects of an opioid without producing any analgesic or euphoric effects, the drug has no potential for abuse (Drug Policy Alliance, 2016).

The Illinois legislature recognizes the critical time period between when an individual who is overdosed arrives at the scene of the overdose to naloxone to laypersons such as themselves. By growing the number of community programs, more education on naloxone use as well as making its distribution affordable for the layperson is an important component to prevent a reduction of medical fees related to adverse behavioral effects of an opioid without producing any analgesic or euphoric effects, the drug has no potential for abuse.

The Role of Naloxone in an Opioid Overdose

When taken in excess, opioids can induce the fatal side effects of respiratory depression, suppressing an individual’s respiratory rate to the point where the brain is at great risk for being mixed with other substances (i.e. fentanyl). All of these types impact the brain’s pain receptors by disrupting the pathway of compounds (i.e. fentanyl). All of these types impact the brain’s pain receptors by disrupting the pathway of compounds (i.e. fentanyl). All of these types impact the brain’s pain receptors by disrupting the pathway of compounds (i.e. fentanyl). All of these types impact the brain’s pain receptors by disrupting the pathway of compounds (i.e. fentanyl). All of these types impact the brain’s pain receptors by disrupting the pathway of compounds (i.e. fentanyl).

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It is important that naloxone kits be affordable to the layperson, as cost may be a huge factor on whether he/she actually buys the opioid antidote. On average, full naloxone kits contain multiple doses and are thought to seem relatively expensive to some, this price could mean the difference between putting food on the table for one’s family or buying the opioid antidote. The Illinois legislature relies on laypersons’ willingness to purchase naloxone kits at this cost—if they do not purchase the kit there is a possibility that a preventable overdose fatality may occur. It is understandable for health care providers to be hesitant on the prescription of naloxone is the risk for civil action against them. For example, if the prescription recipient administers the naloxone drug incorrectly and causes injury to another, a malpractice suit may ensue. Such situations call for thorough documentation by health care providers, specifically in regards to pharmacist. In addition, the current naloxone kits in Illinois contain multi-dose vials of naloxone, requiring multiple administration sites, which are more invasive, uncomfortable to use, as they are more invasive, uncomfortable to use, and pharmacists do not have to fear disciplinary action under their respective practices’ profession acts, so long as the kits are administered in good faith. However, the policy does stipulate that a prescriber is responsible for the patient education associated with a naloxone prescription (whether it be by the provider, at a community-based organization or by an individual it was prescribed to) and only by emergency medical personnel. Both the intramuscular and subcutaneous routes involve the use of needles, which may make both law enforcement officers and citizens creatures more hesitant toward the intranasal method of administration, which can leave room for error—especially in an emergency. (Illinois Department of Human Services, 2014). Therefore, routes which are appropriate for layperson use, a mandate that naloxone kits in Illinois possess only the pre-filled equipment necessary for intranasal administration of naloxone may make it more comfortable for the comfort level of laypersons administering the drug in a critical situation.

Access: While naloxone administration provides immunity to health care providers who prescribe in good faith, some providers still do not prescribe naloxone due to the risk of a civil action suit if misused. Since naloxone has no risk for abuse, it would be appropriate for Illinois legislature to mandate funds dedicated to research to help the FDA authorize the distribution of naloxone “over the counter,” so the drug does not require a prescription. By doing so, this removes the risks health care providers may feel are instilled upon them, leaving the administration solely in the hands of the individual who has received the prescription. The route for naloxone administration to be purchased over the counter must also be addressed, as described above; it would be most feasible for the subcutaneous route to be distributed over the counter publicly without a prescription, due to its safety and decreased likelihood of misuse. Other intranasal products are more uncomfortable to use as well as the discomfort of naloxone administration by trained laypersons without complications.

Health care providers have an ethical motive to prescribing naloxone to those at risk for overdose, or to those who may be in the position to help another, as their prescriptions of naloxone are made in good faith. After the training which is a mandate of the Illinois Act serves as a method for the state of Illinois to help reduce the fatalities resulting from opioid overdoses. The policy grants immunity to both health care providers and patients that act in good faith in regards to naloxone prescription and administration, respectively. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2015) reported that in the past twenty years, over 25,000 opioid overdose deaths were reversed nationwide thanks to naloxone administered by laypersons. The training on naloxone administration implemented by both health care providers and community-based organizations help promote proper administration of the drug when prescribed to a layperson, with not a single civil suit against a health care provider documented.

