

## **Public Health Association of Nova Scotia (PHANS) 2014 Public Health Champion Award**



**Debbie Smith (PHANS President) and Janet Braunstein Moody**

**The Public Health Association of Nova Scotia is very pleased to honor Janet Braunstein Moody with the Annual Nova Scotia Public Health Champion Award for 2014.**

Janet Braunstein Moody is an enthusiastic champion for public health and the health of Nova Scotians. Over the past ten years, her work to renew the public health system in Nova Scotia had been outstanding. This is clearly evident through her various positions in the Department of Health; as Senior Policy Analyst, Priorities and Planning Secretariat; Senior Director, Planning and Evaluation, Central Region Health Board; and most recently as Senior Director, Population Health, and Public Health Renewal, Department of Health and Wellness. In all positions, she has provided outstanding leadership, embraced innovation and creative thinking and demonstrated exceptional commitment, working tirelessly to implement public health policies, practices and community collaborations to improve health and benefit all Nova Scotians.

Janet successfully coordinated the major review of the public health system, providing the foundation for a major investment of funds to rebuild Public Health. The resulting report, *The Renewal of Public Health in Nova Scotia: Building a Public Health System to Meet the Needs of Nova Scotians* contained 21 recommendations aimed at promoting the health of all Nova Scotians. Under Janet's innovative leadership, all recommendations were adopted by government. Utilizing Theory U and Participatory Leadership, examples of innovation, she successfully led the renewal process. The development of public health performance standards were an integral part of Public Health renewal, and an example of Janet's commitment to improving the health of Nova Scotians. The mid-course review report (2011) documented significant progress: a clear process for implementing renewal actions; the establishment of a consolidated provincial structure; clear leadership for public health and health promotion activities; identification of a strategic vision/direction for public health; and, creation of a desire and readiness for government, public health practitioners and community collaborators to move forward together to improve population health.

Janet's dedication to widespread growth of the public health profession is further evident through her work with various Canadian Public Health Association and American Public Health Association initiatives; federal, territorial, and provincial projects; academic partner strategic alliances; and her continuous support of learning and development of public health professionals.