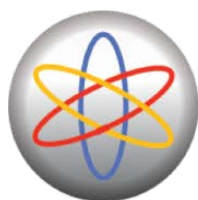


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NLCHP Council Members

NLCHP would like to advise that Sarah Harnum is now the Chair of College of Midwives of NL (CMNL) replacing Cara Begg Reid. We would like to thank Cara

for her time and expertise over the many years she participated as Chair of the CMNL and the NLCHP Council.

Current NLCHP Council Members

Colin Power: NLCHP Council Chair

Kenny Clarke- [College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

Judy Davidson and Sandy Crowley- [College of Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologists Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

Katherine Peddle - [Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dental Hygienists Inc](#)

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[NLCHP Annual General Meeting](#)

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals Annual General Meeting will take place via Zoom this year. The meeting is open to all registrants, so if you would like to join, please mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7:00pm (half hour earlier in most parts of Labrador). Registration is required. Please register using the link below:

NLCHP continues to work with the health professional colleges to address COVID issues that may arise and will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

Information related to the current public health guidelines is available :
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>

2022 CE Portal

Registration Renewal

Inactive Registrants who wish to change their renewal registration status to an

active registration must contact the NLCHP by completing a Change of Status Request form found on the NLCHP website, <https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Change-Request-Form-revised.pdf> . After three months of inactive status registrants will be required to meet initial registration requirements to change to an active registration category. Please see policy, Renewal of Registration Requirements <https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Renewal-of-Registration-Requirements-Updated-2020.pdf>

Courtesy Registration

Over the last year number of years, there have been instances where health professionals from other Canadian jurisdictions may be required to provide services for a short-term specific purpose in Newfoundland and Labrador. Given that health professionals in other regulated provinces under the provisions of the Agreement on Internal Trade are assumed to meet the qualifications for registration in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Council and Colleges will work to facilitate the registration of health professionals registered in other regulated Canadian jurisdictions who are conducting discipline specific services for a defined period.

Please review the NLCHP Courtesy Registration, <https://nlchp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Policy-Registration-Requirements-Courtesy-Registration-FINAL.pdf> and visit the NLCHP website, www.nlchp.ca for more information about registration policies.

Upcoming QA Continuing Education Audit

Registrants selected through random sampling to participate in the Quality Assurance Audit for the 2021 calendar year will be notified by June 1, 2022. Ten percent of each health professional group will be selected for the audit. If you are selected, please watch for important deadlines and updates, as you are required to respond accordingly. If you have any questions on the audit process, please contact NLCHP staff.

[Health Profession Recognition](#)

May is Speech and Hearing Month



Speech and Hearing Month highlights the role Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists play in the detection and intervention of communication disorders.

The NLCHP would like to recognize Registered Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists in Newfoundland and Labrador as they celebrate their National Week for their professions. Thank you for the important contributions you make in helping people of Newfoundland and Labrador overcome and/or manage these communication disorders.

Please visit, <https://www.sac-oac.ca/> for ongoing events and shared information about various issues related to communication health and professions.

COVID-19 Pandemic Experience Highlight - Redeployment of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists were re-deployed to assist in a number of different areas. Allison Robbins, R. Aud and Ashley Rossiter R. SLP, shared their experiences. Allison worked at the Reid Centre assisting with rapid testing and most recently in long term care providing support to nursing staff. Ashley worked at the Health Science as a runner – bringing items to patients that were dropped off by family members - and also swabbing at the Waterford Testing site. Both said the experiences were challenging but valuable.

CASLP-NL had worked with the RHAs to ensure staff received adequate training to become competent in nasopharyngeal swabbing. While there may not have been training provided for all scenarios, Allison noted she was able to pull on her knowledge, skills and experience as an Audiologist, particularly working with the geriatric population, to assess patient needs, to adapt to the challenges

as they were presented and then calmly assess each situation.

The pandemic certainly challenged health professionals and regulators to re-examine scope of practice and also to note the overlap in scope for various health professionals. Working with other health professionals such as medical laboratory technologists, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses provided an opportunity to understand other scopes of practice, job demands and the challenges in working shift work. In all cases, both Allison and Ashley, noted how helpful other health professionals were. They noted it was a real team effort and really highlighted the benefits of interprofessional practice. Allison noted that in long term care, there were opportunities to share information with staff about the role of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists. There were opportunities to provide education and guidance on issues other health professionals experience in relation to both fields.

The pandemic has certainly been a challenging time for health professionals. It has also encouraged opportunities to enhance scope of practice and interprofessional relationships. Thank you to all health professionals who stepped up during the pandemic and thank you to Allison and Ashley for sharing their experiences.

International Day of the Midwives May 5th, 2022



May 5th, 2022 is the International Day of the Midwives and also the 100th anniversary of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM). This day is observed to honor midwives' work and promote awareness about their importance in providing crucial care to mothers and their newborns. The NLCHP

would like to and thank Midwives in Newfoundland and Labrador for providing quality maternal and neonatal healthcare to the women in our province. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Message from Sarah Harnum, Chair of the College of Midwives of NL

Hello fellow registrants!

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the International Day of the Midwife. Since the program started taking clients into care over two years ago, we have seen a rapidly growing demand for midwifery, deepening interprofessional relationships and of course, many lovely babies! We still have a long way to go and much work to do, but we are dedicated to expanding midwifery care throughout our beautiful province. We look forward to continuing to work with the Council and our interdisciplinary colleagues to make this plan a reality.

[Website Resources](#)

Are you familiar with all of the resources available on the NLCHP's website?

- Find the latest updates from the [NLCHP Homepage](#), including news and upcoming events.
- Have you changed your name, email address, or other personal information? You can update this information by logging into the [NLCHP Portal](#).
- Missed a regulatory education sessions? All session are recorded and available under [Regulatory Education Opportunities](#).
- Questions about a regulatory policy? NLCHP policies are available under Members Resources [Policies](#).
- Do you know all of the relevant documents that guides your profession? Up to date documents, including the current Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, are on your health professional [College websites](#).

Interesting Links and Opportunities

- Click [HERE](#) to listen to a recent episode of VOCM's The Wahl Show with Dr. Mike Wahl which discusses Why Our Oral Health Can Impact Our Overall Health.
- The April 2022 issue of **Safeguard**, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner’s quarterly Personal Health Information Act newsletter is available [HERE](#).
- **Heroes in Mind, Advocacy, and Research Consortium (HiMARC)** is a collaborative initiative and international hub that aims to develop, evaluate, and help implement solutions to improve the resilience, readiness, and growth, as well as health and well-being, of military members, Veterans, Public Safety Personnel (PSP), and their families. Health professionals interested in participating in HiMARC research studies can obtain information using [a link to a downloadable recruitment package](#).

This regulatory e-newsletter contains information on a wide variety of topics intended to enhance your practice. As it is published and circulated to all registrants, it is the expectation of the NLCHP that all registrants are aware of the matters contained therein. Registrants are reminded not to unsubscribe to this email as it contains important regulatory information that is relevant to your profession.





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