Naloxone prescription is currently a very safe and effective method of emergency treatment by trained laypersons while waiting for emergency services to arrive, saving countless lives across Illinois. Although there is room for improvement in the health policy to better address the access and cost of naloxone kits to Illinois residents, the state legislature was able to effectively reduce the death rate related to opioid overdose through safe community programs that regulate the prescription, distribution, and administration of naloxone.

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The election for the 2016 ANA-Illinois Officers and Directors will be held online September 15, 2016 through September 30, 2016. The election will be conducted by Election America. Watch your email and the ANA-Illinois website www.ana-illinois.org for the additional details.

# HERE ARE YOUR CANDIDATES:

## Vice President

Ann O’Sullivan, MSN, RN, CNE, CE-BC, ANEF

I have had the privilege of serving as a Vice-President of ANA-Illinois for the past three years. I am excited to continue to serve for the next 2 years in order to advance the mission of ANA-Illinois. I can provide proven leadership to accomplish our Strategic Plan and to create innovative solutions to health care issues and the professional growth and development of nurses. I believe we are strongest when we partner with all nurses, nursing associations and other constituencies in advocating for nurses and the public.

Over the past three years I have had the honor of serving as Chair of the ANA-Illinois Expert Panel on Scope of Practice, whose work was recently published in the June issue of The Voice. I am a representative of ANA-Illinois on the Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations Steering committee which is developing proposed changes in the Illinois.

Nurse Practice Act where I chaired the group on Scope of Practice and Delegation. At the ANA level, I served as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Professional Issues Panel on Workplace Violence and Incivility and on the Steering Committee on the Professional Issues Panel on Barriers to Scope of Practice. I co-authored articles on the findings and recommendations on Barriers to Scope of Practice in the September issue of The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing (OJIN). In addition, I served as an ANA representative on the national Tri-Council committee which developed a Scope of Nursing Practice Decision-Making Framework.

I am committed to increasing the number and engagement of nurses in ANA-Illinois; stimulating and disseminating nurse-focused innovations and best practices; positioning nurses as integral partners in engagement of nurses in ANA-Illinois; stimulating and making Framework.

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## Director at Large - 3 to be elected

### Karen Egenes, PhD, RN

I have had the honor of serving as a member of the Board of Directors since the inception of ANA Illinois in 2012. Since that time, I have worked with fellow board members to increase Association's involvement in advocacy, political action, and increased professionalism. Presently, I serve as chair of the ANA-Illinois Political Action Committee. Because a registered nurse has never before been elected to the Illinois General Assembly, this has become our goal. We have also worked to ensure that the Illinois Nurse Practice Act will best represent the practice and interests of nurses in our state. If re-elected to the Board of Directors, I would continue to Association's focus on policy and work with members the Illinois legislature to promote the best interest of nursing in the next two years. I believe the Association needs to continue its work to increase Association's involvement in the practice and interests of nurses in our state. If re-elected, I would continue the Association's focus on policy and work with members the Illinois legislature to promote the best interest of nursing in the next two years. I believe the Association needs to continue its work to increase its membership and influence among the public. I am confident that I can help the ANA-IL board continue its mission of advocating for nurses. I will do what is in the best interest of nurses to help them achieve at the highest possible level. I will partner with the administration, members and legislators to push nurses' agenda and bring awareness to social justice issues that impact nurses. I know there is a lot of work to do considering the future of nurses. However, I am inspired and willing to do my part to spread the good news about this profession.

### Lisa J. Woodward, DNP, RN

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Memberships and experiences include: Illinois-ANA, ONL, ANA, AONE - PAC committee member and past CAPN review course committee member, TONE (Texas) Board of Directors, Texas Team Action Coalition South Texas Lead, TNA PAC, committee member, TNA District 26 President and Texas Team Choosing Wisely Steering Committee Co-Chair.

### Crystal Vasquez, DNP, MS, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, CPHIMS

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encourage, and advocate for nurses to have a voice and make decisions about their practice. I understand that associations must manage budget challenges and support key initiatives that place pressure on budgets. I hope to help the ANA-IL be fiscally responsible in its decision-making and will be supportive of fundraising activities as needed.

