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Hello and Seasons Greetings:

We are sending our members a short note to keep you posted about the RN Network and what is happening - and to wish you all the best in this holiday season.

Updates:

We are continuing to explore issues and options for creating an "association" that can articulate registered nursing's perspective on matters of public policy through ongoing conversations with our colleagues at CRNBC, CNA, and others in BC and beyond. This ongoing consultation will help ensure that our efforts will benefit from the experience and complement the work of existing organizations that also support registered nurses.

Similarly, with the support of the Chief Nurse Executive, Brenda Canitz, we are exploring how we might work with the Ministry of Health. This week we sent a letter to the Minister of Health, Mr. Kevin Falcon, to apprise him of what we are doing and ask to meet with him early in 2010. In meeting we hope to gain his support for this initiative and begin to explore ways that an "association" could compliment and add value to the input he already receives from existing organizations in regard to the development of health policy and planning for system sustainability.

Next steps:

We are also planning an RN Network "General Meeting", tentatively scheduled for the 19th of May, 2010. It will be at Vancouver General Hospital. Hopefully their technology will also allow us to make this a virtual meeting via video-conference so those of you at a distance and who cannot come in person can join us too. That meeting will be open to all members of the Network and to those who wish to join as well. At this meeting, we hope to expand the dialogue among Network members and key stakeholders with regard to the creation of an RN association in BC. CRNBC and CNA will be invited to share the results of their current strategic planning work and Network members will be asked to share their perspectives and help develop a strategy for moving forward in light of these presentations.

Building the network:

We look forward to your help in continuing to build the Network of interested nurses in advance of this spring meeting. As you know, we are operating with a volunteer steering committee and a non-existent budget, so we want to engage you in building the base toward a more formalized structure in the future. Please let your nursing friends and colleagues,

including those involved in nursing interest groups you may belong to, know about what we are doing. Encourage them to visit the web-site for more information and join the Network www.nursing.ubc.ca/scholarship/rnnetwork You can now also tell people to just Google "RN Network of BC." We promise to try to respond to any questions you or those you refer might have and keep the Web-site up to date as our primary mechanism for information.

To join us, just put "RN Network" in an email the Subject Line and send to: Rebecca.Armstrong@nursing.ubc.ca

We also want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you all a peace and joy this festive season celebrates and that you have a happy and healthy 2010.

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