

# Highlights of the September 26, 2014 Meeting of Council



The September 26, 2014 Council Meeting was held at the SCoP office; eight members of Council attended in person and one sent regrets.

## Registration Process

### National Exam

- National exam rates were shared with Council.
- Pass rates continue to be strong for both PCP and ACP sittings.
- COPR fees to regulators will increase in 2015. COPR has an updated budget to ensure adequate reserves and a stronger foundation, which includes a risk-management plan. The COPR budget was circulated to Council.

### EMR Exam

- Training institutions have provided additional tutoring. Instructors teach the protocols but may not be as explicit in their teaching as is required. SCoP will continue to actively assess and monitor student success rates.

### Jurisprudence Exam

- The College is going to examine the possibility of collaborating with the Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) group to deliver a jurisprudence exam as a group. Common areas of interest include the Health Information Protection Act (HIPA).

## Scope of Practice and Protocols

### PCP Scope of Practice

- 202 members are currently licenced at the PCP 2011 level
- It can take up to two weeks to process an application if the information is complete. Less than 10 people are in the queue right now.
- Services are overseeing IVs and the performance of the members operating under the new scope. PCP members are not always responding to the most serious calls so the opportunity to start IVs is sometimes limited.
- Respiratory medications continue to be in use; Narcan to a lesser degree.

### Appeal to Court of Queen's Bench

- The College is appealing the Court of Queen's Bench decision.

### MFI Research Project

- Research Project re: Medication Facilitated Intubation (MFI)
  - The College was approached by a Saskatoon physician to provide data to support an MFI research initiative regarding patient outcomes. This involved a partnership between SCoP, the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority, the University of Saskatchewan Department of Medicine, and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.
  - SCoP has prepared a data sharing agreement (DSA) for review by the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority. There will be no secondary linkage of data (researchers cannot use this data for another project later). The researcher is also required to provide SCoP with a copy of the finished project document.
  - The researcher will come to Regina to work in the College office. The College will segregate files from the College network.
- The College is considering future research collaborations

## SCoP Council and Committees

### SCoP Strategic Plan Update

- Would like to select a date for a strategic planning session early in 2015.
- One day session, possibly back to back with the next Council meeting.

### Administrative tribunal training

- Planning for February.

### Executive Committee

- Approved two licence extensions to allow for completion of the national exam (x2 sittings)

### Education Committee

- Minutes of the last meeting were circulated to Council. Next meeting is October 15, 2014.

### Audit Committee

- Minutes of the last meeting were circulated to Council.

### Professional Conduct Committee

- New public representative is Lori Hutchison-Hunter.

- October 20, 2014 hearing scheduled in Regina.
- Have received one new complaint.
- Three investigations have been resolved with CCRA's (consensual complaint resolution agreements)
- Two investigations were dismissed with letters of guidance.
- One investigation is ongoing.
- One investigation was referred to the Deputy Minister of Justice.

#### Discipline Committee

- Donna Morris and Braden White were appointed to the committee by Council as Members at Large.

#### Nominations Committee

- Still seeking one more public representative for the Nominations Committee.

#### Legislation & Bylaws Committee

- Met on September 25, 2014
- Reviewed resolutions accepted at the 2014 AGM
  - Committee recommends that Council approve the implementation of the resolution regarding fee structure. Bylaw language has been drafted and will be sent to the Ministry of Health for consideration.
  - Will do research on the other AGM motion regarding licence levels.
- Obtaining a legal opinion regarding changes to HIPA that will support data sharing in Lloydminster (and other communities as required). Hoping to do this in collaboration with NIRO members.

## Stakeholder Meetings and Conferences

#### SCoP Annual General Meeting

- The College is collaborating with SEMSA on a keynote speaker.
- The Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon is booked for Monday, May 11 for SCoP's AGM. SEMSA's conference is Tuesday and Wednesday, with Tuesday more focused on education.
- Looking for suggestions on speakers. One being considered is a police chief from Washington, DC who lectures on PTSD and violence in the workplace.

#### Ministry of Health (MOH)

- Met with new Director of Cancer Services and EMS, Evan Ulmer.
- Discussed Lloydminster issue

- The College attended a meeting with the Lloydminster group.
- Have agreed to one scope of practice, and agreed it will be the Alberta scope of practice initially. SCoP members will be required to licence at the PCP 2011 NOCP level, which will exceed the requirement for the ACP scope. This allows SCoP licencing to continue within existing licence levels (we do not need to create a new licence for Lloydminster).
- Additional work will need to take place in Alberta to determine whether or not they can make regulatory changes to adopt the Saskatchewan transfer protocols. Alternatively, they can staff transfers (with monitoring) with ACP level practitioners and/or other health care providers.

#### Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) – the National Occupational Competency Profiles (NOCP) Steering Committee meeting update

- The last steering committee meeting was in Saskatoon. Progress continues with the working groups. Next meeting is in December.
- Hoping to have the new NOCPs ready for consultation by fall 2015
- Member liability insurance: the College has a bylaw that allows the College to mandate that members must have liability insurance. New changes to HIPA will make members more liable and this could affect the College, so the College is researching whether members should have insurance.
  - Health region EMS employees are typically covered by their employer’s insurance. Coverage while off duty is unknown.
  - More information will be gathered before the strategic planning session to provide to Council members.

#### CLEAR Conference Update

- Investigations and Research Coordinator attended the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) conference. CLEAR is an umbrella group for North American regulators. The Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA) and Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (SALPN) sent representation, as well as the Paramedic Association of New Brunswick and the Alberta College of Paramedics.
  - Sessions attended included:
    - Economic efficiency of self-regulation
    - The benefits and challenges of candor and transparency to members
    - Expanding the scope of practice relating to entry of practice
    - Factors impacting costs of exams
    - Inter-professional collaboration
    - Engaging effective methods for testing jurisprudence

- Regulatory agency discussion group: fitness to practice
- Testing (Does the exam delivery method—paper vs electronic—change the results? No difference in results)
- Social media