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Hi Sharon – apologies for not sending sooner as I have been away. If you need any background on this give me a call

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Mr. John Dyble
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Dear Deputy Minister:

This letter from the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) and the British Columbia Nurses' Union (BCNU) addresses a matter of mutual concern about which we are requesting your assistance.

In 2005, CRNBC came under the Health Professions Act; the Nurse (Registered) and Nurse (Practitioners) Regulation, which was approved by government at that time, reflects the shared scope of practice/restricted activities regulatory model. This model has been very beneficial in clarifying the role and responsibilities of registered nurses and nurse practitioners.

We are concerned however that neither the current Nurses (Licensed Practical) Regulation nor the Nurses (Registered Psychiatric) Regulation reflects the shared scope of practice/restricted activities regulatory model. The lack of consistency in the active regulatory models for the regulated nursing groups has created and continues to create challenges for CRNBC and BCNU and our respective registrants and members. Notwithstanding the clarification documents provided by both the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia and the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia, the lack of clarity regarding what activities LPNs and RPNs are authorized to perform affects the ability of these professionals to work collaboratively and has the potential to negatively affect patients and patient safety.

We have been advised several times that the drafting of amendments to these Regulations is planned and request your assistance in ensuring that this important work is given a high priority.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Dr. Ratner and Ms. McPherson:

Thank you for your letter received in our office on January 24, 2011, regarding the Nurses (Licensed Practical) Regulation and the Nurses (Registered Psychiatric) Regulation, and your concern that the current regulations do not reflect the shared scope of practice/restricted activities regulatory model.

I acknowledge your request this work be given high priority, and note your concern that lack of consistency in the active regulatory models for the regulated nursing groups creates challenges for your organizations, and respective registrants and members.

The Ministry believes that the shared scope of practice/restricted activities regulatory model is the appropriate model to bring clarity to the roles and responsibilities of all nurse professions, including licensed practical nurses and registered psychiatric nurses. The Ministry has initiated a consultation process, and will be arranging a series of discussions internally in the Ministry and health authorities, which will be followed by a consultation with external parties. We would be pleased to meet with you at that time. Our overarching goal is to ensure all regulated nursing groups have current regulations under the Health Professions Act.

Thank you for taking the time to write on this important matter.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

John Dyble
Deputy Minister