

## Report to CSHP Annual General Meeting May 2015

PANS Mission Statement: *PANS supports the professional and economic interests of its members to advance the practice of pharmacy and improve the health of Nova Scotians.*

### **PANS Board Members** (effective Nov 2014)

Brent Evans, District 1- Halifax Regional Municipality, the County of Lunenburg and the County of Queens.

Rose Dipchand, District 1- Halifax Regional Municipality, the County of Lunenburg and the County of Queens. (Vice Chair)

Sarah Boutillier, District 2- Cape Breton Island

Sandeep Sodhi, District 3-Antigonish, Pictou, Guysborough, Colchester and Cumberland and the Municipality of Hants East. (Chair)

Georgie McNeil, District 4- Yarmouth, Shelburne, Annapolis, Kings, Hants (excluding the Municipality of Hants East) and Digby.

Andrew Buffett, Member-at-large (Past Chair)

Lisa Zwicker, Member-at-Large

Ian Smith, Member-at-large (Treasurer)

Jennifer Turple, CSHP Representative

Roshana Olsen, Student Representative

*Outgoing board members in November 2014: Paul Zinck, Curtis Chafe, Rowan Rafuse Kell*

### **PANS Staff**

Allison Bodnar, CEO

Amy Wagg, Director of Communications

Evelyn Hall, Administrative & Membership Coordinator

Rosemary Coughran, Account Executive

### **Pharmacy Practice**

- As of the beginning of February NS pharmacists had administered pharmacies in NS have administered approximately 102,000 flu shots this season. This is about a 25% growth over last year and represents almost 11% of the population in NS. Note: this figure does not capture immunizations provided pharmacists in many hospital based settings.
- Ongoing discussions on potential expansion of the pharmacist’s role in NS public immunization programs.

### **Economics Committee**

- At the end of July 2014, PANS and government finalized a new five year Pharmacare Tariff Agreement.
- As part of the tariff negotiations:
  - a Steering Committee comprised of Dept. of Health & Wellness staff and PANS representatives was developed. The Steering Committee will work on pharmacy issues outside of the Pharmacare Agreement, including payment for new pharmacy services and pharmacy services for the entire population of Nova Scotia.
  - a fund for pharmacist demonstration projects was secured. The Steering Committee have agreed on the first of several funded demonstration projects over the span of 3 years: Minor Ailment assessments by pharmacists. Through this funding, government has agreed to pay pharmacists who assess Pharmacare patients with the following minor ailments: Cold Sores, Allergic Rhinitis, and

Skin Conditions. There is also an evaluation component to this project. Next demonstration projects are now being discussed by the Steering Committee.

