



Council Highlights

84th Council Meeting

June 24, 2016

Hello Everyone;

I trust you are all enjoying this summer.

I am sending this email to provide you with some of the highlights of the most recent Council meeting held on June 24, 2016. The agenda for this meeting included a wide range of items.

Presentation by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Allison Henry, Acting Director – Health System Labour Relations and Regulatory Policy Branch and Stephen Cheng, Acting Manager, Regulatory Policy Unit provided Council with an informative update on the current strategic direction and health care system transformation as they relate to Health Workforce Planning and Regulatory Affairs. Allison and Stephen highlighted the “Patients First” commitment incorporated into the current strategic directions.

Resources that provide a more detailed explanation of some of these initiatives can be found at:

Proposal to strengthen patient-centred care in Ontario:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/bulletin/2015/hb_20151217.aspx

Roadmap to strengthen Home and Community Care:

<https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2015/5/patients-first.html>

Patients First Action Plan for Health Care:

http://health.gov.on.ca/en/ms/ecfa/healthy_change/

Election of Executive Committee for 2016-2017

Council elected the following individuals to the Executive Committee:

Mr. Hanno Weinberger, President

Mr. Michael Vout Jr., Vice President

Dr. Ivan McFarlane, Member-at-Large

Mr. Luc Tran, Member-at-Large

Approval of Committee Slate for 2016-2017

Council considered and approved the slate for College Committee membership for 2016-2017. Many of these Committees have non-Council members of the profession on them. Council is grateful for the participation of these members of the profession in this aspect of professional self-regulation.

Proposed By-law Changes – Transparency Initiative Phase 2

In December 2015, following consultation with the profession, Council implemented College By-law changes that were aimed at increasing transparency through modifying the information that is available on the public register. Phase 2 of these changes was considered by Council. These changes pertain primarily to the posting of information on the public register related to verbal cautions and specified continuing education or remedial program (SCERP) orders. Council has referred the proposed changes to the membership for comment and consultation. Please keep an eye out for this consultation that will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Standard of Practice: Record Keeping

You will have received notice about this item in an email sent last week. Council considered comments and requests by the membership and member associations regarding a proposal to delay the implementation of the Standard of Practice: Record Keeping. Council recognized the complexity of all of the elements of the Standard and voted to suspend the implementation of the Standard until January 1, 2017. In the interim, the College will continue to provide resources and education around the elements contained in the Standard.

Draft Financial Statements

Council considered and approved the draft financial statements for 2015-2016. These statements will be published in the 2016 Annual Report this fall.

Strategic and Financial Planning

Council elected to consider developing a formal strategic plan for the College. Council recognized the value in having a strategic plan that would help to focus the efforts and resources of the College on specific targets and objectives. In conjunction with this, Council is also undertaking to develop a long-term financial plan for the College that will include an examination of all of the pieces of the College's financial picture.

I'll be happy to provide you with further updates as these planning processes move along.

As you can see, Council considers a broad range of topics at its meetings. I trust these brief summaries are useful and provide you with a picture of some of the initiatives and discussions that are occupying Council right now.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like further information.

Best regards,

Sincerely,



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Registrar and CEO