Christine Gill MPA, BSN, RN

Many years ago, I decided to go into nursing for the money and then discovered a passion for it. I have been a nurse over 23 years and continue to grow on a personal and professional level each and every day. I started as an Associate degree nurse and continued my education in management. Recently I returned back to school for my BSN, which gave me insight into the importance of evidence-based practice and research-based nursing. I have a diverse background in my career to include emergency care, prison, clinic, tele-health, telemetry and cardiac catheterization lab. I have worked many different positions and shifts which allows me insight into the various emotions other nurses may be feeling. Because of my background, I am able to relate to others and motivate them in taking their roles as nurse. The ANA – IL is solid organization and being a representative will allow me to connect and shape the future of nursing in positive steps forward.

Pam Di Vito-Thommas PhD, RN, CNE

We in Nursing are like lamplighters who are known by the trails of light we have left behind, and are forging upward and outward to light the way for an evidence-based practice. We can let others light their candles on our lamplight and continue our work in the education of interdisciplinary teams for patient-centered care. And, I would hope to share my past, present, and future nursing education and experiences as a nurse, nurse educator, nurse administrator, nurse author, and nurse researcher for service to the ANA Illinois membership. With consistency and purpose I will do my best to be useful and devoted to our cause for success. Thank You.

Elizabeth Davis DNP, CNL, RN-C MNN

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ANA Representative to the ANA Membership Assembly – 1 to be elected

Ann O’Sullivan, MSN, RN, CN, CE-BC, ANEF

I have had the privilege of serving as Vice-President of ANA-Illinois for the past three years. I am excited to continue to serve for the next 2 years in order to advance the mission of ANA-Illinois. I can provide proven leadership to accomplish our Strategic Plan and to create innovative solutions to healing care issues and the professional growth and development of nurses. I believe we are strongest when we partner with all nurses, nursing associations and other constituencies in advocating for nurses and the public.

Over the past three years I have had the honor of serving as Chair of the ANA-Illinois Expert Panel on Scope of Practice, whose work was recently published in the June issue of The Voice. I am a representative of ANA-Illinois on the Illinois Coalition of Nursing Organizations Steering Committee which is developing proposed changes in the Illinois.

Nurse Practice Act where I chaired the group on Scope of Practice and Delegation. At the ANA level, I served as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Professional Issues Panel on Workplace Violence and Incivility and on the Steering Committee on the Professional Issues Panel on Barriers to Scope of Practice. I co-authored articles on the findings and recommendations on Barriers to Scope of Practice in the June issue of The Voice. I am a representative on the National Tri-council committee which develops a Scope of Practice Decision-Making Framework.

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The Illinois Nurses Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2nd Annual 40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leaders Awards. The winners were chosen by a panel of their peers based on their achievement in the profession, leadership and community & association involvement. Please plan to join us on September 22nd from 5pm to 8pm as we celebrate the achievements of these 40 amazing young nurses. The event will take place at Rush University Medical Center Conference Center.

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased online at http://tinyurl.com/2016INF.

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Emerging Nurse Leaders Award


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Leap into Leadership with the Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition

All boards benefit from the unique perspective of nurses to achieve the goals of improved health as well as efficient and effective health care systems at the local, state and national levels. Nurses bring a full set of skills not found in other professions and play a crucial role in developing high-quality systems of care that offer better outcomes and increased satisfaction for people, families and communities.

The Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) represents nursing and other organizations working to build healthier communities in America by increasing nurses’ presence on corporate, health-related, and other boards. The NOBC’s goal is to help ensure that at least 10,000 nurses are on boards by 2020, and encourages the over 3 million U.S. nurses to apply to serve. NOBC coalition members can sign up to be counted if you are on a board and to read more about the efforts being made to help build the future of our profession.

The Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition (IHAC) is leaping into leadership beginning Thursday, September 15, 2016 at noon. This one hour “lunch-and-learn” webinar will focus on leadership. The webinar will include a NOBC representative, recipients of the 2015 40-under-40 emerging nurse leader recipients sharing their successes and IHAC leaders discussing resources available. IHAC webinars will be offered upon completion of requirements. For further information, please visit the ANA-Illinois website: http://www.ana-illinois.org/

The Illinois Nurses Foundation is sponsoring the 2016 40-under-40 emerging nurse leader recognition event, which is being held September 22 at Rush University Medical Center in the evening. Last year Dr. Marquis Foreman, Dean of Rush University College of Nursing, echoed what many of us thought by wondering “...how did we manage to not consider doing this before?” The purpose of the award is to recognize and acknowledge 40 outstanding nurses in Illinois under the age of 40 who demonstrate exemplary professional practice along with community engagement and/or advocacy on behalf of the profession and those they serve. This year’s committee is chaired by Rhys Gibson, and includes: Dan Fraczkowski, Alyssa Hayward, Jennifer Grenier, Shannon Halloway, Stephanie Mendoza, Lauren Martin, Toni Scott and Diana Salihar, with Susana Gonzalez, Linda B. Roberts and Susan Swart as advisors. For additional information, please visit the Illinois Nurses Foundation website http://www.IllinoisNurses. Foundation/

In 2010 the Institute of Medicine released a landmark report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, which recommended increasing the number of nurse leaders in pivotal decision-making roles on boards and commissions that work to improve the health of everyone in America. The Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition works in partnership with the nursing community to ensure that the nursing perspective is represented in all places decisions affecting healthcare are made.

