

2022-2023 Highlights

Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

Promoting Excellence in the Regulation of Registered Nurses

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Highlights from the September 27, 2022 to the September 25, 2023 Annual Meetings

What is CCRNR?

The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR) serves as a national organization of the 12 regulators of registered nurses (RNs) across the country. CCRNR promotes the advancement of RN regulation in the public interest.

What does CCRNR do?

- We create and maintain a forum for the exchange of information on regulatory best practices, policies, and legislation at the Board of Directors level as well as within networks that represent key regulatory areas, e.g., communications, policy and practice, program review and approval, and registration.
- We monitor trends and issues across Canada and internationally.
- We advise on and promote promising regulatory practices and harmonized approaches to nursing regulation.
- We engage in projects of shared interest to members.
- We establish liaisons and partnerships that best position CCRNR and its members to address registered nurse regulatory matters.
- We promote an understanding of the purpose of nursing regulation and members' commitment to public safety and excellence in regulation.

The Board of Directors met with Dr. Leigh Chapman, Health Canada's Chief Nursing Officer, to its July 25th meeting. Pictured from top/left to right: Cynthia Johansen (President), Jerome Marburg, Eugenia Afolabi, Cindy Smith, Melissa Panton, Deb Elias, Sue Smith, Colleen Bytheway, Lynn Power (Vice-President), Dr. Leigh Chapman, Silvie Crawford, Beth Ann Kenny, Joy Peacock at the College of Nurses of Ontario



HIGHLIGHTS

CCRN OFFICERS

President:
Cynthia Johansen

Vice-President:
Lynn Power

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Coordinator:
Beth Ann Kenny

Communications
 Coordinator:
Eugenia Afolabi

Project Coordinator:
Jill Kovacs

The work of CCRNR is supported by the expertise of skilled, knowledgeable staff from regulatory bodies across Canada.

PRIORITIES

CCRN priorities' strategic direction: a **unified approach to nursing regulation**

NURSE PRACTITIONER REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROJECT (NPR-FIPP)

CCRN's NPR-FIPP is lead by Lynn Power and managed by CCRNR's Project Manager Jill Kovacs. Along with Lynn and Jill, and CCRNR's Communications Consultant Eugenia Afolabi, eleven jurisdictional volunteers and their alternates are the members of the Project's Steering Committee which meets regularly and drives the project forward, employing their expertise and commitment to the process.

NPR-FIPP launched in 2019 to coordinate a standardized approach to the regulation of nurse practitioners (NPs) in Canadian jurisdictions. Over the past year, the CCRNR Board agreed to recommend the approval of updated entry-level competencies (ELCs) for NPs by CCRNR member jurisdictions and initiated the NP practice analysis project. The benefits of using the work from the ELC process to inform the practice analysis, which will be key in the development of the new NP exam, is recognized and the efforts of CCRNR's volunteers in all these activities is sincerely appreciated.

For information about the NPR-FIPP, please go to CCRNR's website (ccnr.ca/npr-fipp.html) to learn more about this project, to pose project-related questions, or to join the NPR-FIPP subscription service.

CANADIAN NURSE REGULATORS COLLABORATIVE (CNRC)

The members of the three national groups of nurse regulators—CCRN, the Canadian Council for Practical Registered Nurses (CCPNR) and the Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulators of Canada (RPNRC), form the CNRC. CNRC meets regularly to facilitate collaboration, provide a forum for knowledge and information exchange, and to support collaboration on initiatives related to nursing regulation.

CNRC met twice in person over the last year in Toronto (November 2022 and May/June 2023) and focused on priority items including the Language Proficiency Project, governance/terms of reference, multi-jurisdictional registration, and Nursys Canada. CNRC also met with Health Canada's new Chief Nursing Officer, Dr. Leigh Chapman.

CNRC Meeting—November 17, 2022





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OTHER NOTABLE PROJECTS

Multi-Jurisdictional Registration

CCRNR continues to monitor activities related to multi-jurisdictional registration (MJR), options for RNs to practice in more than one jurisdiction within a single registration with one regulator. Reports were received during the year from those who are trying new and innovative methods of to allow for MJR in a variety of pilot projects across Canada.

Nursys in Canada/Unique Identifier

Nursys in Canada is a multi-year project of BCCNM and CNO with the support of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) that will benefit the Canadian nurse regulatory system by allowing for the seamless sharing of registration information regulators. Also included will be the use of a unique identifier that can ultimately be beneficial in health human resource (HHR) planning. CCRNR extends its appreciation to the Canadian government for providing a grant for CNRC (applied for through CCPNR as a legal entity) to assist nurse regulators in preparation for the implementation of Nursys in Canada.

ONGOING AND NEW INITIATIVES

Collaborations, Consultations, and Meetings

Over the last year, CCRNR representatives met with Health Canada, both individually and as a participant in a number of consultations related to nursing and health human resources and Indigenous health and safety. CCRNR also continues its collaboration and interaction with the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS), the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN), the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA), the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the International Council of Nurses (ICN) with many members attending the Congress in Montreal in July of 2023, and other stakeholders in nursing and health profession regulation.

The CCRNR was also able to benefit from presentations during the past year, two that focused on regulatory trends from both legal and governance perspectives: Julie Maciura of Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc and Deanna Williams of Dundee Consulting.

TRANSITIONS

- ◆ NANB: **Laurie Janes**, retired on February 1, 2023; **Denise LeBlanc-Kwaw** assumed the role of NANB's Executive Director on February 1st
- ◆ RNANTNU: **Denise Bowen** left her role at RNANTNU and **Colleen Bytheway** assumed the role of Executive Director as of May 16, 2023
- ◆ CCRNR: **Beth Ann Kenny** announced that she would be leaving her role as Executive Coordinator on July 17, 2023; CCRNR will be announcing Beth Ann's replacement soon

Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

Members: All 12 of Canada's provincial/territorial registered nurse regulators are members of CCRNR:

College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador

CCRNR Board Member: Lynn Power, Executive Director

British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives

CCRNR Board Member: Cynthia Johansen, CEO

College of Registered Nurses of Alberta

CCRNR Board Member: Joy Peacock, CEO

College of Nurses of Ontario

CCRNR Board Member: Silvie Crawford, Executive Director and CEO

College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba

CCRNR Board Member: Deb Elias, CEO/Registrar

College of Registered Nurses and Midwives of Prince Edward Island

CCRNR Board Member: Melissa Panton, CEO and Registrar

Nova Scotia College of Nursing

CCRNR Board Member: Sue Smith, CEO and Registrar

Nurses Association of New Brunswick

CCRNR Board Member: Denise LeBlanc-Kwaw, Executive Director

Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec

CCRNR Board Member: Chantal Lemay

Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut

CCRNR Board Member: Colleen Bytheway, Executive Director

College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan

CCRNR Board Member: Cindy Smith, Executive Director

Yukon Registered Nurses Association

CCRNR Board Member: Jerome Marburg, CEO

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