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College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia Professional Development Day Speaker Bios

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Delta Hotel, Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Neville MacKay, CAFA, PFCI

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 has appeared 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, My Mother's Bloomers, in Halifax 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 an 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 for celebrities and Heads of State, including Rod Stewart, Glen Close, Sir Elton John, Sir Paul McCartney and members of the British Royal Family. Neville's writing and his work has been featured in many publications internationally (he has also written a book!) and he is an accredited Floral Judge for the World Flower Council.

To check out all things "Neville" on social media, the easiest way is to google him!

Dr. Robert Strang

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

Dr. Strang was an Associate Medical Officer of Health in South Fraser Health, BC, from 1997 to 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, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Public Health Association of Nova Scotia.

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

Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy, RN PHD

Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy is the Director of the Dalhousie University 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. She has been an Expert Advisor on health workforce to the WHO and PAHO since 2005. Dr. Tomblin Murphy's work has been widely published in peer-reviewed publications and she has authored many policy documents and commissioned reports. Her research has garnered wide-spread interest from governments and other stakeholders because of its potential to significantly impact health policy in Canada and abroad.

Dr. Tomblin Murphy has received more than \$19 million in local, national and international funding (of that, more than \$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 WHO. Currently Gail is leading/co-leading projects funded by Grand Challenges Canada/CIHR and PAHO in Jamaica and IDRC in Tanzania.

Dr. Cory Long MD, CCFP

Dr. Cory Long is a native of New Brunswick and graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in 2008. He has been practicing medicine in Sackville, New Brunswick in both family and emergency capacities since that time. He is the Physician Champion at Canabo Medical Clinic. Dr. Cory Long is also a peer reviewer, preceptor and mentor.

Dr. Long's practice interests include addiction medicine, gay/lesbian/transgender issues, mental health, sports medicine, chronic illness and medical cannabis.