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Illinois Hispanic Nurses Association

EMPOWERING HISPANIC NURSES TO IMPROVE THE
HEALTH OF THEIR COMMUNITIES

In focus

A newly developed consensus model entitled, CONSENSUS MODEL FOR APRN REGULATIONS has the potential to set standardized guidelines for APRN's to practice across the nation.

Campaign for APRN Consensus

With over 267,000 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) in the United States alone, APRNs represent a powerful force in the health care system according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). APRNs include: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) and Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNPs).

Unfortunately today, there are many inconsistencies between states regarding rules, regulations and scope of practice for

APRNs. These inconsistencies leave many qualified APRNs unable to diagnose, prescribe medications and treat a variety of illnesses, leaving patient's less options to healthcare. In addition, an APRNs practicing in one state, may not be able to practice in another. By adopting a national standard, barriers to care would be removed for patients; as well as barriers to practice for APRNs.

To become involved and to learn more about the Consensus Model, visit the NCSBN website at www.ncsbn.org. ∞



LET'S GET CERTIFIED!

The new year brings a new set of goals and resolutions. A great way to stand out this year is to become a board-certified registered nurse in your specialty area. Becoming certified is a great way to display your skills and advance the nursing profession as a whole. As many of you may know, March 19th is designated as Certified Nurses Day. IHNA is proud of our nurses and would like to congratulate all of our nurses who are board certified in their nursing specialty! ∞

Message from the President



*IHNA officers (left to right):
Nancy-Secretary, Loraine-
President, Ada- Membership
and Soraida-Treasurer.
Not shown: Olga-VP*

It is nearing the time for the Illinois Hispanic Nurses Association Board of 2009 to take its place in the history of our association. The dedication and hard work of our Vice President, Olga Lazala, Secretary, Nancy Garcia and Membership, Ada Gonzalez, have allowed me, Loraine Moreno, President, and our membership, to hold a proud, inspiring and significant place in our roles as Illinois Hispanic Nurses.

Over the years many of us have seen the struggles of moving this association forward and the challenges of building our membership with pride and direction but it has been done and will continue. We have mentored some of our fellow nurses, provided health screens and education to people of our communities and supported all students with nursing scrubs as they begin their careers, but most importantly, we have supported each other and kept up the momentum of our wonderful association.

I thank my fellow Board Members for staying true to the mission of IHNA and themselves.

As we look forward to our new leadership in the upcoming months, I envision the evolution and organizational growth of IHNA as we meet the new demands in our growing world of technology with the movement of our wonderful organization. We will continue to provide health awareness and education to our Hispanic communities and to support future and current nurses in the blended environment of our profession.

Election Ballots will be mailed out on March 9, 2011. Please return by April 13, 2011 for your vote to count. The new Board will be installed at the May 12, 2011 IHNA meeting at Gilda's Club, 537 N. Wells at 6pm to 7:45pm.

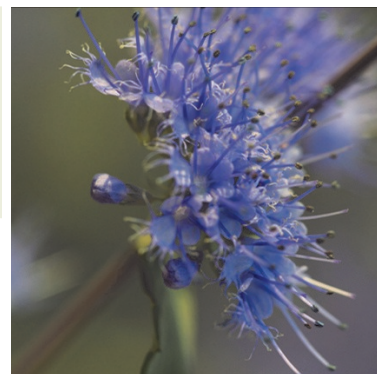
In 2010, our former NAHN President, Dr. Norma Martinez, submitted a grant to Coca-Cola Foundation on behalf of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. I am pleased to inform you of the selection of the Illinois Hispanic Nurses (Chicago) as a participant in the Muevete USA pilot project. This project is funded by the grant through the Coca-Cola Foundation. This grant is de-

signed to help address obesity in our Hispanic Communities. Activities will be designed for the children and adolescents of our communities to discuss healthy ways of eating for the prevention of obesity.

National Chapters that will be involved in this project include Texas, Los Angeles, Chicago (Illinois), Georgia and Arizona. An educational curriculum has been developed for this project and session #1 of this pilot project called Muevete USA will begin on March 4th, 2011 thru March 7th in San Antonio, Texas with a training program for Chapter Representatives. I, Loraine Moreno, will be the Chapter Representative/Faculty Advisor and Kelly Woods will assist with the coordination of the program. More details of this wonderful grand will be announced shortly. ∞

Thank you for your commitment,

Loraine Moreno, R.N.
Illinois Hispanic Nurses
Association President



2011 Nominations for Illinois Hispanic Nurses Association

This year is an election year for IHNA. Nominations are now being accepted for the open positions of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you or any active member would like to be considered for nomination a Statement of Qualification and consent to serve must be submitted to the Nominations Committee with the Nomination form no later than February 23, 2011. Only members in good standing are eligible to be nominated. For more information visit the IHNA website.

