



**Illinois Nurses Lead the Way at the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action Town Hall Meeting:  
Better Schools, Better Communities for a Healthier America, New Orleans, October 3, 2019**



(L-R) Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN; Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Linda A. Vollinger, MS, BSN, RN, PELSN.

The Future of Nursing Campaign for Action hosted an invitational meeting of state Action Coalition leaders and state leaders with school nurse expertise. The meeting was hosted by Dr. Susan Hassmiller, senior advisor for nursing at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Illinois sent Linda B. Roberts, MSN, RN, Manager of the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center and Illinois Healthcare Action Coalition co-lead and Linda A. Vollinger, MS, BSN, RN, PELSN, President, Illinois Association of School Nurses. The two-day meeting focused on the role school nurses play in addressing the social determinants of health to improve the health of individuals, families, and communities. In addition, those who attended explored models and partnerships to maximize effectiveness of school-based health. The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 Committee is interested in nurses' insights on how to advance the profession of nursing to help our nation create a culture of health, reduce health disparities, and improve the health and well-being of the U.S. population in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center is a resource to find information on education options and workforce reports from data collected with biannual online re-licensure, as well as continuing education and re-licensure resources. <http://nursing.illinois.gov/Default.asp>