

Louisiana Center for Nursing Update

“Happy Holidays”

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Mission

The mission of the Louisiana Center for Nursing (LCN) is to contribute to the health and welfare of Louisiana residents and visitors through activities that are directed to ensure that there is an adequate workforce to meet the current and future healthcare needs of the citizens of the State of Louisiana.

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Launching of the 2010 Nurse Employer Survey

The 2010 Nurse Employer Survey was officially launched on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Over 1400 nurse employers across the state received the Nurse Employer Survey either electronically (583) or via first class mail (888). The information gained in these surveys will be used to make policy recommendations to Louisiana’s legislators and nursing leaders about the numbers of

nurses needed, the types of nursing positions available, and the type of experience required for those positions. Only our nurse employers can give us this information. Therefore, it is important that Louisiana’s healthcare facilities and/or agencies complete the Nurse Employer Survey so that we may obtain an accurate assessment of current and short-term nurse demand. The Louisiana

State Board of Nursing – Center for Nursing and the Nursing Supply and Demand Council would like to thank Chief Executive Officers, Chief Nursing Officers, Human Resource Directors, Nurse Managers, and all others that contributed to the completion of the Nurse Employer Survey. Thank you for helping to pave the way for Nursing’s future in Louisiana.

The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health Report

The Institute of Medicine released *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health Report* on October 5, 2010. This landmark report is the outcome of a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Institute of Medicine. It represents a call to action for all entities that see health care as a priority for our nation. There are four key messages on which the report focuses: 1) nurses should practice to

the full extent of their education and training; 2) nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression; 3) nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals in redesigning health care in the United States; and 4) effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved

information infrastructure. State Teams from across the country have been asked to convene and to take an active role in developing strategies to implement the eight recommendations that have been developed based on these key messages. The report can be found at http://books.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12956&page=R1.

The Initiative on the Future of Nursing’s (IFN) National Summit on Advancing Health through Nursing

On Tuesday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 1st The Initiative on the Future of Nursing’s (IFN) National Summit on Advancing Health through Nursing will be held in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Summit is to bring together diverse leaders from around the country to discuss the implications of the recommendations for the future of health care and the future role of nurses in America. Participants will identify strategies for implementing the recommendations and they will also discuss overcoming barriers to adopting the recommendations. The Direc-

tor for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing – Center for Nursing, along with other Nursing Workforce Center Directors across the U.S. have been invited to attend this special meeting. The webcast will be available via a link on www.thefutureofnursing.org. Those that are interested in signing up for the webcast prior to the Summit can do so at the following website: <http://bit.ly/webcastregistration>.

Partners Investing in Nursing's (PIN) Future Annual Meeting

For the first time, the Forum for State Nursing Workforce Centers (Forum) has been invited to attend the Partners Investing in Nursing (PIN) Annual Meeting. The goal of this meeting is to “bring everyone ‘under the tent’ to share lessons learned and to expand this growing network of partners to make permanent changes to the nursing profession”. The PIN meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Summit in Washington, D.C. and will begin on the afternoon of December 1st and end on December 3rd.

Dr. Jennifer Nooney

Dr. Jennifer Nooney - former Associate Director of Research at the Florida Center for Nursing, has recently accepted a position at the **Health Resources and Services Administration's National Center for Workforce Analysis in Washington, D.C.**

Dr. Nooney has done an extensive amount of research in the area of Nursing Workforce Supply and Demand as well as published many manuscripts on the topic. We are very excited that she will be serving as a consultant on the Louisiana Center for Nursing Workforce Demand and Forecasting Project.



The Forum for State Nursing Workforce Centers Research Committee

Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, the Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing - Center for Nursing, has been selected to serve on the Forum for State Nursing Workforce Centers Research Committee. The Committee will help to shape the Forum's Research Agenda, in concert with the Board of Directors and the membership, and will carry out research on behalf of the Forum. In addition, the Committee may analyze research on behalf of the Forum, evaluate proposals that come to the Forum, and assist the members in maintaining current knowledge of relevant workforce and nursing research.

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