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#### An Open Letter to all B.C. Nurses (LPNs, NPs, RNs, RPNs)

It is with great enthusiasm for the nursing profession and its future in British Columbia, that the Presidents and Boards of Directors for the Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC), the Association of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC (ARNBC), the BC Nurse Practitioner Association (BCNPA), the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC (LPNABC) and the Nursing Education Council of BC (NECBC) announce that each organization has officially endorsed the Terms of Reference of the BC Coalition of Nursing Associations.

The collaboration of the five member associations provides a unique opportunity for the Coalition to be the primary access point for government, the health authorities and other healthcare bodies to seek advice, support, information, policy direction and collaboration with the nursing community.

The purpose of the Coalition is to:

- a. Share experience, skills, resources and expertise as appropriate in support of the advancement of the nursing profession.
- b. Collaborate on the development of common approaches to advance the profession of nursing (supporting education strategies, developing shared communication approaches, preparing policy briefs/responses, etc.)
- c. Strengthen collaboration between all sectors of the nursing spectrum in the province (RNs, NPs, LPNs, RPNs)
- d. Strategically influence political leaders to strengthen the presence of nursing leadership within government and the health authorities.
- e. Coordinate collective political strategy toward government relations with nursing overall – working on behalf of, not supplanting, the work of each individual association or organization.
- f. Respond to and work collaboratively with government and others on the development of health nursing policy.
- g. Provide opportunities for the growth and development of its members (inclusive of staff, boards and committees) through appropriate educational supports and mentorship.

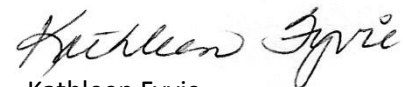
The five member organizations are extremely pleased to be part of establishing one of the most unique and innovative collaborations in the history of the nursing profession. We welcome your comments, questions and suggestions, and look forward to engaging with one another and all of the nurses who make ours one of the most meaningful and respected professions in the world.


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