Little Company of Mary Hospital Recognizes Outstanding Nurses in Celebration of National Nurses Week

Evergreen Park, Il —May 30, 2016—On Thursday, May 5th, Little Company of Mary Hospital (LCMH) recognized and celebrated outstanding and dedicated nurses at the Little Company of Mary’s 2016 Nurses Week Awards and Recognition Tea. This was part of a national celebration week to honor the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States that comprise our nation’s largest healthcare profession. This year’s theme was “Culture of Safety: It Starts with You.”

Three LCMH nurses and one nursing assistant were specifically recognized for consistently going above and beyond in their compassionate care and duties. These recognitions include: Nurse Educator of the Year, Nurse Leader of the Year, Care Partner of the Year, and Nurse of the Year.

“We celebrate these individuals for their efforts in delivering compassionate care. Their stories demonstrate the principles of ethical practice in the profession,” said Lisa DiMarco, M.B.A., R.N., NEA-BC, FACHE, CNO/ Vice President of Patient Care Services at LCMH. “It is a celebration of the dedication and continuous improvement in the safety and quality of care for our patients.”

Nurse Educator of the Year was presented to Irene Copak, MSN, APN, CCNS, CCRN, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at LCMH. Irene joined Little Company of Mary’s ICU in August of 2015 as the ICU Clinical Nurse Specialist. She brings evidence-based practice to all ICU teams, including Performance Improvement teams such as SEPSIS and CLABSI, as well as updating policies and procedures. In her short time at LCMH, she has created orientation guidelines for both new graduates and experienced nurses and meets with all of them to facilitate their growth. She furthermore was instrumental in chartering the first unit-based Practice Council.

Nurse Leader of the Year was presented to Cathy Foreman, MS, MHA, RN, RN, Nurse Manager for Pre-Admission Testing, One Day Surgery and Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PAT, ODS, PACU) at LCMH. Cathy has made a significant impact since joining LCMH in 2010. In addition to ensuring schedules are in order and that her departments run smoothly on a day-to-day basis, Cathy reads empowering articles to encourage her staff during challenging times. She listens to all staff concerns and follows through with feedback and resolutions. “Cathy is a beautiful person inside and out,” said members of Cathy’s staff. “She is always concerned with the staff and their emotional well-being.”

Care Partner of the Year award was presented to Sheila Adams from the Labor and Delivery Unit in the Family Birth Center at LCMH. Sheila has been with LCMH since 1994 and represents the hospital in a professional manner both inside and outside of work. She is a well-respected team player who always steps up to the task without being asked. She actively participates in educating new staff and provides sincere comfort to patients. Additionally, Sheila volunteers at many LCMH community events and is a member of the hospital choir. Sheila is an outstanding care partner and truly embodies the hospital’s core values of professionalism, compassion, quality, and responsibility.

Nurse of the Year was presented to Mary Pat Jennings, RN, LCMH Affiliated Services. Mary Pat joined LCMH in 2013 and is an example of an exemplary nurse. Mary Pat is precise and work ready to engage with both patients and providers. She is always willing to assist patients and sits down with them to provide medication management and explain labs in addition to following up with phone calls. Mary Pat provides dedicated support to medical assistants and physicians in addition to assisting with office transitions. Mary Pat truly is an asset to LCMH. Venerable Mary Potter, founder of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, once said: “Where there is need, there is our mission.” These four individuals are exemplary of the mission of the Venerable Mary Potter and the Little Company of Mary Sisters to provide compassionate care to the sick and dying.

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. The American Nurses Association (ANA) set these as permanent dates to position Nurses Week as a nationwide event. Throughout National Nurses Week 2016, LCMH also hosted a Nursing Breakfast, which took place on Monday, May 2nd, and a Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, May 3rd, in addition to other celebrations held to honor our nurses.

