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NANB Welcomes New Executive Director

FREDERICTON, JUNE 18, 2015- The Board of Directors of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB), the self-regulatory body representing 8,900 registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the province, is pleased to announce that Laurie Janes, RN MN, Administrative Director, Saint John Regional Hospital has accepted the position of Executive Director following the retirement of Roxanne Tarjan, RN after 17 years with the Association.

“New Brunswick continues to produce strength in nursing leadership; professionals recognized both provincially and nationally who strive to provide safe, quality healthcare services in the public’s interest,” said Darline Cogswell, RN, President of the NANB. “We are confident that Ms. Janes’ experience will contribute greatly to NANB’s fulfillment of its mandate.”

Ms. Janes having been registered as a registered nurse in the province of New Brunswick since 1980 has experience in leadership and management of multiple clinical programs across diverse settings providing valuable competencies in program development, quality and safety initiatives, professional practice and change management, community linkages, risk management, human resource management and team/individual coaching and mentoring for optimal performance in quality, financial management and organizational change, as well as succession planning.

“I fully understand the complexities of public administration, and the need for adaptability in an ever changing health services environment,” said Janes. “This position presents exciting challenges as well as opportunities for me to

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contribute to the Nurses Association of New Brunswick's mandate of public protection and look forward to working with the Board of Directors, NANB staff, our members and our provincial partners in the delivery of quality nursing and safe health services."

With sincere gratitude and appreciation for decades of leadership in the nursing profession and advocate of self-regulation, the Association bids farewell to Roxanne Tarjan. NANB has evolved through Ms. Tarjan's mandate recognizing the introduction of NP Legislation and practice, organizational review leading to a new Board structure, long-range fiscal plans and strategic planning, online renewal and registration verification, as well as the introduction of a Continuing Competence Program and LPN-RN bridging program, to name a few.

Ms. Janes will assume the position of Executive Director at the end of September, 2015 for a five-year term.

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