

Kimberly Harper, MS, RN, FAAN
CEO, Indiana Center for Nursing



With nearly 40 years of health care experience, **Kimberly Harper, MS, RN, FAAN** is chief executive officer of the Indiana Center for Nursing, an organization that unites state-wide nursing education and practice leaders to effect change in the Indiana nursing workforce. In her CEO role she also serves as the nursing co-lead for the Indiana Action Coalition, which serves to implement the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing Report. In addition, Kimberly serves as chair of the board of directors of the national Nurses on Boards Coalition, which unites national nursing organizations toward the goal of improving the health care through the service nurses on nonprofit or corporate, boards. Kimberly demonstrates a strong commitment to bringing voice to the profession of nursing and to preparing tomorrow's health care professionals.

Prior to assuming her role as the first leader of the Indiana Center for Nursing, Kimberly served as Executive Director for Nursing 2000, which followed her ten year stint as Vice President for Public Affairs and the Foundation for Wishard Health Services (now Eskenazi Health) in Indianapolis, Indiana. Kimberly began her nursing career at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. Following various nursing practice and faculty positions at Deaconess, she joined Indiana University (IU) in Indianapolis in 1987. From that time, she served IU for 30 years in a variety of nursing, marketing and human resource senior leadership roles including her executive vice president roles in academic medicine.

Throughout her career, she has been active in many professional organizations, where she served in numerous leadership roles, including her leadership role with the Nurses on Boards Coalition. She has also served in the role of President of the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers as well as the President of the National Association for Health Care Recruitment. In addition, she is a National Association of Public Hospitals Fellow and has served on the Boards of Visiting Nurse Service Foundation, the Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives, the Healthcare Advisory Board for Indiana FSSA, as well as serving on the Advisory Board of the Indiana Area Health Education Centers, and the Nursing Advisory Committee of the Indiana Center for Health Workforce Studies, just to name a few. Most recently she has served on the Governor's Task Force for Healthcare Education, Pipeline and Training for Indiana. Kimberly serves on the Advisory Boards of numerous Schools of Nursing across Indiana as well as serving as a guest lecturer. She was named the 2017 Distinguished Alum of the University of Southern Indiana as well as presented the Nursing Professionalism and Practice Award for her "Outstanding Professional Contributions and Excellence in the Practice, Science and Art of Nursing" by the Indiana State Nurses Association. She was presented with the President's Achievement Award upon delivering the Commencement Address at the University of Southern Indiana and has recently been inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Kimberly Harper is a highly respected nurse leader who has made significant contributions to the growth and success of healthcare over the years. A strategic thinker with a vision for the future needs of the nursing workforce, she speaks regularly at the state, national and international level including speaking recently at the United Nations in New York City, the International Council of Nursing in Barcelona, Spain and at Sigma Theta Tau International Research Congresses in Cape Town, South Africa, Dublin, Ireland and in Melbourne, Australia in the summer of 2018. Kimberly demonstrates a strong commitment to bringing voice to the profession of nursing and to preparing tomorrow's healthcare professionals.