

**Welcome** to our first edition of the FRPA Review Office Newsletter. In this and future issues, we will strive to keep you informed of the latest FRPA developments, upcoming training and important dates. Let us know how you like it and how we can improve!

## Review Officer

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## Baseline Survey Summary

Early in 2012, the Review Office conducted a Baseline Survey of the 53 regulatory bodies. The purpose of the survey was to determine current practices and activities of the regulatory bodies. A report summarizing the findings will be posted on the website, when available, and will be sent out to the regulatory bodies.

## Plain Language Training

**Sept. 28, 2012** - A one-day workshop designed to help regulators build capacity and skills related to FRPA requirements. This hands-on workshop focuses on creating clear materials for websites, brochures and forms and will use materials that participants submit before the workshop. This session is full.

**Oct. 4, 2012** - By popular demand a second session has been scheduled. Please [RSVP](#) by Friday September 21, 2012 as space is limited.

**Facilitator:** Gwen Davies of Clear Fresh Words.

**Location:** 2021 Brunswick Street

**Cost:** Free

## Breakfast Meetings

**October 2, 2012** - Breakfast meetings will be a forum to present general FRPA business, as well as facilitate regulator networking and presentation of commendable and promising practices. These meetings will be held bi-monthly and start at 7:30 a.m., with the first meeting being held at the College of Registered Nurses, 7071 Bayers Road, Halifax. Please [RSVP](#) by Friday September 21, 2012 with the Review Officer as space is limited.

## Investigations Training

**February 18, 2013** - A day and a half workshop will be customized to meet the needs of NS regulators. The course will cover the fundamentals of investigation such as investigative principles, how to plan investigations, how to conduct interviews, physical and documentary evidence, assessing evidence, effective report writing, and workplace investigations. Interested participants should [RSVP](#) by Friday October 26, 2012.

**Facilitator:** Gareth Jones of Investigations Training

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## Upcoming Events



Sept. 28, 2012 – **Plain Language Training**

Oct. 2, 2012 – **Breakfast Meeting**

Oct. 4, 2012 – **Plain Language Training**

Oct. 21, 2012 - [CAPLA](#) – **Recognizing Learning Skills and Competencies**

Nov 8/9, 2012 – [CNNAR](#) – **Canadian Regulator's Conference**

Dec. 4, 2012 - **Breakfast Meeting**

Feb. 18, 2013 – **Investigations Training**

## Links

[Department of Labour and Advanced Education](#)

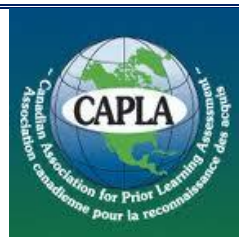
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**Recognizing Learning, Skills and Competencies: Strengthening today's workplace for a better tomorrow** - Bi-annually CAPLA hosts an international conference, bringing together presenters from across the country and around the world. This year the conference is being held in Halifax and is co-sponsored by the Government of Nova Scotia. The focus of the 2012 Recognizing Learning conference will be on employer engagement and how the recognition of prior learning (RPL) can be used strategically to establish a stronger match between job requirements and the knowledge, skills and abilities of the job seeker and employees.



## Regulators' Corner

**Regulators** - this is **your** space. Let us know of any questions or concerns you may have and we will address and highlight them here for all to learn from. We would also love to hear from you if you have any information you would like to share with other Regulators including upcoming important dates, milestones, achievements, etc. *Keep your eyes on this space.....*