



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Friday November 27, 2020

Location: by Zoom, due to pandemic

Present: Kyle Sereda (President; departed 1030), Matt McGurk (Vice President), Mike Meyer, Tim Hillier (departed 0953), Jason Farago (Fire), Chris Fay (joined 0929), Bill Fischer (Past President; joined 0915), Karen Gibbons (Public Representative), Olumide Adetunji (Public Representative), , Jacquie Messer-Lepage (Executive Director), Collette Parks (Communications Coordinator), Rashed Al-Mamun (Policy and Research Analyst), Tosin Adewusi (intern from Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy), Louise Durnford (Director of Operations)

Regrets: Joel Gritzfeld (Public Representative), Jen Williams (Director of Professional Practice and Research)

1. Call to Order

- President called the meeting to order at 0903

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve agenda. **Matt/Tim. Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes September 25, 2020

MOTION: To approve minutes from September 25, 2020. **Karen/Matt. Carried.**

3.1 Business arising from the Minutes

ACTION ITEM	ACCOUNTABILITY	Status	TIMELINE
1. Create a retention and destruction policy and include discipline and consensual resolutions.	JML	Underway	Ongoing
2. Medicine Wheel Training/Indigenous Awareness	JML	Underway	Ongoing
3. Council to review the Terms of Reference of Committees.	Kyle et al	Underway	Ongoing

4. Progress on Strategic Priorities:

4.1 Strategic Outcomes Update

- Approved for federal grant
 - Grant is for international applicant project, but very applicable to our rural areas and the North for future considerations
 - Donning and Doffing videos have been launched through MedCast360
 - 28 Pandemic Emergency Licences. SHA looking for resources and the College has sent info out
 - 1382 renewals completed as of Nov 27. Substantially better than previous year
 - Public Engagement Project – first draft of an article is complete, to be submitted for publication in the Australian Journal of Paramedicine. Relates to perceptions around cost of EMS as a barrier to access.
 - Second article re: patient interpretations of the cost of calling an ambulance, and whether that perception led them to call or not call, and how that impacts population health
 - Professional Conduct Committee Analysis – College has received 159 total complaints since 2008.
 - Misconduct 2/3 (mostly inappropriate behaviour); Incompetence 1/3 (exceeding scope, or mistreatment). 69% were male members. 31% women (same gender proportion as membership). 82 reported by employer or colleague. 30 from public. The rest self-reported and other. 2/3 from urban, 1/3 rural. Largely 25–35-year-old group.
 - To date, in 2020, 21 complaints already; new website makes online submission of complaints easier. Not necessarily a reflection of more conduct issues
 - Risk management review: Olu is working on putting this together for Council
 - Stakeholder meetings ongoing by Zoom. Met with Ministry of Health a month ago.
 - Nominations have been posted on website.
 - Clinical knowledge: have put forward protocol changes. Swabbing, vaccinations have been approved.
 - Research capacity: since last Council meeting, have done several presentations. Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF), Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR). Electronic Health Record project still of interest
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- Participating in the development of standards with the Canadian Standards Association re: Paramedic Disability Management and a national Paramedic Data Information System
- Presented at the Mid-Year Council for Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) conference; Topic: cost impact of COVID from a regulator's perspective

4.2 COPR National Exam Results

- No update to report

4.3 EMR Exam Update

- Have been offering in person, in College office due to Sask Polytech building closure
- Pan Canadian EMR exam coming from COPR
- Exam results were circulated to Council

5. Additional Updates – Executive Director

5.1 Committee Reports for Information

5.1.1 Executive Committee

- No updates to report

5.3.2 Audit Committee

- Minutes from August 20, 2020 meeting were circulated to Council
- **MOTION:** To accept the 2021 budget as presented. **Mike/Olu. Carried.**

5.3.3 Legislation and Bylaws Committee

- No meeting since last Council meeting
- Omnibus bill from Network of Interprofessional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) has gone to the Ministry for consideration

5.3.4 Discipline Committee

- No public update

5.3.5 Professional Practice Committee (PPC)

- No meeting since last Council meeting
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5.3.6 Education Committee

- No meeting since last Council meeting

6. Meeting and Training Updates

6.1 Research/Funding Meetings

- a. ESDC Foreign Credential Recognition (ESDC_FCR) Grant approved
- b. Ministry of Immigration and Career Training Funding approved
- c. Patient Engagement project update: see update in 4.1
- d. Presentations/Articles:
 - Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation Health Research Week:
 - Feature article on SCoP Project: "360 Degree Immersive COVID Training for Paramedics"
 - SHRF Research Connections 2020: presented on immersive technology project
 - Saskatchewan Center for Patient Oriented Research (SCPOR) Research Showcase 2020: <https://www.skresearchshowcase.com/clinical-and-healthcare-research>
 - PCC White Paper Study: Informing the Future of Paramedicine in Canada
 - Canadian Paramedic Response to COVID-19: Justice Institute of BC Study (Ron Bowles)
 - Canadian National Association of Regulators COVID 19 Panel Participant

7. Other/New Business:

7.1 COPR General Update: EMR Examination Development

- 5 provinces have EMR licence level; all want a pan-Canadian exam
- EMR training is very inconsistent. Licensing is based on NOCP, but training is from 100 to 160 hours of training depending on location
- National Exam will help to standardize one entry to practice requirement for this licensing level

7.2 Scope of Practice updates

- Transport Ventilators: currently under review; CPSS must approve in order to implement change
 - Vaccinations: currently within scope of practice for PCP and greater
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7.3 Renewal Early Bird Draw Winners

- Colin Niebergall
- Jenny Paton

7.4 Cabinet Shuffle

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7451491/scott-moe-new-saskatchewan-cabinet-donna-harpauer-woman-deputy-premier/>

- Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister of Health
- Hon. Everett Hindley, Minister of Rural and Remote Health

8. In Camera Session

8.1 Council Item(s) with ED

8.2 Council Item(s): ED excused for this portion of meeting

8. Adjournment: Next Council Meeting date February 26, 2021

MOTION: To adjourn at 1205. **Matt.**
