

SOUTH DAKOTA

Center *for* Nursing Workforce

The SDCNW, initially funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, was established in 1996 as the SD Colleagues in Caring Project. At the completion of the grant in 2002, state legislation was enacted in the Nurse Practice Act. This legislation, SDCL 36-9-95 and 36-9-96, created the Nursing Workforce Center and a source for funding. The SDBON is the lead agency for the SDCNW.

<https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/36-9-95>

36-9-95. Nursing workforce center established--Funding.

The Board of Nursing shall establish a nursing workforce center. The board shall charge a fee of ten dollars upon the biennial renewal of each registered nurse and practical nurse license in addition to the license renewal fee for the funding of the nursing workforce center. Donations and bequests from persons to further the intent of the nursing workforce center or additional funds designated by the board may also be accepted and placed in the restricted fund.

Source: SL 2002, ch 178, § 1.

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36-9-96. Powers of nursing workforce center.

The nursing workforce center may address issues regarding the supply, demand, and need for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, educational preparation, and utilization of nurses. In addition, the nursing workforce center may:

- (1) Maintain a database on the supply, demand, and need for nurses in the state;
- (2) Convene representatives of nurses, health care providers, consumers, educators, government officials, and other individuals in business and industry to review and comment on data analysis; make recommendations for strategic action; and evaluate effectiveness of actions implemented;
- (3) Provide electronic access to comprehensive information and research conducted by the nursing workforce center;
- (4) Evaluate the effectiveness of nursing education articulation and support for nursing education mobility;
- (5) Promote strategies to improve nursing workplace environments and promote nursing leadership development; and
- (6) Evaluate the effectiveness of state initiatives implemented to address nursing workforce capacities and requirements.

Source: SL 2002, ch 178, § 2.