



# Licensed Practical Nurses Association of B.C.

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Dear Ms. Overton,

**Re: CLPNBC response to LPNABC August 8, 2014 – Registration Fee increase (2015)**

Thank you for your prompt reply of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to our trepidation regarding the recent announcement by CLPNBC 2015 registration fee increase.

The LPNABC would like to note that it is at a loss knowing that decisions were made regarding a fee increase on June 12<sup>th</sup>, the following day post AGM board meeting. There was no invitation by the Board or Executive Director to consult or discuss with the registrants present at the AGM concerning the fee increase.

As per your response (August 15<sup>th</sup>), bullet #2, it is distressing that the college is experiencing such an intense 1000% increase in complaints over a 13 year period. In 2013 you reported 89 complaints with 26 disciplinary decisions made. In review of the 26 decisions, all of the “terms of agreement” require one or more educational needs to fulfill their Consensual Agreements pertaining to the allegations noted. We would also note that registrants have increase proportionally over this time frame as complaints increase.

We, the LPNABC would like to request the top 5 main complaints so that we may bring forward advocacy to help protect the public through supporting the LPN professional practice and to be proactive in reducing future complaints. The intentional outcomes is to have continuing education readily available and accessible throughout the Province.

As our practice evolves, increases based on health care needs and changes in client populations that we (LPN) serve, your notation re: 1000% increase in complaints solicits the need for ongoing support through additional Education. The LPNABC would like to work with and support the College in the form of online education and funding grants as supported nationally with LPN Colleges.

We would also like to discuss with the Board the design of a motion to establish a continuing education fund for BC LPN's, as other provinces support this. The province of Alberta is notable for their LPN education and financial support.

We look forward to your response by August 31<sup>st</sup> or at your earliest convenience as we continue to advocate for the LPN profession and our continuing work with the Ministry of Health.

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Yours in nursing,

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