About Little Company of Mary Hospital:

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers (LCMH) is a Catholic, not-for-profit hospital based in Evergreen Park. For 86 years, LCMH has held a long tradition of serving the needs of women and their families. Our Women’s Center for Life and Health provide women’s healthcare needs conveniently under one roof – from routine wellness exams and screenings to advanced diagnostic facilities for even the most critical health conditions. LCMH continues to achieve accolades for quality, provides new medical advances and offers a convenient range of services to our community. To learn more, visit www.LCMH.org.
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American Nurses Association Applauds Bipartisan Effort to Pass Comprehensive Addiction Legislation

Includes provisions to help nurses treat patients suffering with substance use disorders

SILVER SPRING, MD (July 14, 2016) — In what is being hailed as the most sweeping drug addiction legislation in years, Congress mustered a bipartisan effort Wednesday to pass a comprehensive bill to help tackle the nation’s opioid epidemic. The White House said President Obama would sign the bill.

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 directs $181 million in new spending, with an expectation that lawmakers will approve nearly $500 million for opioid programs in the next budget year. It authorizes the U.S. Attorney General and Secretary of Health and Human Services to award state grants to address prescription opioid and heroin use in communities most impacted by the epidemic and an inter-agency task force to review best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication.

Throughout the debate, the American Nurses Association (ANA) sought to advance nursing’s role in fighting the opioid crisis by addressing barriers and expanding access to treatment. In collaboration with the White House, ANA has also joined forces with 40 other organizations in a pledge to train more than 540,000 opioid prescribers over the next two years. A key provision in the legislation expands access to medication-assisted treatment by allowing Nurse Practitioners, for the first time, to prescribe buprenorphine, a medication used to reduce the risk of overdoses and treat opioid addiction. Currently, by law, only doctors can prescribe buprenorphine.

“This legislation represents much needed progress in our national effort to combat the devastating impact of the opioid epidemic and nurses are committed to playing a leading role in treating patients battling addiction,” said ANA President Pamela F. Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN. “While congress has taken a step forward, we remain resolute in our support to ensure future appropriations are dedicated to tackling this issue.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health, since 1999, the amount of prescription opioids sold in the U.S. has nearly quadrupled. Deaths from opioids, like painkillers and heroin, have reached epidemic proportions in recent years, killing 47,000 Americans in 2014, surpassing car accidents as the No. 1 cause of injury death.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is the premier organization representing the interests of the nation’s 3.6 million registered nurses. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. ANA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all.

2016 INF Scholarship Winners

The Illinois Nurses Foundation gave a total of $12,000 in scholarship awards in June 2016. We are pleased to be able to support these nurses and/or student nurses.

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Success in Springfield

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Chairperson

ISAPN, with the help of nursing organizations across the state, once again succeeded in persuading the General Assembly to pass APN friendly legislation this past spring. SB 460, now PA 99-0505, allowed APNs not currently holding a national certification for their APN specialty to renew their license. Those that expired on May 31, 2016. Throughout the years and the changes for education and certification standards in the APN portion of the practice act, legislative intent was lost and over 300 APNs were in danger of losing their licenses with this past renewal cycle.

In order to protect those in danger of losing their licenses, PA 99-0505 affirms the continued license renewal for those initially grandfathered in 2001; including those that were not, and may not be now be able to qualify for an APN national certification due to previously accepted educational standards. For APNs that did not maintain certification after initial licensure, PA 99-0505 grants masters-prepared APNs until the year 2020 to obtain national certification, in order to qualify for continued Illinois APN licensure. Governor Rauner signed the bill into law on May 27th just a few days shy of the May 31st renewal deadline.

This licensing issue had been brought to ISAPN’s attention by an APN in danger of losing her license due to a certification issue. Fortunately, she is a member of our professional organization and keeps in touch with changes in the practice act. Subsequently, her one voice made a difference. In addition, her astuteness, willingness and tenacity for getting involved is a testament for the need to be active, not only with a clinical specialty organization but more importantly, with the policy-oriented organization of your profession in keeping your license safe.

Advancing Practice in 2017

As the sunset of the nurse practice act in 2017 nears, ISAPN has been busy planning for our next push with the Illinois General Assembly to remove the written collaborative agreement for all APNs practicing in the state. Over the past twenty years, significant changes to the NPA have loosened the “reigns” on APN practice. Although APNs working in surgical centers do not need a WCA, it is still required for those APNs working outside of those practice settings. With this in mind, ISAPN will, once again, call on all Illinois nursing organizations to join us in speaking with one voice in Springfield to support of removal of the WCA.

