

## MCEWH 2001 Steering Committee Members

**Bentley, Sandra (Co-Chair)** is a Senior Policy Advisor for the PEI government. Sandra brings over twenty-five years of experience in health and social services delivery, design, administration and evaluation. She chairs the PEI Interministerial Policy Forum on policies affecting the status of women and chairs a national working group on women's health issues.

**Kingston, Joan (Co-Chair)** works as Recruitment Officer for Region 3 Hospital Corporation. Among other things, she has served as Minister of the Environment and Minister of Labour for the province of New Brunswick; as president of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick; and as Chairperson of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

**Bernard, Jeannita** (*Bio not available*).

**Bernard, Wanda** is an associate professor at the Maritime School of Social Work, Dalhousie University. Much of her work focuses on race relations and racial uplift. She is a founding member and past president of the Association of Black Social Workers and operates a small, co-operative private practice which works primarily with women and families.

**Hockney, Judith** has worked in the health care and academic setting for the past 25 years. Her primary focus has been on women's health and sexual health. Judith is currently on the Executive Team at the IWKGrace as Program Director for Women's Health and is a strong advocate for women's health issues especially as they pertain to health care delivery.

**James, Bonnie** has a background in health and post-secondary education. She currently works as a medical researcher, designing and conducting evaluation and research projects with the Centre for Collaborative Health Professional Education at Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine.

**Kazimirski, Judith** (*Bio not available*).

**Kelly, Katherine** (*Bio not available*).

**Kirkland, Susan** is a faculty member in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie. Her research spans such issues as the role of hormone replacement therapy in the development of heart disease, decision making in health around issues related to menopause, and the role that social and economic factors play in women's health.

**Perry, Andrea** is the former Health Promotion Coordinator for Health & Community Services, Central Newfoundland. She is specifically interested in women's health and works diligently around the issues of women and heart disease, AIDS and women, and smoking cessation and pregnancy.

**Robbins, Dorothy** is currently the Director of Research and Planning with the Women's Policy Office, Executive Council, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Dorothy's background is primarily in social policy analysis and development. She has been involved in the women's movement since the early 1970's and has worked with numerous women's groups.

**Simon, Claudia** has worked as a special education teacher and vice-principal for her community in Big Cove, NB. Since 1990, she has been employed as a Director of Health for Big Cove Health Services. In 1999, Claudia was awarded a human rights award for her outstanding work, commitment and dedication to her community.

**Simpson, Mary** is committed to grass roots community development and enjoys playing a facilitative role to make things happen. Mary makes time to actively participate in several organizations including the Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick, and MOVE an organization dedicated to restorative justice.

**van Roosmalen, Erica** is a sociologist with the Departments of Sociology/Social Anthropology and Women's Studies as well as the Assistant Dean (External) for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Dalhousie University. Her research and teaching interests are in the areas of gender relations, health and illness, and research design.

**Amaratunga, Carol (ex-officio)** holds an academic appointment at Dalhousie University as Associate Professor of Research, in the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Health Professions. Carol has extensive experience in women's health research, training, and gender mainstreaming in rural health, agriculture and fisheries sectors.