

COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

24 and 25 November, 2023

**CPSS/SMA Boardroom
2174 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK**

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan operates under an explicit set of governance policies. It strives to make its work as transparent as possible to the medical profession and to the general public.

Those portions of Council's deliberations that are not confidential are open to observation by any person subject to space availability in the meeting room.

At the conclusion of each Council meeting an Executive Summary of the meeting is widely distributed to the district medical associations, related organizations and the public media. This Executive Summary provides a brief overview of issues discussed, decisions made and/or actions taken by the Council. If any person wishes more detailed information about any of the issues which are not subject to confidentiality constraints, these can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sue Waddington, Executive Assistant to the Registrar, at 101 – 2174 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 6M6, phone (306) 244 7355, Fax (306) 244 2600, or via email at OfficeOfTheRegistrar@cps.sk.ca.

1. Council acknowledged that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional territory and home of the Cree, Dakota, Saulteaux and Métis Nations. We would like to affirm our relationship with one another now and for the future, and our role in guiding the profession to achieve the highest standards of care to benefit all people in this territory equally.
2. Council adopted the agenda for the Open Session as presented. Council agreed to the redaction of identifiers and victim impact statements with respect to the Dr. J. Leontowicz matter.
3. Council reviewed and approved the Minutes from the Friday 22 September, 2023 Open Session of the meeting of Council.
4. Council received a detailed report from Mr. Bryan Salte on actions taken in relation to the "For Action Items" from the previous meeting and highlighted some items that had been outstanding for some considerable time. There was a recommendation that those items be reviewed in advance of the January meeting.
5. Council reviewed and approved Monitoring Reports from the Registrar with respect to:
 - (a) The Registrar's Advancement of Council's END - 6 – Professionally Led Regulation; and

(b) The Registrar's Compliance with Council's Executive Limitation Policies pertaining to:

- (i) EL – 14 – Development of Policies Governing the Practice of Medicine;
- (ii) EL - 15 – Approval of Externally Generated Policies Governing the Practice of Medicine.

6. Council amended Administrative Bylaw 4.1 to allow Council to appoint the Dean of the College of Medicine as a member of Council.
7. Council appointed Dr. P. Smith as a member of Council until December 31, 2023 and appointed Dr. M. Baetz as a member of Council effective January 1, 2024.
8. Council accepted the joint recommendation for penalty with respect to Dr. J. Leontowicz. He was suspended for four years, retroactive to June 20, 2019 rendering the entire suspension served. The issue of costs will be addressed at a future meeting.
9. Council considered and adopted in principle for the purpose of stakeholder consultation the draft amended policy on Prescribing: Access to PIP or the eHR viewer. The consultation will be sent to physicians in January with an intention to report back to Council in March 2024.
10. Council adopted the amendment to Bylaw 19.1 by adding paragraph h.1 to allow physicians to prescribe Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) to palliative patients without meeting all of the usual requirements to prescribe OAT.
11. Council approved an amendment to Bylaw 19.1 in principle for the purpose of stakeholder consultation, to include an expectation that physicians seeking permission to prescribe buprenorphine as maintaining prescribers will sign an agreement to follow the OAT Standards and Guidelines.
12. Council considered information about the results of the randomized data collection process relating to the Medical Practice Coverage policy and physician clinics' compliance with expectations relating to after-hours care. The Council directed that CPSS staff will provide feedback to physician clinics contacted during the data collection process that were and were not fully compliant with the policy expectations of voicemail messages describing how to access after-hours care.
13. Council approved the amended Medical Practice Coverage Policy in principle for the purpose of stakeholder consultation. The consultation will be sent to physicians in January with an intention to report back to Council in March 2024.
14. Council approved the amended Responsibility for a Medical Practice Policy in principle for the purpose of stakeholder consultation. The consultation will be sent to physicians in January with an intention to report back to Council in March 2024.
15. Council retired the Ultrasound for Non-Medical Reasons Policy.

