



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

of the

21st JUNE, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF SASKATCHEWAN

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 Robinson, Executive Assistant to the Registrar, at 500, 321A – 21st Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 0C1, phone (306) 667-4625, Fax (306) 244-2600, or email OfficeOfTheRegistrar@cps.sk.ca

1. Council received and discussed Monitoring Reports from the Registrar in respect to:
 - (a) The Registrar's advancement of Council's End 4 – Healthy Public Policy, and
 - (b) The Registrar's compliance with Council's Executive Limitations policies pertaining to:
 - (i) EL 11 – Public Image
 - (ii) EL 12 – Partnerships and Interorganisational Relationships, and
 - (iii) EL 13 – Information Management
2. Council received a request from Minister Dustin Duncan for advance notice of competency committee appointments and suspension. Council directed the Registrar to

communicate with the Ministry, to explain under which circumstances the College would be allowed to communicate information of this nature.

3. Council received a report from the Director of Registration Services regarding physicians failing to meet MainPro or Maintenance of Certification requirements.
4. Council received a Registration Committee update from the Chair of the committee Dr. Grant Stoneham and endorsed three recommendations from the committee namely:
 - (i) To amend the registration bylaws to expand the circumstances in which physicians seeking an educational licence will be required to demonstrate English language proficiency. Such physicians will be required to demonstrate English language proficiency unless they have taken their medical education and their patient experience in one of the countries identified by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada as having English as a first or native language; and,
 - (ii) To adopt the Registration Committee's recommendation that "The candidate must provide an explanation for any and all periods of three consecutive months or more that were spent away from discipline-specific training or practice, for the entire professional life time" as a CPSS Registration Policy.
 - (iii) Physicians must demonstrate currency of practice at the date of submission of eligibility review document to CPSS. If the currency of practice expires during review of information by the registration staff the applicant may be offered one opportunity to participate in the first iteration of the SIPPA assessment that occurs after the CPSS has determined that the applicant meets all registration requirements and has issued a letter of ruling to the applicant.

If the physician defers and does not participate in the next iteration of SIPPA or if the physician is not selected to participate in SIPPA the opportunity is lost and may not be extended.

If the physician defers participation in SIPPA, is not selected for the next iteration of SIPPA or attempts SIPPA and is unsuccessful in the SIPPA assessment, the physician must refresh the currency of practice in order to re-apply for the SIPPA program.
5. Council reviewed a Joint Statement between the College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPSS) and the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association (SRNA) on Clinical Protocols and provided its approval.
6. Council considered a report from the Associate Registrar with respect to bylaw development for registration bylaws. Council determined that it would set up a special committee for the purpose of developing registration bylaws as a result of the recent amendments to *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*. It was also determined that representation from the Ministry and the SMA would be sought to join this special committee,

7. Council received a report from the Associate Registrar with respect to Preliminary Inquiry Committees with the recommendation that Preliminary Inquiry Committees should be encouraged to videotape interviews and that the College should purchase the appropriate equipment to permit this. Council supported this recommendation.
8. Council received an update on the Annual General Meeting from the Chair of the committee Dr. Tilak Malhotra. It agreed that it would conduct an educational session in September, open to the public, focusing on prescription drug abuse.
9. Council conducted a penalty hearing pursuant to Section 54, and determined that Dr. Assem Sultan El-Sayed would receive a reprimand, that he would be suspended from the privileges of a duly qualified medical practitioner for a period of one month waived upon his participation in a Registrar-approved medical ethics course to be taken within six months and that he be required to pay costs in the amount of \$400.
10. Council was scheduled to conduct a hearing pertaining to Dr. D. Couture pursuant to Section 55 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981 as a result of Dr. Couture's conviction on 2 criminal charges*. The Section 55 hearing was cancelled after Dr. Couture resigned as a member of the College and signed an undertaking not to practice medicine in the future.
11. Council considered a report from the Associate Registrar with respect to a request for clarification respecting physicians in walk in clinics who provide care to patients with chronic conditions. The general consensus was the current policy should be reviewed and amended to include an expectation that clinics providing episodic care who see patients on an ongoing basis for a chronic medical condition should be expected to provide longitudinal care to such patients. Council determined it would establish a committee to develop a policy addressing clinics which are established to provide episodic care but which provide ongoing care to patients with chronic conditions.
12. Council received a report from the Registrar pertaining to the paramedic protocol *Primary Care Paramedic: Scope of Practice Changes*. Council directed the Registrar to seek additional input from Council physician members and bring the policy back for consideration in September.
13. Council conducted a penalty hearing pertaining to Dr. A. Ali pursuant to Section 54 of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*. Council imposed the following penalty.
 1. Pursuant to section 54(1)(a) of *The Medical Profession Act, 1981*, Dr. Amjad Ali's name be struck from the register;
 2. Pursuant to section 54(1)(i), Dr. Amjad Ali is directed to pay the costs of and incidental to the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$48,856.11 payable immediately.
14. Council received a report from the Associate Registrar in relation to Dr. Amjad Ali and determined it would lay charges of unprofessional conduct against him.
15. Council received a report from the Associate Registrar with respect to physicians who provided inaccurate information about their enrolment in MainPro or Maintenance of Certification. Council directed the Registrar to send a letter expressing Council's

displeasure with the eighteen individuals who incorrectly attested during their licensure renewal in 2012.

Council also gave direction to the Associate Registrar to draft an administrative bylaw to be discussed at the September meeting regarding the application of a fee for the assessment of CPD requirements for revalidation.

16. Council considered a Preliminary Inquiry Committee report pertaining to Dr. George Miller and laid a charge of unprofessional conduct against Dr. Miller.
17. Council considered a Preliminary Inquiry Committee report pertaining to Dr. Ahmed Galal and laid a charge of unprofessional conduct against Dr. Galal.
(Charge withdrawn June 21, 2014)
18. Council received a report from the Associate Registrar and reviewed the activities of legal counsel at the College of Physicians and Surgeons on the outstanding discipline investigations.
19. The second day of Council's deliberations were spent in an exercise of strategic planning.