



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**of the**

**17 & 18 JANUARY, 2014 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 21<sup>st</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 0C1, phone (306) 667 4625, Fax (306) 244 2600, or email [OfficeOfTheRegistrar@cps.sk.ca](mailto: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 1 – The Mission of the College, and
  - (b) The Registrar's compliance with End 2 – Public Protection, and
  - (c) The Registrar's compliance with Council's Executive Limitation policies pertaining to:
    - (i) EL - 1 – General Executive Constraint, and
    - (ii) EL – 2 – Treatment of Staff, and
    - (iii) EL – 6 – Interaction with Members of the Public
2. Council received a report from the working group on the Prescriptive Authority for Pharmacists. Council received and reviewed an email from the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists' Registrar that indicated that the recommendations made by the working group which included the College of Physicians and Surgeons' representatives was only partially accepted by the Council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists.

Some of the concerns that had been raised by the College of Physicians and Surgeons' members on the working group were not accepted. The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons will articulate its concerns to the Council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists.

3. Council received a report from the Associate Registrar with respect to payment of Council and committee honorarium. As a result of a challenge by Canada Revenue Agency to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons will pay honoraria and expenses to individuals and not to professional corporations in order to meet legal requirements.
4. Council received a report from the working group on regulation of office procedures and determined that it would consider how it can regulate a number of these procedures, including the use of fillers, Botox, hair transplantation and laser use. Council established a Committee to prepare a discussion paper for consideration at the March Council meeting.
5. Council received an update from the Registrar with respect to a number of policies that were rescinded after recommendation by the Health Facilities Credentialing Committee. Additional information is being sought to determine whether new policies or guidelines need to be developed for those procedures that are not carried out within a regional health facility but may be done within private clinics and/or facilities.
6. Council received a report from registration services with respect to possible extension of licensure for several physicians who are either seeking re-training opportunities in order to re-establish their eligibility to write the Royal College examinations or to be considered for a summative assessment. Council approved extensions to those physicians' licences. Council also received an update on licensure restrictions applied to the licence of a physician who was successful in a summative assessment but was found to be deficient in one particular domain of practice.
7. Council received a report from the Director of registration services on permanent provisional licensure and the requirement to have LMCC.
8. Council received an update from the working group of the committee that dealt with the policy on Clinics Established to Provide Episodic Care but Which Provide Ongoing Care to Patients with Chronic Conditions.
9. Council received a number of updates from a number of working groups pertaining to:
  - (i) Report of the committee on the Conflict of Interest Policy
  - (ii) Report of the committee on the Sexual Boundaries Policy
  - (iii) Report on the committee on confidentiality.

Council adopted the Sexual Boundaries Policy with a minor amendment and provided direction with respect to the other two policies.

10. Council received a report from Dr. Tilak Malhotra, the Chair of the Annual General Meeting Committee. Council provided feedback to the committee relating to its preference of the date and time for the meeting and potential topics.
11. Council reviewed a report from the Health Quality Council of Alberta on a *Continuity of Patient Care study*. This report is the result of a review carried out by the Health Quality Council of Alberta subsequent to a tragic outcome of a patient's journey through the Healthcare system.
12. Council received a report from the Director of registration services with respect to a Bylaw change adopted in August 2013 pertaining to an English language requirement for CARMS applicants.

Council was advised that due to an error in posting the information in a timely fashion to the CARMS website, some applicants may not have challenged the English language proficiency examination contemplated by the College's bylaw. The College of Medicine and CARMS were advised that applicants should proceed with the application process even if they have not challenged the English language proficiency examination. The College will continue to work collaboratively with the College of Medicine and any affected applicants who are matched to a Saskatchewan residency program.

13. Council received an update from the Registrar on the FMRAC Annual General Meeting which will be held in Saskatoon from 8 to 10 June, 2014. The topic is *Regulatory Leadership in an E-Health Era*.
14. Council received an update on the status of Bylaws from the Associate Registrar.
15. The Deputy Registrar provided an update and a live demonstration of the new website.
16. Council appointed members to a number of College committees and re-affirmed members who were eligible for re-appointment.
17. Council received a detailed report from the Associate Registrar on the development of new registration bylaws as a result of the legislative amendments and provided direction respecting content of those bylaws.
18. Council received a report with respect to the building which is being developed with the Saskatchewan Medical Association.
19. Council reviewed a Preliminary Inquiry Report pertaining to Dr. N. Maree and considered additional information and laid four charges of unprofessional conduct which allege that she provided false information and documentation to the College, wrote a prescription in the name of a patient who was not intended to receive the medication and attempted to fill that prescription herself.
20. Council reviewed a report from the Associate Registrar and appointed a Preliminary Investigation committee to investigate an allegation that three physicians inappropriately accessed patient information and used it to notify patients of a change in practice location.

21. Council reviewed a report on the status of outstanding discipline investigations.
22. Council elected Dr. Mark Chapelski as President, and Dr. Pierre Hanekom as Vice President. Members at Large elected were Mr. Graeme Mitchell (public member), Dr. Grant Stoneham and Dr. Suresh Kasset.
23. Council continued work on its Strategic Plan.
24. Council determined the Executive committee would work on a self-evaluation process for Council.