SASKATCHEWAN RN ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the Executive Director

July 21, 2016,
Dear Member,

I'm pleased to provide a mid-summer update on the work of your organization.

Update on Nurses Working Together

Two focus groups involving direct care nurses, educators, nurse managers, other nurse leaders, and representatives from SALPN, RPNAS and SRNA were held in May in Saskatoon and Regina locations. The purpose of the meetings was to engage participants to further understand the specific challenges and opportunities regarding nurses working together effectively in Saskatchewan. I appreciated the opportunity to meet together with RNs, RPNs and LPNs to find out more about their experiences in the workplace. We are now moving forward to address these challenges.

In September, I'll be joining with the Executive Directors of SALPN and RPNAS to share draft tools and other resources through in person and virtual consultation meetings across the province. These draft tools and resources support scope of practice and role clarity for nurses working together. We look forward to the input of LPNs, RNs and RPNs, as well as other key partners, as we work to finalize and disseminate these supports for safe and effective patient, client, resident and family centered care.

Medical Assistance in Dying

I invite you to provide feedback on the new *SRNA draft Guidelines for RN(NP) Involvement in Medical Assistance in Dying* and the new *SRNA draft Guidelines for*

RN Involvement in Medical Assistance in Dying. A shortened consultation process for these guidelines is being applied due to the time-sensitive nature of the content and urgent need for practice guidelines to support RN(NP)s and RNs in this process.

Deadline for feedback is August 3, 2016. Please access the two guidelines and applicable online surveys **here** to review the documents and provide feedback. We appreciate you taking the time to provide your perspective on one or both of the guidelines.

RN(NP)s Receive Authority to Complete Medical Certificates of Death in Saskatchewan

I'm pleased to inform you that Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioners) have been given authority by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health and the SRNA to complete Medical Certificates of Death and Registrations of Stillbirth. Please visit the Queen's printer to review amendments to The Vital Statistics Act and The Vital Statistics Regulations on their web site .

The SRNA would like to thank our key partners: Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, eHealth, Office of the Chief Coroner, Canadian Nurses Protective Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan for working in collaboration to amend this provincial legislation and/or to provide education for RN(NP)s. It is through these meaningful organizational partnerships, and the work of RN(NP)s across the province, that we are able to make this improvement in the care of Saskatchewan families. The recorded webinar of the education session is available on the SRNA website .

SRNA Licence Renewal 2016

Renewing your licence to practice for **December 1** is just around the corner. The online licence renewal begins **September 13, 2016**. The last day for obtaining the Employer Paid option is **Thursday, October 13**. If you pay your own fees, it's

important to have your licence renewal completed by **November 1, 2016.** Being licenced to practice is your professional responsibility, confirm your licence online. Questions, email us at renew@srna.org.

A New SRNA Professional Practice Group is Forming!

Are you interested in forming a Professional Practice Group with nurses interested in research? The goal is to create a supportive community of nurses focused on learning about, understanding, developing and sharing nursing research. If you are interested in being a part of the birth of this group, please connect with us via email sasknsgresearch@gmail.com, telephone Laurie Clune 306-337-3356 or twitter @sasknsgresearch .

Amendments to the Health Information Protection Act, proclaimed effective June 1 2016

The Health Records Protection Working Group, which included representatives from the SRNA, made 11 recommendations to the Deputy Minister of Health in 2014. As a result, the following amendments were made to the Health Information Protection Act:

The addition of a strict liability offence under new subsection 64(1.1)

The addition of an offence under subsection 64(3.1)

The snooping offence in subsection 64(3.2)

The addition of a provision where the Minister is allowed to appoint a person or body to take control or custody of records where an active trustee has failed to secure the records.

More information on Privacy Legislation to Improve Protection of Health Information

In case you missed it:

View photos from the SRNA Special Meeting

View presentations from the SRNA Special Meeting

View the full SRNA Special Meeting

View photos of the 2016 Award Recipients

More opportunities to get involved in the work of your Association:

You are invited to provide feedback on the attached draft SRNA Registered Nurse (Nurse Practitioner) Practice Standards by Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Please click here to review the document. You can provide feedback through the attached Survey Monkey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/28JZVMB

Patient Safety Resources

The Canadian Adverse Event Study revealed that between 9,250 and 23,750 patients die in hospital each year because of preventable adverse events. Improving patient care safety and quality in Canada requires everyone's involvement—patients and their families, healthcare providers, and leaders in healthcare organizations. SHIFT to Safety , launched by the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, is a major online resource to empower you with the tools and information you need to keep patients safe, whether you are a member of the public, a practitioner, or a leader.

As always, thank you for your contributions as an RN or RN(NP) in Saskatchewan. I look forward to your feedback!

In appreciation,

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