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The Nurses Association of New Brunswick to host 99th Annual General Meeting

FREDERICTON, June 3, 2015 — New Brunswick’s largest group of health care professionals convene today for the 99th Annual General Meeting of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB), representing 8,900 registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the province. This one-day Annual General Meeting is scheduled to begin at 09:00 at the Delta Hotel Fredericton

The AGM provides an opportunity for nurses to participate in NANB’s general business session highlighting the annual report and auditor’s report, as well as the announcement of a new President-elect who will begin their mandate in September 2015.

Guest Speakers

Joining Barbara Shellian, RN, President-elect, Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), to bring greetings on behalf of CNA, is Marlene Smadu, RN, EdD, LLD (h.c.), this year’s keynote speaker presenting on *Nurses as Leaders and Advocates for Patient and Family Centered Care in a Transformed Health System*.

This presentation will challenge participants to identify what nurses and nursing must do individually and collectively to transform our systems to be patient and family centred, supporting high quality health care and outcomes for patients/families, and high quality workplaces for nurses and other health care team members.

“Registered nurses are deeply engaged in system transformation because they care about human health and about delivering responsible health care. But more than caring, it is the professional and social responsibility of nurses to take a strong leadership stand on behalf of Canadians,” said Dr. Smadu.



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Dr. Smadu is Vice-President of Quality and Transformation, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, Regina, Saskatchewan. Dr. Smadu is a board member for the International Council of Nurses and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and is member of the University of Regina senate. She has served on a number of international, national and provincial boards and committees, including as a member of the board and chair of the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council (2002-2011), President-Elect and President of the Canadian Nurses Association (2004-2008) and co-chair of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) National Expert Commission on the Health of the Nation and the Future of the Health System (2011-2012).

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