16. Council referred bylaw 3.1, the questions used for renewal of physician's licences, to the Registration Committee for further review.
17. Council referred the Licensure of Physicians to Work in Limited Roles Policy to the Registration Committee for further review. The committee will have the ability to add additional members as deemed necessary.
18. Council approved the Conscientious Objection Policy in its current form with a sunset date of 5 years, but directed that an updated version of the policy with links to resources be returned for Council's consideration at the January meeting.
19. Council adopted a resolution respecting Dr. Mugerwa which included amending the previous order, accepting his undertaking not to practise until the January Council meeting and also expressing an expectation that Dr. Mugerwa will complete the Drexel program and the PLAS examination.
20. The Prescribing Benzodiazepines and Z-Drugs Practice Standard was adopted with a change from "should" to "must" in paragraph 1.8.2.
21. Council appointed Chairs to the Transfusion Medicine Committee and the Program Management Committee of the Laboratory Quality Assurance Program.
22. Council approved the College withdrawing staff efforts from Objective 2 identified in document Info 216_23. There was an expectation that the College would develop a tool for physician risk assessment that would include both community and physician factors.
23. Governance Policy EL-6 was amended to clarify that the College can notify the public if a physician is required to complete a specified continuing education or remediation program (SCERP) that includes a restriction on a physician's practice.
24. Bylaw 37.1 was amended to state that the College will include information about a SCERP in a certificate of professional conduct.
25. Council confirmed the decision of the Quality of Care Advisory Committee and dismissed an appeal brought by an individual who had complained to the College about medical care provided by his physician.
26. Council approved the assessment program for clinical assistants to work at the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency as set out in document Info 231_23.
27. Council amended GP-8 pertaining to Council and Committee expenses.
28. Council amended the Licensure of Physicians to Work in Limited Roles Policy to allow the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, in addition to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, to propose an assessment process for clinical assistants.

29. Council received a report from Mr. Salte with respect to the status of bylaws. All bylaws previously adopted by the Council are in effect.
30. Council considered a PIC report and accepted the recommendation of the committee, declining to lay charges of unprofessional conduct against a physician.

Council directed the Registrar to send a letter of concern to the physician arising from inappropriate conversations in an operating room in a hospital.
31. Council approved the prelicensure proposal for anesthesiology from the Saskatchewan Health Authority as set out in document Info 232_23.
32. Council approved written reasons for its decision at the September meeting to not lay charges against a physician.
33. Council laid a charge of unprofessional conduct against a physician pertaining to amending patient charts as a result of a review by the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee (JMPRC).
34. Council asked Dr. Mueller and Dr. Meiers to write a DocTalk article dealing with forced organ harvesting.
35. Council approved a draft reprimand pertaining to Dr. M. Horri. The reprimand was administered in person to Dr. Horri during the meeting. A copy of the written reprimand will be provided to Dr. Horri and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
36. Council approved a draft reprimand pertaining to Dr. El-fellani Mohammed. Dr. El-fellani Mohammed will be required to attend the January meeting of Council for the administration of the reprimand. The reprimand will be provided to Dr. Mohammed and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
37. Council approved a draft reprimand pertaining to Dr. K. Insley. The reprimand will be provided to Dr. Insley and her legal counsel and posted on the College website.
38. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to the penalty hearing for Dr. El-fellani Mohammed. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Mohammed and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
39. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to the penalty hearing for Dr. K. Insley. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Insley and her legal counsel and posted on the College website.
40. Council was provided an update on the proposed draft legislation *The Regulated Health Professions Act*, for information and to confirm the issues to be raised in the CPSS response to the consultation process.
41. Council was provided information with respect to Ms. S. Mannala who is the 2023 recipient of the Dr. Werner Wohlfarth Memorial Leadership Award. Ms. Mannala will join Council as an observer for its 2024 meetings.

42. Ms. Torrance reported on the status of discipline files.
43. Council received an update on the status of Quality of Care cases from the Deputy Registrar, Dr. Werner Oberholzer.
44. Mr. Salte provided the list of the For Action Items pertaining to the work of Council.