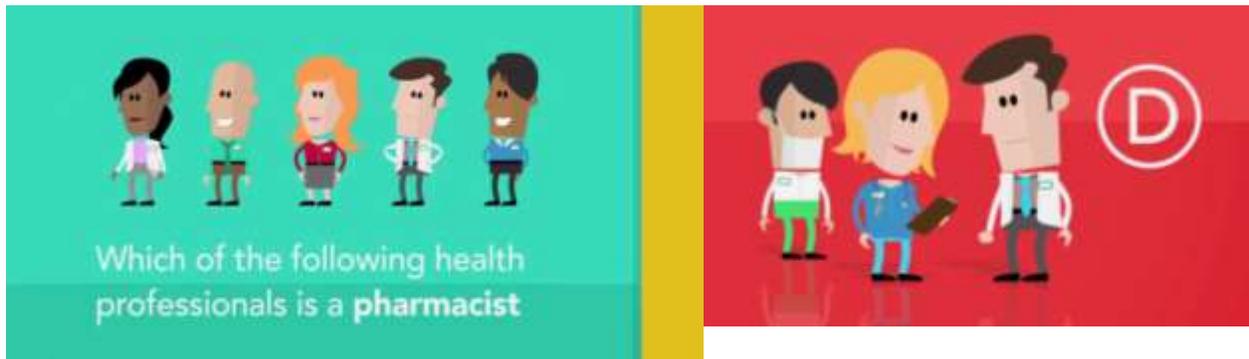
## Membership & Governance

- PANS became an “Organizational Member” of the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) this year. This means that PANS members also have access to various membership benefits offered by CPhA. Rose Dipchand is the CPhA board representative for NS (under CPhA new governance model)
- 2014 Annual Conference and Refresher Course took place Nov 4-7th, 2014. “Beyond the Basics”, Halifax Marriott.
- 2015 NS Pharmacy Conference themed “Thriving in Times of Change” will take place September 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Atlantica Oak Island Resort. Registration details will soon be posted to the PANS website.
- PANS is currently accepting nominations/application for its offered awards. The deadline to put forward candidates for consideration is **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Application forms and award criteria descriptions are available online at <https://pans.ns.ca/about-pans/awards/> . Awards gala will take place at Sept 26<sup>th</sup> during the NS Pharmacy conference.
- Awards given out at the PANS Awards Gala in November 2014 were:
  - Susan Bowles**- Member of the Year (*CSHP Member*)
  - Rita Caldwell**- Distinguished Service Award (*CSHP Member*)
  - Brian Dillman**- Distinguished Service Award
  - Bill Redden**- Distinguished Service Award
  - Deborah Ellis**- Takeda Magnum Opus
  - Tami Crosby**- Pfizer Bowl of Hygeia
  - Reham Eldadah**- Craig Ennett Award
  - Lawtons Drugs- New Glasgow**- Pharmacy Team Award
  - Jane Gillis**- Certificate of Appreciation
  - Susan Beresford**- Certificate of Appreciation
  - Stacey Smith**- Certificate of Appreciation
- Ongoing PANS member benefits/discount programs include:
  - Wilson’s (Liability) Insurance
  - Rx Files subscription
  - CPhA conferences, CE, references etc
  - Goodlife Fitness
  - Home and Auto Insurance –TD Meloche
  - Telus
  - Hampton Inn, Dartmouth
  - Real Estate and Legal Services

## Public Relations

- It was a busy year for pharmacists being profiled in the media. In advance of PAM, with funding provided in part by PANS to boost the sample size from NS surveyees, a CPhA public opinion survey of over 2900 Canadians was conducted. The results, including province-specific results can be viewed here: <http://www.pharmacists.ca/cpha-ca/assets/File/news-events/PAM2015-Poll.pdf> . Some highlights:

- In response to “Please tell us if you have a very positive, mostly positive, mostly negative, or very negative impression of pharmacists”, 96% of the 400 NS survey respondents stated either “very positive” or “mostly positive”.
- 54% of the 331 NS respondents stated that they would classify pharmacists as playing a “central” role within the health care system. (with 28% “important”, 19% “supporting”)
- Changes were made to the PANS website to include “tabs” labeled “For the Public” and “For our Members”. Various updates were made to the “public” section of the website including information explaining the various roles of pharmacists. This section of the website included a write-up titled “Working on your Hospital Care Team” and link to the CSHP Hospital Pharmacist video (view at <https://pans.ns.ca/working-on-your-hospital-care-team/>). Additional improvements will be made to the PANS website over time.
- Pharmacy Awareness Month- Theme this year: “Pharmacists: Trusted Care, When and Where you Need It” PANS developed a TV commercial (view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FYWrDINih8> ), which asked viewers “Which of the following health professionals is a pharmacist?”. The 30 ad then goes on include a response option “D- the one who works on your hospital care team”. There were various print items (posters, postcards) made available and PANS also facilitated the purchase of items such as mugs, t-shirts etc. (full “catalog” available to PANS members at <https://pans.ns.ca/pam-2015-pharmacist-resources/>).



#### General

- PANS will be seeking nominations to fill the CSHP representative to the PANS Board position for the next three year term from Sept 2015-Sept 2018. Anyone interested in learning more about this position should consult the PANS bylaws here: <https://pans.ns.ca/by-laws/> and/or you may contact Jennifer Turple at [jennifer.turple@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:jennifer.turple@iwk.nshealth.ca)
- CSHP members are encouraged to get involved with PANS through active membership and committee involvement. Membership fees are due end of November and Committee “calls for interest” occur near the end of each calendar year. Information on various committees and their mandates can be found on the PANS website>For the Public>About PANS>Committees

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Turple - CSHP Rep to the PANS Board