



2020-2021 Highlights

Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

Promoting Excellence in Registered Nursing Regulation

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Highlights from August 25, 2020 to September 27, 2021's Annual Meetings

What is CCRNR?

The Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR) serves as a national collaborative for regulators of registered nurses for interprovincial/territorial, national, and global regulatory matters. CCRNR promotes the advancement of excellence in the regulation of registered nurses in the public interest.

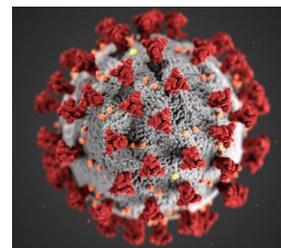
What Does CCRNR Do?

- We create and maintain a forum for the exchange of information on regulatory best practices, policies, and legislation
- We monitor trends and issues in regulation across the country and the world
- We advise on and promote promising regulatory practices and harmonized approaches to nursing regulation
- We engage in projects of shared interest to members
- We establish liaisons and partnerships that best position CCRNR and its members to address registered nursing regulatory matters
- We promote an understanding of the purpose of nursing regulation and members' commitment to public safety and excellence in regulation

CCRNR's priorities focus on supporting Canada's 12 registered nurse regulators' collaboration on approaches in key regulatory areas such as registration, policy and practice, nursing education program approval, professional conduct, and quality assurance/competence.

A Message from CCRNR President Cynthia Johansen about the COVID-19 Pandemic

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The work of CCRNR is supported by the expertise of skilled, knowledgeable staff from regulatory bodies across Canada.

CCRNR OFFICERS

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Cynthia Johansen
 Vice-President:
Lynn Power

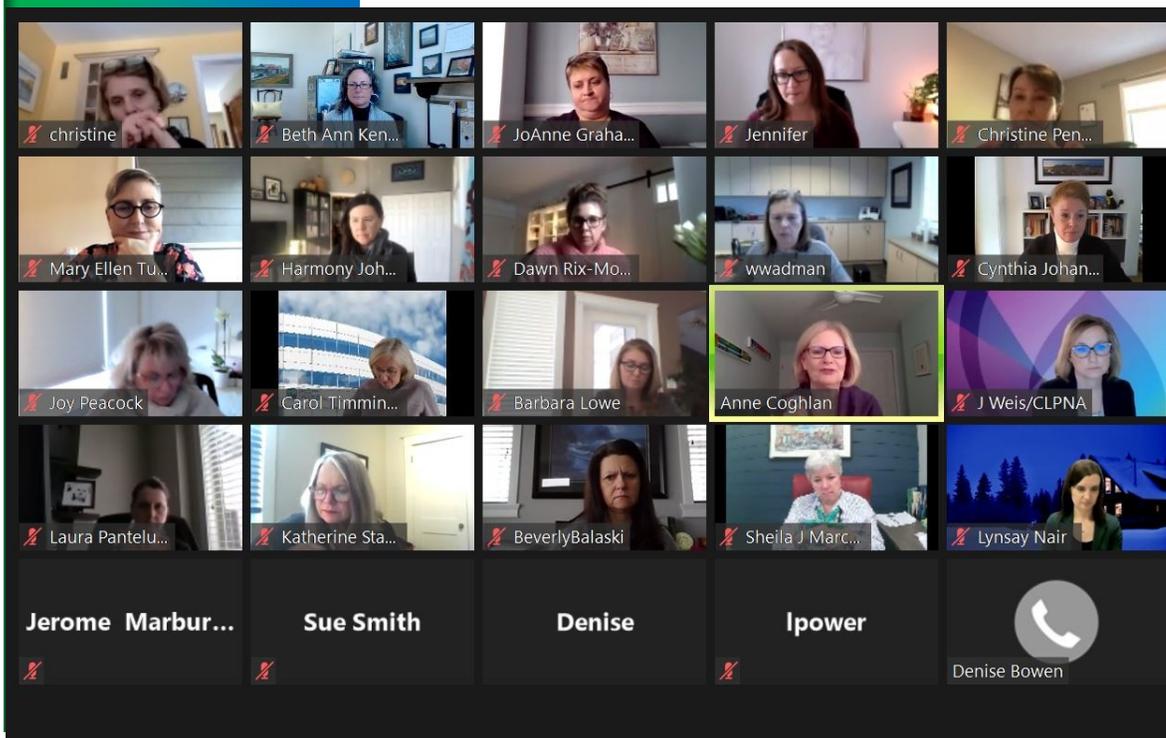
ADMINISTRATION

Executive Coordinator:
Beth Ann Kenny

Priorities

As agreed by the CCRNR Board of Directors at its December 2019 planning meeting, CCRNR has continued focusing on the following priorities under the strategic direction of a **unified approach to nursing regulation**, the lens applied to all of CCRNR’s work:

