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FROM: Vanessa Burkoski
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SUBJECT: Call for Applications for Phase 2 - Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)
Initiative

On behalf of the Nursing Secretariat of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), I am delighted to invite you to consider the attached Call for Applications for Phase 2 of the PDA Initiative.

The Ministry is embarking on a second phase of an innovative pilot project to optimize access and integration of research into practice through the use of personal digital assistants (PDAs) in frontline nursing care. This initiative builds upon efforts to date that have increased the availability of equipment to support nurses in the provision of patient care. The project builds upon the government's commitment to improve the quality of care delivered across the sector with particular attention to the needs of Long-Term Care homes, remote and rural settings. Additionally, the initiative is intended to support the government's commitment to enhancing the work environment of nurses and fostering the delivery of inter-professional care.

The application process is open to any organization that employs nurses for the purpose of delivering health care services in any of the following sectors/settings in Ontario: hospitals, Long-Term Care Homes, home health care/community health, public health, primary care and correctional facilities. This initiative is part of HealthForceOntario, the province's strategy to ensure that Ontarians have access to the right number and mix of qualified healthcare providers, now and in the future. The link to the application for this initiative can be found on the HealthForceOntario website <http://www.healthforceontario.ca>.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa Burkoski".

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