

College of Nurses of Ontario's Council elects new officers



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(July 4, 2011) — The Council of the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) elected new officers at its June meeting. CNO is the regulatory body for Ontario's 150,000 nurses. Its Council establishes the goals, objectives and policies of CNO according to the governing legislation. CNO works in partnership with employers, educators and government so that everyone in Ontario benefits from quality nursing services.

The new Council officers are:

Kris Voycey, RN, President

Mr. Voycey is an emergency room nurse at Hôtel Dieu Grace Hospital. He is also part of the nursing faculty at St. Clair College in Windsor and Connestoga College in Kitchener.

Evelyn Kerr, RN, Vice-President

Ms. Kerr is the director of nursing clinical practice at The Ottawa Hospital.

Monica Seawright, RPN, Vice-President

Ms. Seawright is employed full-time at Bayshore Home Health in a supervisory role, and maintains a part-time position as a bedside nurse at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.

"It has been a real honour to be elected as the Council President for the College of Nurses of Ontario," says Voycey, who joined Council in June 2009. "CNO ensures that the public is protected and as a nurse, I truly understand the importance of this commitment. I am fortunate to be involved in decision-making that has a direct impact on nursing regulation as well as helping to maintain the standard of care."

CNO's Council sets the direction for the regulation of the nursing profession. It makes decisions in the public interest with an understanding of the profession and the different settings in which nurses practise. Council is composed of 39 members: 18 public members, 14 Registered Nurses (RNs), and seven Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs). The RNs and RPNs from across the province are elected by their peers while public members are appointed by the provincial government. The newly elected officers will serve until June 2012.

More information about the College and the work of Council is available on CNO's website www.cno.org.

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