- **Registration of registered nurses: multi-jurisdictional and Nursys Canada/ unique identifier**
 In addition to receiving regular updates on the Nursys Canada project, which will include the development of a unique identifier for RNs, CCRNR appointed a Multi-Jurisdictional Registration Working Group to focus efforts on creating a system for multi-jurisdictional registration across Canada
- **Information-sharing about regulatory governance modernization**
 Canada’s RN regulators are seeing significant changes to their governance models, including the College of Nurses of Ontario’s Vision 2020 implementation and the separation of regulatory roles from those of associations.
- **Pursuing CCRNR’s strategic direction by working within the Canadian Nurse Regulators Collaborative (CNRC) with the Canadian Council for Practical Registered Nurses (CCPNR) and the Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulators of Canada (RPNRC)**
 The CNRC met four times during CCRNR’s last corporate year, once with representatives from the Principal Nursing Advisors Task Force (PNATF), discussing its “Vision for the Future of Nursing in Canada”.



The members of the Canadian Nurse Regulators Collaborative (CNRC) during its February 3, 2021, meeting by Zoom

(CCRNR held no “in person” meetings for the first time since its inception during the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

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- **Supporting CCRNR Networks and Working Groups**

CCRNR has more than a dozen networks and working groups which endeavour to work on key initiatives and share information, helping CCRNR’s members at both the policy and operational levels.

CCRNR’s Registration Network, meeting by Zoom on September 21, 2021



- **Nurse Practitioner Regulatory Framework Implementation Plan Project (NPR-FIPP)**

CCRNR agreed that a coordinated and standardized approach to the regulation of NPs in Canadian jurisdictions was a priority, and the NPR-FIPP was launched in 2019 to address that priority. Its Steering Committee, with members from regulatory bodies across Canada, meets regularly, along with a Stakeholder Advisory Panel, consisting of leaders from the nursing community. Planning is underway for a Specialty Practice Think Tank, bringing together leaders from across the system to determine how best to proceed with NP specialty practice in the future.

Project updates are available through the CCRNR website Please see ccnr.ca/npr-fipp.html to learn more about this project, to pose project-related questions, or to join the NPR-FIPP subscription service.

Ongoing and New Initiatives and News

CCRNR also continues its collaboration and interaction with the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS), the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN), the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA), the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the International Council of Nurses (ICN), and other stakeholders in nursing and health profession regulation.

CCRNR also participated in urgent meetings of government and health professionals to address racism experienced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada’s Healthcare Systems. CCRNR looks forward to future meetings and participating in action to address racism and to focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion, and belonging.

Finally, during this corporate year, CCRNR members learned that Anne Coghlan would be retiring from her role as the Executive Director and CEO of the College of Nurses of Ontario at the end of 2021. Anne, a founding member of CCRNR, is the epitome of a leader who is known for “advancing regulatory excellence”. Sincere appreciation to Anne in advance of her retirement is expressed now, looking forward to sharing more heart-felt thanks next year.

Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR)

Members: All 12 of Canada's provincial/territorial registered nurse regulators are members of CCRNR:

College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador

CCRNR Board Member: Lynn Power, Executive Director

British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives

CCRNR Board Member: Cynthia Johansen, CEO

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta

CCRNR Board Member: Joy Peacock, CEO

College of Nurses of Ontario

CCRNR Board Member: Anne Coghlan, Executive Director and CEO

College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba

CCRNR Board Member: Katherine Stansfield, CEO/Registrar

College of Registered Nurses of Prince Edward Island

CCRNR Board Member: Sheila Marchant-Short, CEO and Registrar

Nova Scotia College of Nursing

CCRNR Board Member: Sue Smith, CEO and Registrar

Nurses Association of New Brunswick

CCRNR Board Member: Laurie Janes, Executive Director

Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec

CCRNR Board Member: Chantal Lemay

Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut

CCRNR Board Member: Denise Bowen, Executive Director

Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association

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Message from CCRNR President Cynthia Johansen re. COVID-19

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