



Nurse Practitioner Council Update - July 2019



Highlights from the 14th Annual NP Conference in Prince George

The NP Council continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health, Doctors of BC and other stakeholders in the advancement of the Primary Care Network strategy and in providing input to the NP contract development, governance design and implementation planning.

NNPBC has received funding from the Ministry of Health, to support the planning for three prototype Nurse Practitioner Led Primary Care Clinics (NP-PCC) proposals in Surrey, Victoria, and Nanaimo. NP leads have been identified for each NP-PCC and are working with the project management team at NNPBC on operational plan proposals. Please stay tuned as we will share more details as they come available.

Discussions and collaborations continue with regards to NP remuneration with both the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) and the Ministry of Health regarding Health Authority funded contracts and the NP Service Contracts. NPs interested in learning more about overhead costs associated with working in a PCN and in a Ministry of Health contract, can find additional information from the Ministry of Health at <https://www.nnpbc.com/pdfs/portals/np/PCNs-GP-NP-contracts-FAQs-from-MOH.pdf> and on these previously recorded NNPBC hosted webinars, <https://www.nnpbc.com/portals/np/np-primary-care-recruitment.php>.

The NP Council provides an advocacy role and brings the NP lens to committees and stakeholder groups across BC. Currently we have representation at the Primary and Community Care Advisory Forum (PCCAF), the BC Medical Quality Initiatives Advisory Committee and Privileging Committee (BCMQUI), the Rural Continuous Quality Improvement Committee (RCGI), the Nurse Practitioners Association of Canada (NPAC), and with the Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee, just to name a few.

The 14th annual NP conference took place in Prince George, BC on May 30th to June 1st. We welcomed delegates and sponsors from across BC and Canada. Thanks to all who traveled near and far to network, learn and share. The 2020 conference will be taking place in the Lower Mainland from June 11th to 13th (location TBD). This will be our monumental 15th year and it is sure to be a fantastic gathering. We will keep you posted!

NNPBC hosted our first Annual General Meeting on June 11th. We were pleased to announce the results of the 2019 Council elections and Board of Director appointments. The NP Council welcomes Kelvin Bei (Vancouver Councillor), Erin Berukoff (Rural & Remote Councillor), Colleen Booth (Northern Councillor), Valerie Jefferd (Indigenous Councillor), Shandell King (Student Councillor), Kim Orwaard-Wong (Interior Councillor) and Laura Vicol (President Elect). Dani Daigle (President) and Laura Vicol are the NP Council appointed to the NNPBC Board of Directors for 2019/2020. [Full listing here.](#) For more information on the NNPBC Strategic Plan, a financial summary and council activities, please read our Annual General Report from 2018: [Annual General Report 2018.](#)

NNPBC will be hosting the Nursing Awards of Excellence in late Fall 2019. This is an opportunity to recognize LPNs, NPs, RNs and RPNs from across the province. To learn more about the 2019 categories and nominations, [please follow this link.](#) The deadline for nominations is September 6, 2019.

NNPBC membership is free for 2019. Information on NNPBC member bundle, privileges and benefits for 2020 will be announced later this year. Membership with ARNBC does not automatically make you a member of NNPBC. [Signing up](#) is quick and easy! NNPBC is collaborating across all designations (LPN, NP, RN, RPN) so please share NNPBC news with all your nursing colleagues.