The timeline is as follows:

Call for Nominations: Feb 9, 2011

Nomination/Statement due: Feb 23, 2011

Slate Identified: March 2, 2011

Mail Election Ballots: March 9, 2011

Ballots returned by/Election Result Tally: April 13, 2011

Installation of Officers: May 9, 2011



Women's Health In Congress Making Headlines

The House of Representatives just passed an amendment cutting federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

On Friday, February 18, 2011, The House of Representatives voted to end federal funding for reproductive health provider Planned Parenthood. The vote, which passed, 240 to 185, would strip federal funding from Planned Parenthood, cutting money for contraceptives, HIV tests, cancer screenings and reproductive health services as a measure to weaken the abortion provider. According to The Huffington Post, Republicans argued that the amendment introduced by Rep. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) was necessary to prevent taxpayer money from funding abortions at Planned

Parenthood. To date, the organization is prohibited from using federal dollars to fund abortions. The federal dollars the organization receives funds reproductive health services for women.

In addition, republicans have proposed bills that would allow hospitals to deny treatment for women in need of emergency abortions and/or would limit federal funding for abortions to rape victims. Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) stated on the House floor Thursday, "These actions by the majority would severely hurt women's rights and insert

the government in private decisions about abortion and are nothing short of an all-out war on women." The amendment has now moved onto the Senate for voting. ∞

Read more about the issue at :

ABC News website
www.abcnews.com

The Huffington Post Website
www.huffingtonpost.com

Read more about proposed legislation at The Kaiser Family Foundation Website
www.kff.org

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

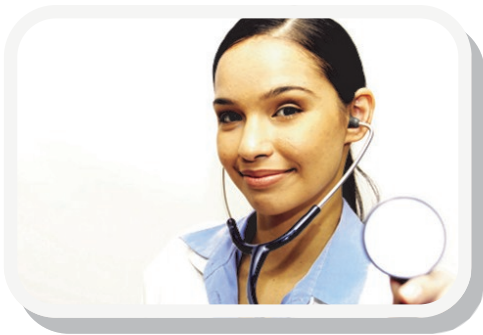
REGISTRATION BEGINS
DECEMBER 1, 2010

Pre-register online at
www.nurse.com/events
to explore career
opportunities, earn free
CEU's, receive
refreshments and door
prizes during the
month of April!



**2011 FREE JOB FAIR
FOR RN'S!**

04.19.11 Oakbrook, IL



Nursing VALOR Program 2011-2012

The application is now open at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center! Deadline: March 18, 2011

VALOR stands for Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency program. This program was initiated in 1990 to provide opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in clinical nursing while at an approved VA health care facility. Opportunities for learning include didactic or classroom experiences, competency-based clinical practice with a qualified RN (Registered Nurse) preceptor, and participation in nursing-focused clinical conferences. Students recruited for the program must have completed a final semester or quarter

Of the junior year in a National League for Nursing (NLN) or a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing accredited baccalaureate or generic equivalent nursing program (affiliated with Jesse Brown VA -Nursing). Students may be appointed on a full or part-time basis during the summer months and may continue during their senior academic year on a part –

If you know anyone who is interested in applying and meets the eligibility, please feel free to invite them to apply!

MOLLY MENDOZA, RN, MS

time basis. The aggregate hours that a student may be funded while in the program is 800

hours. Eligibility includes: U.S. Citizenship, meet physical examination standards, minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (the cum GPA for the nursing core courses may not be less than a 3.0), and be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours during the summer. For more information, contact Molly Mendoza, RN, MS, Program Coordinator at Molly.Mendoza@va.gov. *

Submit articles, job announcements, special events, nursing stories, etc. that you want included in the next issue by **JUNE 1st, 2011** to:



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IHNA NEWS!!!

ISIS REYES, RN, BSN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SHAMROCK SHUFFLE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

VISIT THE **IHNA** WEBSITE TODAY AT: WWW.ILLINOISHISPANICNURSES.ORG AND BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK!

IHNA IS IN SEARCH FOR A SITE TO INITIATE ZUMBA CLASSES FOR CHILDREN. IF YOU KNOW OF A LOCATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW!



DONATE TODAY!



IHNA continuously collects new & gently used nursing scrubs.

Bring your donation to the next meeting!

Thanks for helping your fellow colleagues!



"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Become a Member of IHNA Today!