

The NPAO Board met over the past weekend to discuss strategic planning. What ensued was a very passionate and visionary conversation about our work with government and the media in improving access to care for all Ontarians. These discussions will form the basis for our work this year, and I'm confident NPAO will rise to the challenge. We have already begun our high-level discussions with the Ministry of Health around the issue of recruitment and retention of NPs. These conversations come on the heels of the CIHI report, which is linked in the latest edition of NYCU, and presents a compelling case for ensuring Ontarians continue to have access to the best health care we can provide. We know nurse practitioners have a positive impact on health outcomes, and NPAO will soon convene a think tank to brainstorm ideas around funding and leading research which capture data specific to Ontario.

I look forward to reporting our progress during 2012!

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