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College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia  
*Professional Development Day*  
May 25, 2018  
Delta Hotel, Browlow Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia  
**SPEAKER BIOS**

### **Neville MacKay, CAFA, PFCI.....That Bloomin' Neville...**

Neville MacKay is a highly talented retailer and floral designer who is well known throughout the Floral Industry and beyond for his creative flare, quality workmanship and entertaining personality. He's affectionately referred to as "That Bloomin' Neville!" (among other things!) Neville appears as an expert and entertainer on many national and local TV and radio shows across Canada, and is sought-after Internationally as an expert presenter. Neville also owns and operates a cutting-edge floral and retail gift shop in Halifax, My Mother's Bloomers, with his partner of 25 years.

Besides running the shop, Neville also hosts tours to the UK, and has taken the stage across Canada and beyond as emcee, auctioneer, host and Keynote Speaker, artfully telling his story along with the magic of making those in his presence feel inspired, connected and entertained. His philanthropy work has led to him receiving many awards, including a commendation from the Nova Scotia Lt. Governor. He's designed floral arrangements celebrities and Heads of State, including Rod Stewart, Glen Close, Sirs Elton John and Paul McCartney and members of the British Royal Family. Neville writes for and his work has been featured in many publications Internationally, (and has also written a book!) and is an accredited Floral Judge World Flower Council.

To check out all things "Neville" on Social Media, the easiest is to google him! (there's a lot! Mostly, Neville LOVES flowers, and loves to share their power and beauty with everyone he can.

### **Dr. Robert Strang**

Dr. Robert Strang is Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) in Nova Scotia appointed in August 2007. He received his medical degree from University of British Columbia and completed Family Practice and Community Medicine residencies at UBC.

Dr. Strang was an Associate Medical Officer of Health in South Fraser Health, BC, from 1997-1999 and in 1999, he moved to Halifax to become Medical Officer of Health for Capital District Health Authority. He was acting provincial Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health prior to his CMOH appointment.

As CMOH, he has provided leadership around the renewal of the public health system in Nova Scotia as well as raising awareness around the importance of creating policies and environments that support better health for Nova Scotian families and communities. He is passionate about public health and has worked with non-government organizations such as Smoke Free Nova Scotia, Heart and Stroke Foundation and Public Health Association of Nova Scotia.

Dr. Strang has an adjunct appointment with Dalhousie University, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology.

### **Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy, RN PHD**

Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy is the Director of the School of Nursing, Assistant Dean of Research in the Faculty of Health, a full professor in the School of Nursing and Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, and the Director of the World Health Organization (WHO)/Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Planning and Research at Dalhousie University. Gail is an internationally recognized expert in population needs-based approaches to health systems and workforce planning, evaluation and research. She leads and co-leads national and international research teams consisting of clinicians, health care leaders, senior policy-makers, and researchers from government, universities and health care organizations and has been an Expert Advisor on health workforce to the WHO and PAHO since 2005. Gail's work has been widely published in peer-reviewed publications and she has authored many policy documents and commissioned reports. Gail's research has garnered wide-spread interest from governments and other stakeholders because of its potential to significantly impact health policy in Canada and abroad.

Gail has received over \$19 million in local, national and international funding (over \$11.5 million as principal/co-principal investigator) to conduct health systems and workforce planning projects in Brazil, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tanzania and Zambia as well as multiple-country projects for the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the WHO. Currently Gail is leading/co-leading projects funded by Grand Challenges Canada/CIHR and PAHO in Jamaica and IDRC in Tanzania.

### **Dr. Jamie Cox**

Dr. Jamie Cox is the former Chief Medical Officer of the Worker's Compensation Board in Nova Scotia and Medical Director for General Motors in both Ohio and Tennessee, has extensive knowledge of the workers' compensation system and understands the critical importance of workplace health and safety. His physician expertise combined with his experience building successful provincial and state programs, managing healthcare and his focus on quality outcomes provide important assets for both employers and employees. Dr. Cox has evaluated over 1,700 patients for cannabis use and understands the advantages and disadvantages associated with using cannabis.