



COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

19 and 20 January, 2024

**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.
3. Council reviewed and approved the Minutes from the Friday 24 November, 2023 Open Session of the meeting of Council.
4. Council received a report from Mr. Bryan Salte on actions taken in relation to the "For Action Items" from the previous meeting.
5. Council disbanded the Informatics Committee.
6. Council rescinded its previous decision that there be a distinguished service award.
7. Council directed the issue of inappropriate billing by physicians be added to the next agenda of the CPSS/SMA Executive meeting.

8. Council directed the Committee dealing with aging physicians meet prior to the next meeting to establish Terms of Reference for approval at the March meeting.

Council appointed additional members to the committee, namely, Dr. Stoneham, Dr. Mircea, Mr. Chabot, Dr. Meiers, Dr. Kanagaratnam and Mr. O'Soup.
9. Council approved an extension of time to the March meeting for Dr. Mugerwa to provide evidence that he has regained skill and knowledge to practise.
10. Council reviewed and approved Monitoring Reports from the Registrar with respect to:
 - (a) The Registrar's Advancement of Council's END – 1 – The Mission of the College;
 - (b) The Registrar's Advancement of Council's END – 2 – Public Protection;
 - (c) The Registrar's Compliance with Council's Executive Limitation Policies pertaining to:
 - (i) EL - 1 -General Executive Constraint;
 - (ii) EL - 2 - Treatment of Staff; and,
 - (iii) EL- 6 - Interaction with Members of the Public.
11. Council removed the item titled FMRAC Framework on Opioids from the deferred agenda.
12. Council directed that the committee that has been appointed to conduct a sunset review of the policy "Prescribing: Access to the Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) or electronic Health Record (eHR) Viewer" also review the "Physicians Accessing Patient Specific Information from Electronic Databases Policy" and bring recommendations to the March meeting.
13. Council adopted amendments to Regulatory Bylaw 19.1 pertaining to Prescribing Methadone or Buprenorphine for Concurrent Palliative Pain Management and Opioid Use Disorder.
14. Council adopted amendments to Regulatory Bylaw 2.1 pertaining to Eligibility to Vote in Council Elections.
15. Council approved two paramedic protocols namely, Primary Closure of Simple Wounds by ACPs and Administration of Oxytocin by PCPs following a request from the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics.
16. Council declined to provide ongoing funding for the CME Wellness Lead role.
17. Council conducted a penalty hearing for Dr. B. Sperling pertaining to his breach of an undertaking.

Mr. Salte made submissions on behalf of the Registrar's Office and Mr. Hirschfeld provided submissions on behalf of Dr. Sperling. Council imposed penalty consisting of a written reprimand and payment of costs. Reasons for the decision will be drafted and considered at the March meeting.

18. Council approved constituting a committee to draft guiding principles for dealing with penalties for breaches of undertaking.
19. Council adopted amendments in principle for the purpose of consultation to Regulatory Bylaw 23.1 pertaining to medical records to clarify the appropriate process to alter medical.
20. Council adopted amendments in principle for the purpose of consultation to Regulatory Bylaw 8.1 pertaining to unprofessional conduct to clarify that the alteration of medical records, unless done in accordance with bylaw 23.1, is unprofessional conduct.
21. Council approved a pilot project for the use of a Victim Support Specialist for discipline hearings.
22. Council approved the appointment of Dr. D. McCarville to the Joint Medical Professional Review Committee.
23. Council approved resource links to be added to the Conscientious Objection Policy previously approved at the November 2023 meeting.
24. Council reviewed the current funding for the Prescription Review Program and approved the plan for funding until the final budget allocation is provided by the Ministry for the 2024-2025 budget year.
25. Council conducted a penalty hearing for Dr. W. Sheikh pertaining to his breach of an undertaking.

Mr. Thompson made submissions on behalf of the Registrar's Office. Ms. Holliday made submissions on behalf of Dr. Sheikh. Council imposed penalty consisting of a written reprimand and payment of costs. Reasons for the decision will be drafted and considered at the March meeting.