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The Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders Gather for the Midwest Institute for Healthcare Leadership in Chicago

This past June, nurse leaders gathered in Chicago for the Midwest Institute for Healthcare Leadership program, a 2½ day educational event aimed at teaching nurses business techniques that play an essential role within healthcare in Illinois. Hosted by the Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL), the program was presented by Loyola’s Quinlan School of Business faculty, home to the nationally-ranked Healthcare MBA program. Known for their state-of-the-art facility and training in leading health systems, Quinlan guided attendees through topics relating to healthcare management as it continues to evolve.

Topics of discussion included:
- The Art of Style and Leadership
- Healthcare Accounting and Finance Principles
- Corporate Strategy in Healthcare: Creating Competitive Advantage
- Change Management and Organizational Culture
- Continuous Improvement in Healthcare
- Building Better Communication and Negotiation Skills

“This was the best educational experience I have ever had! I enjoyed my learning from these three days more than my entire Masters!” said Alicia Allen, Director of Medical Surgical Patient Care Services at Advocate BroMenn. Another attendee, Jessica Zimont, APN Manager of Transplant Services at Lurie Children’s Hospital, commented on the event, “Really a great, well organized program.”

Intent on helping nurse leaders navigate the growing healthcare systems in Illinois, IONL created the Institute with the leadership role in mind, bringing together business strategies, leadership practices, and industry knowledge into a comprehensive curriculum for nurses.

Founded in 1977, IONL has made constant strides to promote and advance the practice of nurses in leadership roles throughout Illinois. By hosting opportunities for professional development, networking, education, and research, IONL has promoted the innovation of care delivery systems among nurses in Illinois.

Coming up in September, IONL will be hosting its premier educational event, the IONL Annual Meeting, from September 29-30 in Lisle, Illinois. Join IONL for the two-day conference entitled, "Navigating the Seasons of Change," where nurse leaders will meet, network, and explore leadership practices. Session topics include:
- "Time 2.0 Clockworkwise: How to Unwind Cognitive Time and Live Forever," presented by John Coyle
- "Intent-based Leadership: Create Leaders at Every Level," presented by Andy Worshek

One of the many IONL membership benefits include exclusive discounts on educational events and programming. Nursing professionals who register before August 31 save $75 on registration fees for the Annual Meeting.

To learn more about IONL membership and its many educational and networking opportunities for nurses in the Midwest, visit www.ionl.org.

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Gloria E. Barrera

Gloria E. Barrera, MSN, RN, PEL-CSN, Treasurer of NAHN-IL and active ANA-IL member represented Illinois public health nursing in Washington DC on June 22, 2016. Gloria was there to speak to lawmakers about the direct impact climate change, specifically toxic air pollution from the oil and gas industry, has on public health through the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments (ANHE). Gloria shares “methane from the oil and gas industry comes packaged with other pollutants known as volatile organic components, or VOC’s. VOC’s are associated with respiratory irritation, skin irritation, and some are carcinogens. We need our elected officials to support the efforts of EPA to regulate methane emissions, both from new and old sources, from the oil and gas industry.”

The Student Nurses Association of Illinois Board of Directors 2015-2016 has had quite an interesting term so far. Since the beginning of our term in October 2015, we have had monthly meetings to plan events for the year, to expand horizons and inspire fellow nursing students. In March 2016 we held our annual Leadership Conference at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. We were grateful to have two guest speakers this year, Katie Duke MSN, RN, AGACNP-BC and Toufic S. Khairallah (T.K.) MSN, APN, FNP-BC, PCCN, CHSE. The event had a wonderful turnout and included giveaways and inspirational speeches concerning Leadership in Nursing. Many board members also attended Student Nurse Political Action Day on April 11th, 2016 in Springfield, representing the organization and networking with fellow nursing students. Several board members were also fortunate enough to attend the National Student Nurses Association Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida from March 29th-April 2nd, 2016. We will be using the information, skills learned and networking that was done at the convention to plan for our own SNAI Annual Convention on October 1st and 2nd of 2016 at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Illinois. At the annual convention, we plan to host several breakout sessions so that nursing students and faculty from all across the state can learn about different specialties and areas in nursing, study tips, networking, being part of a professional organization, and even themselves. Students will have the opportunity to attend our exhibition hall with vendors from nursing schools, nursing merchandise, NCLEX review companies, professional organizations, and potential employers.

