



NURSE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

NPAC NP Council Meeting Minutes March 4, 2019 7:00PM EST

LOCATION	Teleconference	QUARUM (Y/N)	Yes
ATTENDEES	Dani Daigle (NNPBC), Frankie Verville (SANP), Cindy Fehr (NPAM), Dawn Tymianski (NPAO), Raelynn Lagace (NPNB), Chelsea Rogerson (PEINPA), Deb Hart (NPANS), Lenora Brace (NPAC), Lindsey Cassell (NPAC), Mary Elizabeth Cooper (Alberta) Meghan MacDonald (Nfld) Sheila Laity		
REGRETS	Becky Sheppard (SANP), Ashley Pylypowic (NPAM), Dawn Tymianski (NPAO), Marnee Wilson (NPAO), Kirk Dawe (NLNPA), Alisa Fowlow (NLNPA), Alison Ross (NPAC).		

DISCUSSION ITEMS & UPDATES		
ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION REQUIRED
Welcome & Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lindsey: NP Council Chair: opened the meeting: 7:06 EST - Welcome to all provincial partner and new attendees 	
NP Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of agenda - Approval of past meeting minutes - Additional items to add to the agenda 	Agenda: Approved: Minutes approved: Deborah Hart Second: Frankie Verville	
BC – Dani Daigle	BC amalgamated all nursing associations in Sept. 2019. Discussion re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NP membership ▪ New NP positions within the province ▪ Ongoing healthcare reform to improve access ▪ Novel NP remuneration models. ▪ Digital health strategy <i>14th Annual NP- BC conference: May 30 – June 1, 2019</i> Key note: Fostering paradigm shifts in health care	
Alberta – Mary – Elizabeth Cooper	Alberta Association – Evolution of Change. 3- 5 Strategic Health – Organizational Health / Advocacy / Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocacy – Alberta Health – Govt of health ▪ Billing corrected to receive NP consults ▪ Barriers—Nursing Home Act/ Hospitals Act: working with Alberta Govt. ▪ Issues ongoing re Union – non-Union; growing / establishing the Primary care NP workforce 	
NWT/NU – Sheila Laity	Discussion:	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standards of Practice ▪ NP refresher course ▪ Education: No NP program at Aurora College ▪ Vacant NP positions ▪ No block membership with NPAC 	
Saskatchewan: Frankie Verville	<p>Discussion/ Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provincial membership ▪ Membership with NPAC ▪ Titling ▪ License maintenance – hours required ▪ Changing demographic of NP workforce ▪ Allies: Sask Health Authority - benefits of NP ▪ NP Association invited to the Table: National Pharmacare ▪ Visionary: Ministry of Health – Future of Nursing Sask ▪ NP conference – May 3, 4 - 2019 10th anniversary ▪ NP advisory committee ▪ All domains of practice – acceptable. 	
Ontario – Dawn Tymianski	<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restructuring the Ontario Health Care system. ▪ Ongoing education post NP graduation Acute Care – Post License certificate - 4 modules. Booster Days – regional education days Joint 3-year program for MAID. Link with College of MD – ▪ Legislation – Can’t complete Form 1. CT / MRI ▪ Recruitment and Retention – Building the workforce. 3400 NP in province. <p>Discussion: Shadow billing (Lenora) Liaison with Quebec Nurse Practitioners to assist with political evolution of NP role</p>	
New Brunswick - Raylene	<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Billing: NP – shadow bill for own patients. ▪ Change in Govt. – Conservative – Interested in working with NP’s, what NP can do to provide access to care. ▪ Compensation: Nurse vs Nurse practitioner “a nurse is a nurse is a nurse” – ▪ New positions: 12 – 15 NP not employed ▪ NP representation within Unions <p>Discussion: Questions raised about NP replacing MD - issues re pay and workload.</p>	



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PEI – Chelsea	<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NP growth within the province ▪ NP practice does not require a collaborative agreement with MD ▪ Working Group with MD's ongoing ▪ Union representation for NP's ▪ Compensation ▪ Preceptorship ▪ Billing system ▪ NP workforce: Many in specialty area and Long-term care. Many NP jobs – short of NP's ▪ Association membership: Trouble engaging members ▪ Block membership – Not mandatory <p>Discussion: Question re overhead costs when NP provides a locum in MD practice.</p>	
Nova Scotia - Deborah Hart	<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding: NP Education provided in return for a position- rural area. ▪ No NP voice at Union Table – limited understanding of NP role: NP not protected under the union ▪ 13th annual NP conference in May 2019 – lot with Indigenous populations. ▪ Conference 2020 - Hosting International council of Nurses – advanced practice conference. – 1500 delegates from all over the world. ▪ Membership: ~ 200. NP association: 76 members. Most work in primary health care for Health Authority ▪ Enhance Education Webinar / NP resources for students. ▪ Amalgamate Provincial Nurses Association – all coming together – follow in BC steps. ▪ Challenges: Collaboration with MD & Ministry of Health 	
Nfld & Labrador – Meaghan	<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborative practice agreement - continuing to lobby the government – submit to govt for its removal. ▪ Lobbying for access to e- docs and EMR. NP must pay out of pocket. Not much success in getting this rectified. ▪ Working with professional licensing body to transition from Adult to Family and Family to Adult ▪ Compensation and 3rd party billing – currently only Physio, MD and not NP 	

Adjourned: Motion: Deb Heart Seconded: Chelsea Rogerson
 Adjourned: 9:24 pm EST (8:24 AST)
 Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019