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## **NNPBC WELCOMES DIRECTOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE & HEALTH POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

BURNABY- Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC) announces with great pleasure Angela Wignall, RN, BSN, BA, MA as the Director, Professional Practice & Health Policy Implementation starting on March 7, 2022.

"We are so excited to have Angela join us in this file. She has a wealth of clinical and policy expertise at the provincial, national, and international levels and brings with her strategic and visionary leadership skills as well as a strong and demonstrable relational approach to her work. Angela's ability to integrate complexity into clear processes coupled with her excellent communication and facilitation skills will allow her to build on the foundation of work that has been developed previously. She is an innovative leader who brings her passion and commitment for the profession forward at every turn", noted Michael Sandler, Chief Executive Officer.

Angela comes to NNPBC from Island Health, where she has held a variety of positions including her most recent role as Director, Clinical Learning & Knowledge Services and founding co-lead of the Innovation Lab. Angela is currently studying for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing at the University of Victoria, where her research examines nursing leadership in policy and governance. She holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Policy and Practice and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with distinction both from the University of Victoria, as well as Bachelor of Arts (BA) with Honours from York University.

Angela is a Registered Nurse with a practice background in perinatal and public health nursing. She was the 2020/21 Canadian scholar to the International Council of Nurses Global Nursing Leadership Institute (GNLI) and she publishes, speaks, and educates across Canada and beyond on nurses' work in health policy and practice. Angela has received numerous awards as both a nurse and health care leader. She has a strong personal commitment to advancing cultural safety, cultural humility, and anti-racism as a white settler and has experience leading transformative change. Angela is the facilitator for the Canadian Nurses Association Policy Leadership Community of Practice and is a proud member of NNPBC, CNA and the CNA Academy, the Canadian College of Health Leaders (CCHL), and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honours Society.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to join the leadership team at NNPBC." said Wignall "I look forward to taking on this new role and working with nurses of all designations from across the province to advance our profession. I am profoundly grateful for my time at Island Health and the many opportunities for growth I was given there. In joining NNPBC, I will bring forward at a provincial level the full breadth of my experience and my passion for the profession and discipline of nursing. It is an honour to have the chance to serve the nurses of British Columbia and I will work tirelessly to provide innovative solutions for the challenges that impact us every day."

Angela will work closely with the entire NNPBC staff team as well as the NNPBC Board of Directors and its four councils to deliver innovative professional practice and health policy services to NNPBC members.

