

# LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (LPNAPEI)

## REPORT TO CPNA

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President, Vice-President, Executive Director, Fellow CPNA Directors and Members, the PEI CPNA Directors would like to thank you for the opportunity to present the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of Prince Edward Island (LPNAPEI) Annual Report. Over the past year the LPNAPEI has made strides in progressing the Practical Nurse profession on Prince Edward Island.

### **1.0 NATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCE:**

The LPNAPEI sent Janice Gaudet as a delegate to the Canada's Nursing Crisis Danger & Opportunity Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba on September 12 & 13, 2002. Delegates found it refreshing to be at a nursing conference where the focus was on solutions and opportunities and knowing that nursing leaders in this country have the ability to reshape and reform the health care system and seriously look at the nursing professions. Health care reform at both a province and national level is forcing the government, employers and health care professionals to examine every aspect of the system.

The Conference featured significant keynote speakers, plenary sessions, and concurrent workshops at which selected Best Practices in nursing resource deployment was described and discussed. The Conference also included discussions of innovative approaches to using all nursing resources. In many provinces LPNs are being used to their fullest scope of practice in acute and long-term settings.

### **2.0 LPN REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

What an exciting time it is for the Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and the nursing profession of Prince Edward Island with the October 22, 2002 proclamation of the Licensed Practical Nurse Act. PEI Practical Nurses can now share the common title with much of North America. The Association has been continued as a corporate body under the LPN Act with the name change to the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of Prince Edward Island (LPNAPEI). The LPNAPEI has worked hard since the proclamation to promote the new title to the public and to the membership.

### **3.0 ASSOCIATION OF NURSES OF PEI (ANPEI) ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

Council members were invited to attend the ANPEI Annual Conference entitled "*Nursing*

*Leadership in Times of Change*” which was held November 15 2002. LPNAPEI Council members who attended felt welcomed as LPNs. The Guest Speaker, Jamie Ballem, Minister of Health and Social Services and the Conference Chair recognized the presence of members of the LPNAPEI.

#### **4.0 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL:**

The 2002 LPNAPEI Christmas Social was well attended with approximately 70 guests in attendance. Several Government Ministers, the Premier, other professional groups, Nursing Assistant Program representatives, Nursing Assistants Registration Board representatives, Licensed Practical Nurses Board representatives and representatives from various areas of the health care system attended the event. The Association hosts the Social annually at the Prince Edward Home in Charlottetown.

#### **5.0 CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

The LPNAPEI continues to work in partnership with the Association of New Brunswick Licensed Practical Nurses and the New Brunswick Community College to provide Continuing Education workshops and courses to the membership. The workshops that have been offered have been very successful with waiting list established for future workshops. During the spring, workshops were offered on catheterizations and IV Therapy. IV Therapy and Physical Assessment will be offered during the fall with the possibility of a Leadership Workshop being scheduled before the spring. We continue to work on securing clinical practicum areas for the phlebotomy course.

#### **6.0 PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION:**

- 6.1 **LABOUR MARKET EXPO** - In March, the LPN Association will participate in the Labour Market Expo 2003. It is designed to provide a networking opportunity for the student community, employers from PEI, and other national organizations looking for the best chance to connect with the student population.
- 6.2 **CAREER DAYS** - In November a representative of the LPN Association made a presentation to high school students regarding the practical nurse profession. The LPN Association has found that such opportunities is an excellent medium to educate youth about the second largest nursing profession in Canada. We have found through similar presentations that many of the fourth of the province are unaware of the practical nurse profession.
- 6.3 **PROMOTION OF THE NEW TITLE** - Since the proclamation of the LPN Act, Council has strived to promote the new title through new promotional products and a celebration of the new act during LPN Week. Additionally, the LPNAPEI held a logo contest open to the members and a new logo was selected for the association.

## **7.0 NURSING RESOURCE ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE:**

The Advisory committee has evaluated the Recommendations of the Canadian Nursing Advisory Committee to rank them for priority in the Province. The Committees recommendations will be forwarded to the Nursing Advisory Committee.

## **8.0 COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT PROJECT:**

The LPN Regulations identify a Competency Assessment Program for license renewal. Meetings were held over the past year to initiate a competency assessment project. During the fall and spring, Andy Matheson of Matheson Consulting Ltd. volunteered his time to research funding and to assist the LPNAPEI with the initial planning stages. To date, the core stakeholders have been identified as the LPNAPEI and the Licensed Practical Nurses Registration Board (LPNRB). Other nursing stakeholders such as the Association of Nurses of PEI, Holland College Practical Nurses Program and the Medical Society of PEI will be approached to act as advisors. The next step will be to develop a funding proposal to submit to government and other potential funding avenues.

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