26. Council received a report from Mr. Salte with respect to the status of bylaws. All bylaws previously adopted by the Council are in effect other than those adopted at the November 2023 meeting.
27. Council reappointed members to the following committees:

Advisory Committee on Medical Imaging
The Quality Assurance Committee for Anatomic Pathology
The Quality Assurance Committee for Chemistry
The Quality Assurance Committee for Hematology
The Quality Assurance Committee for Microbiology
The Quality Assurance Committee for Transfusion Medicine
Laboratory Quality Assurance Program Management Committee
Quality of Care Advisory Committee
Practice Enhancement Program Committee
Finance & Audit Committee
Health Facilities Credentialing Committee
Nominating Committee
Legislative Review Committee



Expert Advisory Committee on Blood-Borne Communicable Diseases
Registration Committee
Truth & Reconciliation Committee
Diversity & Bias Committee
Compensation and Benefits Committee
Discipline Committee

28. Council undertook an educational session on Anti-Racism provided by the Prairie Centre for Racial Justice.
29. Council approved amending the terms of Dr. J. Velestuk's undertaking to remove his practice restrictions, which include practising under supervision and limited prescribing of PRP medications, as well as a change to his health undertaking pertaining to regular contact with his psychiatrist.
30. Council upheld the Registrar's decision to not extend a physician's licensure past 31 March 2024.
31. Council received reports on the updated CPSS Implementation Plan. Further detail on Goal #4 Optimal Physician Prescribing of Opioids was provided by Ms. Nicole Bootsman.
32. Council approved amendments to the Regulatory Bylaws to allow physicians to obtain a regular licence if they hold American Board certification with USMLE.
33. Council approved a request to amend the terms of Dr. N. Tandon's penalty order to allow him to practise as a surgical assistant and to allow him additional time to pay the costs order.
34. Council conducted a penalty hearing for Dr. J. Leontowicz pertaining to costs.

Ms. Wempe made submissions on behalf of the Registrar's Office and Mr. Alcorn made submissions on behalf of Dr. Leontowicz. Council imposed penalty comprising of payment of costs.
35. Council administered an in-person reprimand to Dr. El-fellani Mohammed as part of the penalty imposed at the September 2023 meeting.
36. Council approved the minutes of the Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November, 2023 closed meeting of Council.
37. Council considered a PIC report pertaining to inappropriate comments made to a patient and referred the matter to the Executive Committee to consider re-drafted charges.
38. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to Dr. Mugerwa. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Mugerwa and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.

39. Council considered a PIC report and laid charges of unprofessional conduct against a physician pertaining to the care provided to a patient, inappropriate conduct with a patient, inappropriate comments made to a patient, text messages sent to a potential witness, alteration of medical records and breach of undertaking. Full charges will be posted on the College website.
40. 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 a physician.
41. Council considered a PIC report and declined to lay charges of unprofessional conduct against a physician pertaining to billing practices.
42. Council considered a PIC report pertaining to failing to meet the obligations of a Medical Director of a diagnostic imaging facility and failing to exercise appropriate oversight over the facility, and referred the matter to the Executive Committee for consideration of appropriate charges.
43. Ms. Torrance reported on the status of discipline files.
44. Council received an update on the status of Quality of Care cases from the Deputy Registrar, Dr. Werner Oberholzer.
45. Council considered a PIC report and laid a charge of unprofessional conduct against a physician pertaining to an allegation that he provided inaccurate or misleading information to a patient in the context of a foreign body being left in the patient.

Synoptic charges will be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee.

The President and/or Registrar will meet with the physician.

46. Mr. Salte provided the list of the For Action Items pertaining to the work of Council.
47. Council held elections to its executive positions. The following members were appointed to the Executive Committee:

President:	Dr. Alan Beggs
Vice President:	Dr. Jorgen Maslany
Members at Large:	Mr. Burton O'Soup (public)
	Mr. L. Chabot (public)
	Dr. Oladapo Mabadeje
	Dr. Sarah Mueller