

ANDSOOHA – Public Health Nursing Management

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Education Report

During 2013 to 2014, ANDSOOHA has been involved in education activities including direct representation on education committees and work groups, support for research initiatives and the provision of tools to enhance practice.

ANDSOOHA has been a member of the **Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN), Public Health Nursing Subcommittee** since the inception of the committee in 2003. In 2012, CASN began a project funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) titled “Mobilizing the Development and Implementation of Entry-to-Practice Discipline-Specific Public Health Nursing Competencies in Undergraduate Nursing Education”. One of the project goals was to support the integration of current and relevant public health content into baccalaureate nursing education by creating core competencies that would detail the knowledge, skills, and attitudes new nurses need to learn in this particular area of health care. This goal has been completed and work on dissemination of these competencies is underway.

ANDSOOHA has representation on the **Joint Provincial Nursing Committee (JPNC), Nursing Education for a Sustainable Healthcare System Working Group**. The purpose of this working group is “to provide expert advice to JPNC on strategies/initiatives that align nursing education with the needs of the developing healthcare system, including nursing program size, quality and access, as well as quality, availability and type of clinical placements” (Terms of Reference, 2013). The objectives of this working group are to “provide recommendations to JPNC regarding how to align nurse education program enrolment with health human resource needs, and how to develop the clinical education system in a manner that addresses patient needs across the continuum of care, inter-professional care, and the overall shortage of clinical placements.”

In order to identify clinical education opportunities and challenges within the current health care system and to formulate recommendations for JPNC this working group developed surveys for nursing educators (schools), health care agencies and nursing students. To provide a public health nursing perspective ANDSOOHA directly participated in the piloting and distribution of the Agency Survey. Surveys were completed by Ontario Public Health Unit’s Chief Nursing Officers. Results will be shared in the near future and will be used to inform public policy and practice pertaining to the clinical education of nursing students.

ANDSOOHA resources such as “Transition to Public Health Nursing” and the Documentation and Audit Tool Kit are being reviewed and revised by Chief Nursing Officers and others to enhance practice. ANDSOOHA continues to be involved in education activities to shape policy and practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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