Online DNP Program - Clinical & Leadership

Illinois APNA and Linden Oaks Hospital Partner to Provide a Psychiatric Nursing Seminar in Naperville, Illinois

Linden Oaks Hospital, Naperville Illinois in conjunction with the Illinois Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association will be providing a seminar entitled “Integration of Safe Psychiatric Nursing Care: A Critical Need for Every Community” on Friday September 23, 2016. The seminar will be held from 7:30am – 1:00pm at the Linden Oaks at Edward Outpatient Center located at 1335 N. Mill Street Naperville, IL 60563.

The conference fee includes seminar attendance, continental breakfast, boxed lunch and 3.5 CEUs (inclusive of a pharmacology CE). This seminar is limited to licensed direct care nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Emergency Room Nurses, and other nursing professionals. Cost for the seminar is $25 for members of APNA and $35 for non-members. Due to space constraints registration is limited to 90 participants.

Sessions hosted by psychiatric nursing experts will explore diverse topics relating to the provision for mental health care and services which create a safety net across the continuum of care – including the hospital, in the primary care office, and the community setting. Additional discussion will include approaches to self-care for nurses and the impact on practice. An experiential guided self-care activity will be held.

Registration begins at 7:30am with a continental breakfast followed by a welcome and conference commencement at 8:00am. The conference will conclude at 1:00pm.

Pre-Registration is required and can be done by going to the Illinois APNA website at www.apna.org/illinois. (onsite registrations cannot be accepted)
The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers is comprised of nurse workforce entities across the United States. Each entity works to address the nursing shortage in their state, while collaboratively striving to ensure an adequate supply of qualified nurses to meet the health needs of the nation. In addition to improving collaboration, cooperation, and communication among workforce centers, healthcare agencies, and policy makers, this conference also serves as the annual meeting of the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers - http://www.nursingworkforcecenters.org/.

Illinois delegates at the national meeting included: Donna Meyer, MSN, RN, Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) Board member, ICN Managing Director Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN, and Sandra Webb-Booker, PhD, RN, Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association. Dr. Sandra Webb-Booker presented the results of a National Black Nurses Association study assessing the mentoring needs of African American nursing students. Linda B. Roberts presented on the Nurse Faculty Fellows recognition program - a collaboration between the ICN and Illinois Board of Higher Education. Roberts additionally served as a member of the planning committee, and coordinated the continuing education. Continuing education units were made possible by the Illinois Nurses Foundation.

The Illinois Center for Nursing advocates for appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of Illinois citizens http://nursing.illinois.gov/. Through these efforts, ICN promotes access to healthcare, improved quality, and decreased cost. The Nurse Faculty Fellow recognition program, which was funded through 2015, supported retention of Illinois nursing faculty, and was a model of collaboration between two state agencies, IBHE and ICN. The National Forum State Nursing Workforce Centers annual conference reflects the work of research experts, educators, workforce center colleagues and innovators from all across America. The next annual meeting is in Denver, Colorado, June 7-9, 2017, http://www.nursingworkforcecenters.org/.

Pictured above are the Executive Directors of State Nursing Workforce Centers. The picture was taken April 28, 2016 in Orlando, Florida during the National Forum’s annual conference. Illinois Center for Nursing Managing Director Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN is pictured, far left.

(L-R) Sandra M. Webb-Booker, PhD, RN (Col RET), AN, USAR, Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN/ICN Managing Director and Beulah Nash Teachey, PhD, RN, LTC (RET), AN, USAR. Dr. Webb-Booker and Dr. Nash Teachey, who are also members of the National Black Nurses Association Research Team, presented the results of a national study assessing the mentoring needs of African-American nursing students. There are recommendations for NSNA national and local chapters on mentoring and to enhance the diversity of the nursing profession.

(L-R) Donna Meyer, MSN, RN ICN Board member and Laurie Benson, Executive Director Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC). NOBC was created by a coalition of national nursing organizations to both capture in a database the number of nurses boards, and to support those interested in serving on board of organizations that impact the health of our communities. With 3.5 million nurses in our country, nurses represent the largest segment of our healthcare workforce. It simply makes good business sense to have the nursing perspective represented in all places where decisions affecting health are made. http://www.nursesonboardscoalition.org/
The Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium Acclaims International Nurses

Fran LaMonica, MS RN Executive Director

The Chicago Bilingual Nurse Consortium (CBNC) celebrated International Nurses’ Day on May 12th with its annual event. That evening, five Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) were recognized for their success in achieving licensure in Illinois over the previous year. The honorees included Valentina Figueroa (Chile), Mirjana Ivkov (Serbia), Tatyana Kovalevsky (Ukraine), Karen McShane (Chile), and Mengyuan “Summer” Wang (China). Heleine Kaha (Cameroon) was also honored for completion of her BSN. In addition, CBNC recognized The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation & The Chicago Community Trust for their support in “Making a Difference” in the lives of Internationally Educated Nurses.

