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The Council of the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador

Front row (L-R) **Lynn Power** - Executive Director, **Patricia Rodgers** – Eastern Councillor, **Melissa Colbourne** – Education/Research, **Seretha Wheaton** – Practice, **Kim Legge** – Councillor-At-Large, **Tonya Ryan** – Councillor-At-Large, **Tracy MacDonald** – Chair/Central Councillor. Back row (L-R) **Aubrey Dawe** – Public Representative, **Stephen Clark** – Public Representative, **Neil Colbourne** – Administration, **Dr. Glyn George** – Vice-Chair/Public Representative, **Rodney Pike** – Advanced Practice, **Donna Luther** – Western Councillor, **Megan Hudson**– Labrador/Grenfell Councillor. Missing from Photo: **Louise Pinsent Parsons**, Public Representative

A Message from the Executive Director

The amount of information that we receive each day from countless sources can sometimes feel overwhelming, however, it is vitally important that RNs and NPs

review all regulatory information. The College wants to make it easier for RNs and NPs to identify the type of communication we send to you. In addition to the information on our social media channels, (**Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter**) we also send the following correspondence via email: **The College Connection, Notes from the Practice Team, and Regulation Matters.**

Regulation Matters is sent to RNs and NPs on a quarterly basis and would typically follow a meeting of the College Council. The material covered in this communication focuses on regulatory matters that involve council such as governance decisions, changes to regulatory policies, document approvals, and overall highlights from items discussed at the Council level.

Notes from the Practice Team is a relatively new piece of communication which is sent to RNs and NPs on a monthly basis. The material covered in this communication focuses on topics which support the practice of RNs and NPs and include sections such as CCP reminders, our Education Session schedule, consultation/research opportunities and much more.

The College Connection is our biannual “magazine” which is designed to provide readers with information on regulatory news and local regulatory perspectives from the nursing profession. We welcome guest articles and aim to provide readers with an interesting collection of material that impacts both the public and the profession.

As we strive to constantly improve what, and how we communicate, I thank each of you for doing your part and staying up on regulatory and professional matters and very much look forward to new and innovative ways to keep in touch going forward. - Lynn Power



JOIN COLLEGE COUNCIL

Attention all RNs and NPs! You have an opportunity to be a part of the body that governs the province's largest health care regulator. The video above has been published to our social media channels and we encourage all RNs and NPs to share this info and nominate someone you know. The Council of the College of Registered Nurses strengthens regulation, set standards of excellence for RNs and NPs, and ensures the people of our province receive care that is ethical, safe, and competent. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 1630h November 21, 2022.

Click [here](#) to watch a short video.

MEETING OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

The Council of the College of Registered Nurses held a meeting on October 13th, 2022. The following are some of the highlights from that meeting:

Approval of Documents:

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

On October 13th, 2022, College Council approved an updated Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) document that reflects recent Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada. This document replaces the College's former MAID documents: NPs Providing MAID (2018) and RNs and NPs- Aiding in MAID (2016). For more information and to review the document, please visit the practice topics page here.

Technical Infrastructure Upgrade

College Council approved the implementation of the Alinity software program.

This program will address the current issues and vulnerabilities in existing systems in the near term, and work to ensure the ongoing integrity and stewardship of membership information in as cost-effective and efficient a manner as possible. As part of this program, a new membership database called Alinity will be implemented in 2023. This will ensure a maximum level of service to the membership, the public and other stakeholders. This initiative will also position the College to be able to participate in an increasing number of inter-jurisdictional and national initiatives aimed at improving regulatory programs and practises in the coming years.

Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs)

The College of Registered Nurses has been working closely with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to find efficiencies with respect to processing applications from IENs. At the most recent meeting of College Council, a number of initiatives were presented and passed which aim to improve the process. These initiatives have been made effective and will be further detailed by the College in the near future and include:

- IENs who have been granted provisional registration, may now gain currency of practice hours for licensure requirements by successfully completing the College's Supervised Practice Experience Program (SPEP). A link on the website with full details on the program will be coming soon.
 - IENs who meet all other requirements for registration, but their nursing education program was not at the generalist level may be granted an interim licence with restrictions allowing them to practise in a defined area until they complete bridging education for missing content area(s) within provisional registration per

Processing Fee Changes

In an ongoing effort to be fair to all applicants a review of service fees was conducted with two changes noted here. Council approved a reduction in the

processing fees for IENs to align with domestic processing fees and the NP Exam Administration fee to reflect the move to all computer-based testing. These changes went into effect on November 1, 2022.

BScN (Collaborative) Program

Council granted a seven-year approved status to the BScN (Collaborative) Program offered through Memorial University of Newfoundland & Labrador at three sites: Memorial University Faculty of Nursing, Western Regional School of Nursing and Centre for Nursing Studies. Annually, the BScN (Collaborative) program's outcome indicators will be reviewed by Council to ensure the program continues to meet an approved status in between the seven-year comprehensive review. Congratulations for an excellent program.

RN Prescribing

Council approved the RN Prescribing Framework and RN Prescribing Practice Guidelines with the limitations. Further details will be released on this in the near future. Still pending Government Regulations in order to go live.

Strategic Planning Initiative

Earlier this year the College announced it had commissioned a consultant to work with Council to update the strategic plan of the organization. This is being done in an effort to better reflect the role, mandate, and vision of the College. Council has been very engaged in the progress to date and this work is ongoing.

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