

**The Nurse Practitioner Consultative
and Approvals Committee**

Activity Report

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to provide the 2006/2007 Activity Report for the Nurse Practitioner Consultative and Approvals Committee (NPCAC) in accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. The Activity Report provides an overview of the NPCAC and the activities of the Committee for the fiscal period covered by the report. As Chair (A) of this committee, I acknowledge my accountability of this report and the accomplishments contained herein.

Sincerely,



Anita Ludlow

Chairperson (Acting)

OVERVIEW

The Nurse Practitioner Consultative and Approvals Committee (NPCAC) derives its authority from the *Registered Nurses Act* and is constituted for the purpose of advising the Minister of Health and Community Services, the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador and the province's regional health authorities on issues pertaining to the nurse practitioner regulatory framework. Its primary purpose is to facilitate effective, safe nurse practitioner practice through the identification and management of appropriate issues.

The committee membership is defined in the legislation and consists of health care professionals and administrators including representation from the three principle professions: pharmacy, medicine and nursing.

The Committee is appointed by the Minister of Health and Community Services and serves a three year mandate. The current committee was appointed in 2003 and completed its term as of January 2006. The Department is awaiting appointment of the new committee by Cabinet.

Secretariat to the committee is the Division of Chief Nurse and Workforce Planning, Policy and Planning Branch, Department of Health and Community Services. The Chief Nurse is the acting chair of the Committee.

Committee expenses are minimal as any costs, travel or other, are covered by the organization that the individual represents.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The primary activities of the committee included:

- Discussion on recommended changes to the regulations.
- Review of two nurse practitioner specialist (NP-S) protocols and requested amendments to the protocols.