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NURSES ASSOCIATION 91ST AGM AND CONFERENCE

SLATED FOR MAY 30 AND 31

FREDERICTON, 25 May 2007 - The 91st annual general meeting and conference of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) will take place May 30 and 31, 2007 at the Delta Fredericton with over 200 nurses expected to be in attendance at the two-day event.

Theme

This year's annual meeting theme, "Nursing: Evidence, Innovation and the Future," will provide invited guest speakers an opportunity to look at how evidence-based research and innovative thinking can play a key role in resolving the challenges facing the nursing profession today and into the future.

Speakers

Minister of Health Michael Murphy is expected to bring greetings from the Department of Health on May 30. Conference day, May 31, will showcase internationally and nationally-known speakers who will address the following topics:

- *Changing the Odds for Nurses and Patient Care: What Nurses Can Do to End the Nursing Crisis*, Suzanne Gordon, author, journalist and adjunct professor, McGill University;
- *An Evidence-Informed Approach to Optimizing Role Enactment*, Dr. Deborah White, assistant professor, faculty of nursing, University of Calgary; and
- *Towards 2020: New Directions for Canadian Nursing*, Michael Villeneuve, scholar in residence, Canadian Nurses Association and executive director, Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses.

Panel discussion

“Nursing Innovations in New Brunswick” is the focus of a panel discussion, to take place May 31, highlighting the work of New Brunswick nurses in the following areas:

- *Guidelines to Communicating With Physicians Using the SBAR Process* - Jane Duncan, staff educator, Surgical Program, South East Regional Health Authority (Region 1),
- *Nurses Improving Care to the Elderly in Acute Care* - Dawn Torpe, clinical nurse specialist, River Valley Regional Health Authority (Region 3), and
- *Evidence-Informed Nursing Care: Development of a Support Program for Family Caregivers* - Suzanne Ouellet, professor, school of nursing, Université de Moncton, Shippagan Campus.

Other presenters include CNA President-Elect Kaaren Neufeld and Ann Tapp, professional liability officer, Canadian Nurses Protective Society, who will address the issue of “Trends and Issues Related to Professional Liability.”

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick is a professional, regulatory body representing 8900 registered nurses and nurse practitioners. NANB is responsible for advancing and maintaining the standards of nursing in the province and for governing and regulating those offering nursing care.

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