ROLE OF THE
CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

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6.16 Professional practice support

- Effective January 2013, boards of health are required to
designate a Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) to be responsible for
nursing quality assurance and nursing practice leadership.

Annual reporting to MOHLTC confirming 1.0 FTE Chief
Nursing Officer as well as activities of CNO.
Expert advice, Direction, Leadership, Consultation

- Application of nursing practice standards and evidence-based practice
- Nursing service delivery
- Evaluation/quality assurance
- Strategic planning and decision-making
- Inter-professional practice
- Recruitment and retention of qualified, competent public health nurses
CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

- Leads and builds capacity for sustained change.

- Represents the agency at the local, regional, provincial and national level.

- Leads the way towards a vision of excellence in public health nursing practice.