International Nurses bring an element of safety as well as cultural sensitivity to the bedside as they care for patients with limited English proficiency. In addition to language barriers, cultural differences often place patients at a higher risk for adverse events. According to the Joint Commission study of adverse events in six accredited hospitals, 49% of patients with limited English Proficiency (LEP) were involved in an adverse event that resulted in physical harm compared with 29.5% of English proficient patients. The significantly different findings clearly demonstrate the serious need for culturally and linguistically competent services especially by care providers who are bilingual and bicultural. There is a need for not only language competency but also cultural competency in professional nursing.

To date, CBNC has served more than 700 IENs from over 60 countries. Over 90 of these nurses have passed the NCLEX exam and are currently practicing in Illinois or other states.

The CBNC is beginning to conduct continuing education classes with Licensed RNs and IENs. This effort is to assist the learners to become knowledgeable with both Nursing in the United States and care needs of immigrant patients, by means of engaging in a professional collegial dialogue. The goal is to improve cultural sensitivity and competency of all participants. Registered nurse participants of these classes will be awarded continuing education credits (CEUs).

The CBNC looks forward to continuing its work to increase the number of internationally educated nurses for practice in metropolitan Chicago and surrounding communities through advocacy, education and supportive services.

International nurses looking for assistance in pursuing their professional license in Illinois may visit the website chicagobilingualnurse.org or contact CBNC at CBNC247@gmail.com.
The Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) believes in transforming the care continuum through nursing leadership! IONL committed to this belief and launched a new committee in 2014 to address key strategies and functions to ensure quality patient outcomes. The Committee of Care has identified the problem as poorly managed care transitions leading to increased readmissions, patient dissatisfaction, and inappropriate utilization of healthcare services. For nursing leaders to successfully address the recognized barriers identified as poor communication across inpatient and outpatient settings, the current state of separate/different EMRs (electronic medical record systems) creating difficulty in transmitting essential information, and increased use of hospitalists to manage inpatient acute care with little or no involvement of patient’s primary care providers, a unified front must be created by registered nurses to promote quality care delivery.

Healthcare organizations are under pressure to produce high quality outcomes while in turn, decrease costs. Because leaders within healthcare, direct providers and policy makers are instrumental in transforming the way patient care is delivered, they must remodel care delivery to advocate on behalf of patients. Healthcare reform initiatives have created opportunities for organizations to transform the way care is delivered, making this the opportune time for nursing leaders to have a proactive voice to transform transitional care practices throughout the healthcare continuum.

Both formal and informal leaders are in a position to streamline care delivery across healthcare settings. Given the current and anticipated health care environment, the IONL believes the following are essential concerning the role of nursing leadership in optimizing patient outcomes and increasing efficiencies throughout the continuum of care:

- Design care coordination strategies that meet patient needs and organizational goals.
- Develop and sustain interdisciplinary partnerships that enhance communication, collaboration and innovation across care settings.
- Ensure that patient care staff achieve and maintain the knowledge and skill to coordinate care.
- Utilize transitional care models throughout the care continuum to promote quality outcomes.

Collaboration and partnerships across the care continuum will improve transitional care practices and meet the IHI triple aim: improved quality, enhanced efficiency and optimized healthcare spending.

If you are a nurse leader working across the care continuum in interested in joining the IONLs committee of care, please go to the website www.ionl.org.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Ferket, Chairperson, IONL Continuum of Care Committee
Katie Koemer, Vice Chair, IONL Continuum of Care Committee

Meet the Illinois Center for Nursing Advisory Board of Directors

The Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) was created in 2006 as part of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act (Article 75) to address issues of supply and demand in the nursing profession, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse manpower resources. The eleven member ICN Board meets six times per year by videoconference in Chicago and Springfield. The pictures are from the June 8, 2016 meeting.

Please go to the ICN website for a schedule of board meetings, RN, LPN and APN workforce reports, post-licensure education programs, including specialty focus, graduate nursing on-line programs, faculty vacancies, and other news and updates http://nursing.illinois.gov/.

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