

## **ARNNL Seeks Public Volunteers to Serve on Quality Assurance Committee**

The Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) is the regulatory body and professional organization for all registered nurses (RN) and nurse practitioners (NPs) in the province. ARNNL is currently looking for three public representatives to serve on ARNNL's Quality Assurance Committee.

On December 2, 2014, an amendment to the Registered Nurses Act, 2008 (Bill 32) was introduced in the House of Assembly. This amendment proposes to add quality assurance provisions to the Act that aim to strengthen and improve the practices of RNs. The amendment will require the establishment of a Quality Assurance Committee (QAC). The QAC will hear concerns/issues regarding RNs practices. The QAC may carry out quality assurance reviews related to a RN practice. The overall intent of the amendment is to provide proactive measures to assess, identify, remediate and monitor a RN's practice before it gets to the point of being conduct deserving of sanction such as professional misconduct. Thus, to prepare for proclamation of Bill 32 ARNNL is in the recruitment process for three public representatives for the QAC.

Expectations of Public Representatives:

- Participate in orientation requirements
- Serve one, three-year term, with a possibility of re-appointment
- Attend Quality Assurance Committee Meetings as necessary

Qualifications:

- The public member cannot be a current member of ARNNL's Council or Disciplinary Panel.

Appointment Process: ARNNL Council appoints members to the Quality Assurance Committee on the recommendation of the ARNNL Appointments Committee. Members who submit their names will be contacted prior to their names being forwarded to the Appointments Committee. **Note:** Submitting your name for consideration does not guarantee appointment to the Quality Assurance Committee; ensuring diverse representation of experiences and geographical locations will be factored.

To Apply: Please forward CV/resume to [infor@arnnl.ca](mailto:infor@arnnl.ca) by June 26, 2017 indicating your interest in serving on the Quality Assurance Committee.

Questions related to the Quality Assurance Committee can be directed to Nursing Consultant, Pam King-Jesso through email at [pkingjesso@arnnl.ca](mailto:pkingjesso@arnnl.ca) or by telephone at 753-6193.

Additional Information:

Members of the QAC serve on the committee without payment for their service, but will have paid travel and other expenses associated with the work, in accordance with the rates set in ARNNL Policy.