

PHNs' VOICES PROJECT

Great meeting you all!

The PHNs' Voices Project is well on its way! Donna Meagher-Stewart and Megan Aston, Principle Investigators, as well as Anna Jacobs, Research Coordinator, made seven visits across the province to meet with as many of you as we could to discuss the project. It was great meeting you all! Thank you for the warm welcome and for showing interest in this partnership research project. We learned that many of you are ready and excited to share your stories and experiences about fostering citizen participation and collaborative practice. Many of you agree that PHN's contribution to improving the health of individuals and communities needs to be recognized. This project will help address this concern.

We heard from you many suggestions on ways to profile the project and public health nursing. Taking your suggestions seriously, a project description has been published in the December 2002 issue of *Online*, produced by the College of

"Of all the cooperative enterprises, public health is the most important and gives the greatest returns."

– William J. Mayo.

A PHN shared this motivational quote, which has been on her filing cabinet for years.

Registered Nurses (CRNNS), December issue of *National Headlines*, *Community Health Nurses Association of Canada (CHNAC)*, as well as the *Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre* and *District newsletters*. All Nova Scotia's MLA's have been notified. The *Medical Society of Nova Scotia* noted that they will post the final report on their web site. Thanks for your suggestions. Let us know if you have more.

Speaking with You One-on-One

On January 24, 2003 we began interviewing PHNs in Capital District. We've received a great response to our invitation to participate and hope to complete 15 interviews by mid-March. We will then travel to districts bordering on Capital District in late March, depending on the weather of course.



Phase I interviews with Public Health management at the district and provincial level are complete and are being analysed. Donna Meagher-Stewart will be presenting the results at the CPHA Annual Conference in Calgary (May). As well, *Health Digest*, a publication of the CPHA, will print an article on the results of this phase in an upcoming issue.

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