ARNNL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (February, March and April) & NEWS ....

COUNCIL DECISIONS
At Council’s meeting on February 16 and 17, Council met and discussed changes to the governance model including envisioning new ENDs. Stay tuned as we will be looking for your input as we move forward. Council also approved:

Policy Revisions: Governance Policy; Council and Committee Expenses Executive Requirement Policies; Financial Planning; Professional Conduct Review; and Registration and Licensure

Appointments: Sarah Messervey, RN and Anastasia Knudsen, RN to the Nominations Committee. Donna Luther, RN; Shelley Taylor, RN; and Renee Dobbin reappointed to the Disciplinary Panel.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID)
ARNNL has developed a draft regulatory document: “Nurse Practitioners Providing Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).” ARNNL is currently undergoing a consultation process with members and key stakeholders. The feedback will be incorporated into the document after the March 24, 2017 deadline. It will then be presented to the NP Standards Committee for consideration to grant NPs the authority to provide MAID, ultimately, changing the role NPs play in MAID. Currently, in this province, the scope of practice of NPs is restricted to only aiding in MAID.

MAID WEBCAST NOW AVAILABLE
Visit www.arnnl.ca to view February’s archived webcast on “Medical Assistance in Dying: What Health Professionals Need to Know.” Approximately 1700 people attended the event. To see the webcast click here.

ANNUAL REPORT
ARNNL’s Annual Report will be released the end of May. It will be posted on our website and available at our up-coming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 9. Hard copies are available upon request.

DID YOU KNOW?
Section 11(b) of the Registered Nurses Regulations (2013) requires practicing members to inform ARNNL of a change in name, address or employer(s) (including self-employment) within 30 days. For other mandatory notifications under section 11 see the RN Regulations at http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/Regulations/rc130066.htm

FALL ACCESS
The next edition of ACCESS will arrive in September. Do you have an idea for an article, or something to share with the profession? Contact Gillian at gcostello@arnnl.ca
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Save the Date! Attend ARNNL’s 63rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in person or by phone. The event is taking place at the Sheraton Hotel, St. John’s on Friday, June 9, 2017, 0830 – 1200. Registration is free. Online registration will be available at www.arnnl.ca (events calendar). Dial in information, along with documents for use at the meeting, will be available on the website as well.

We want to hear from you! Part of our activities on June 9 also include an ARNNL Open House at 55 Military Road from 1400 – 1600. Join ARNNL Council and staff following the AGM and the Awards for Excellence Luncheon for an opportunity to talk about the future direction of nursing, hear presentations on nursing practice topics, and an opportunity to connect with colleagues.

#YESThisIsNursing: MAY 8 – 14 NATIONAL NURSING WEEK
This year’s theme is #YESThisIsNursing. Join your colleagues in activities to mark this week, and avail of opportunities to share information with the public about who RNs and LPNs are and their respective roles. ARNNL, in conjunction with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL), will post radio and newspaper ads across the province throughout the week.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!
Visit ARNNL’s website to provide feedback on ARNNL’s draft interpretive document, “Dispensing by Registered Nurses (RNs) Employed Within Regional Health Authorities (RHAs).” CNA’s 2017 draft “Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses” is open for consultation until May 3. Please visit ARNNL’s website. Your input is valued!

ARNNL Council Elections Open April 7!
Visit ARNNL’s website to learn about this year’s nominees and cast your vote.

TRUST NEWS
Save the Date – the Trust Annual Meeting will be held at ARNNL House and via teleconference on Friday, June 9 at 1600. Members will be asked to vote on proposed changes to the Trust Constitution at this meeting. All are welcome!

Call for Nominations for the Trust Board of Directors.
As a member of the Board of Directors, you will help set the direction of the Trust and participate in its administration. Nominations are sought for a number of positions. Check the Trust website for further details. Deadline for nominations is Monday, May 29. Elections will take place during the Trust Annual Meeting.

Funding Deadline Approaching
Applications for continuing education funding for conferences, post-basic courses and CNA certification are accepted until April 15. For details please visit www.arnnl.ca/trust or contact the Trust at trust@arnnl.ca.

NURSE PRACTITIONER EVALUATION STUDY
The Nurse Practitioner Evaluation Advisory Committee (NPEAC) developed a conceptual framework to evaluate the NP role in Newfoundland and Labrador. ARNNL selected the Institute for the Advancement of Public Policy Inc. as the consultant to conduct the evaluation. The primary focus of the study is on the current state of NP role implementation, integration, utilization and its impact at the provider/professional, organizational and system levels. A mixed-method methodology will be utilized and data collection through surveys, focus groups and key informant interviews of NPs and key stakeholders. Data Collection Tools are being finalized and data collection to begin late March or early April 2017. Please participate!

UPCOMING TELECONFERENCE:
(2pm Island time)
April 4 - Pressure Ulcers: Reviewing the Evidence on A Pressing Health Care Concern - Sheila Tucker, CADTH
April 25 - Introducing ARNNLs Quality Assurance Framework for RNs and NPs - with ARNNL’s Michelle Osmond, Pam King Jesso, and Trudy Button.

CCP AUDIT 2017
RNs/NPs will be notified by mid-April via registered mail if they have been selected through a stratified random sampling to participate in the 2017 CCP Audit. This year all further correspondence will be via the registrant’s current email after the original registered letter notification. If you are selected, please watch for important deadlines and updates, as you will be required to respond accordingly. The Audit will take place at ARNNL House on May 31, 2017. Two hundred registrants will be audited and 14 volunteer nurse auditors will perform the CCP audit. To learn more about the audit, please visit www.arnnl.ca or click here.

STANDARDS OF NURSE PRACTITIONER PRACTICE IN NL(2013)
The “Standards of Nurse Practitioner Practice” document was recently revised to incorporate controlled drugs and substances prescriptive authority and related indicators. The revised draft document will be distributed to NPs and key stakeholders for consultation during April.