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"SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN NURSING PRACTICE" NURSES ASSOCIATION'S 2005 ANNUAL MEETING THEME

FREDERICTON, 30 May 2005 — Over 250 nurses from around the province are expected to attend the 89th annual meeting of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) to be held at the Delta Hotel, Fredericton, June 1 and 2. The 2005 annual meeting theme is "Supporting Excellence in Nursing Practice."

Raquel Meyer, a researcher and doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto, is this year's keynote speaker. She will explore how staffing and workload can positively or negatively impact the quality of care patients receive. "Enhancing Nursing Excellence in Rural New Brunswick" is the theme that will be addressed by guest speaker Dr. Martha MacLeod, associate professor, nursing and community health science programs, University of Northern British Columbia. She will look at how nurses can contribute to the overall health of rural New Brunswickers.

A roundtable discussion on the first day will address the following themes:

- "Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation Staffing Complements: A Valued Resource" — Cindy Goggan, nursing resource coordinator;
- "Promoting and Recognizing Nursing Excellence" — Geri Geldart, chief nursing officer, River Valley Health; and
- "Optimal Collaborative Practice Project" — Linda Bernatchez, nurse mentor, Restigouche Health Authority.

Speakers on the second day include Ann Tapp, professional liability officer, Canadian Nurses Protective Society. Her topic is "Documentation: Your Best Defence." Simone Comeau-Geddry will address the subject of "Healthcare Renewal in Canada: Accelerating Change" highlighting the work of the Health Council of Canada."

In other business, members will vote on resolutions dealing with its governance process and the introduction of a continuing competence program which will become mandatory for all nurses by 2008.

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick is a professional, regulatory body representing 8600 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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