



Summary of the June 17, 2016 Meeting of Council

The June 17, 2016 Council Meeting was held at the SCoP office with a teleconference option made available. Five members of Council attended and four sent their regrets.

1. Call to Order

Jason Trask called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Addition of item 6.1 Restricted Licences

Motion: To approve agenda with above addition. **Kyle, Olu. Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2016

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. **Chris, Tom. Carried.**

4. Business Arising/Action Items

4.1 Executive Director Accountability Report

4.1.1 Criminal Record Report

- Report was circulated to Council.

4.1.2 Strategic Outcomes Update

Strategic Plan Progress Report was circulated to Council.

- Goal 1: engaged the Ministry of Health (MOH) about paramedic involvement in assisted dying legislation. MOH had not anticipated paramedics being involved, however paramedics could be dispatched to help if an assisted death doesn't go well.
 - Q: What happens if someone takes the medications in the wrong order or wrong amounts and can't finish? What if consent is revoked?
 - SCoP obtained a legal opinion which will be circulated to Council. Policy and direction is needed.
 - Members should not be involved with assisted death right now. They do not have any protection under the legislation. Nurses have been asked to not participate until Bill C 14 is passed.
 - SCoP asked legal counsel the following questions:
 - If a patient is struggling to die and EMS is called, can the paramedic administer any treatment? Does the paramedic have the legal authority to further assist the death through medication

administration or other? Does the paramedic have the right to refuse to offer treatment as a conscientious objector? Are there any implications regarding this legislation that members should be aware of?

- Paramedics do have the right to refuse treatment, but unsure of how the system will handle that. Health Regions/employers will have to create a plan around 911 calls that will need to address what happens if a paramedic is a conscientious objector.
- Question: although treatment would be protocol-driven, what happens if a paramedic is asked to start the IV?
 - Right now, members are not allowed to do this; only physicians can participate. Once Bill C-14 is finalized, paramedics would be covered but do they even want to be involved? Not enough is covered by scope right now.
 - The College will need to communicate and educate the members on this issue.
- Goal 2: At the International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine (IRCP) meeting in Saskatoon, Gary Wingrove arranged a meeting between SCoP, Defense Research and Development Canada, and US Homeland Security EMS Senior Advisor. Discussed a potential project to improve labour mobility across the Canada/US border.
 - The College equivalency process is very resource and time-consuming. We are applying for funding to initiate a project that will examine two states and two provinces and compare the differences in licencing, competency, scope, and look at the gaps, to create a compact between Canada and the US between those states and provinces.
- Member wellness committee: committee members are Dave Reed, Noel Dunn, Cheryl Solonenko, Karen Messer-Engel (Executive Director from the College of Psychologists), Nade Mayen, and Lindsay Holm.
- Confirmed a new (shared) Johnson Shoyama Policy Graduate Student for use by Saskatchewan Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (SAMRT), Saskatchewan College of Respiratory Therapists (SCRT), and SCoP.
- Set up meeting with Saskatchewan Association for Safe Workplaces in Health (SASWH) to explore potential opportunities for collaboration.
- Stakeholder engagement:
 - Critical Care Paramedic: SCoP will be creating a workplan on how to roll out the endorsement/licence level change.

- Focus groups: in the fall, before renewal starts. SCoP doesn't currently engage the public and we don't know what they know about us. Would like to conduct a social focus group/dialog. Ask questions like, "If you call an ambulance, what are you expecting?"
- iMIS and Webformz Project: have been working on revising and upgrading our online application forms (mandatory requirement).

4.1.3 COPR National Exam Results

- The Sask. Poly ACP program in Regina is not running in the fall. Saskatoon has 16 seats, 2 intakes per year.

4.1.4 EMR Exam Update

- SCoP reviewed the exam and modified the time allotted for writing to 3 hours from 2.5 hours. The exam content and reference to the textbooks was also reviewed and questions were evaluated based on whether they were testing reading comprehension, or knowledge.

4.2 Other

4.2.1 General

- 4.2.1.1** Investment Policy - The College will send out letters to firms at the end of June to request proposals for financial management.

4.3 Meeting and Training Updates

4.3.1.1 PESPC/PPC

- Provincial Emergency Services Practice Committee (PESPC) has been disbanded.
- The Professional Practice Committee (PPC) has not met yet, however terms of reference are in place (plan to schedule a meeting shortly). Advisory group will be smaller than the former PESPC committee; consultation group also exists. Plan to have 2 meetings per year.

- 4.3.1.2** IRCP meeting was held in Saskatoon in June. The meeting provided an opportunity for considerable discussion regarding community paramedicine around the world and within Canada.

5.1 Committee Reports

5.2 Executive Committee

- Four decisions were circulated to Council.
- Some members have restrictions for skills, which were three months long, and also for the exam, which is a six month restriction. It was very confusing for the member to determine when their licence actually expired. Some programs aren't offered in the summer, also making it difficult to meet requirements.
- Effective immediately licence extensions will be six months for gap training and examinations.

5.3 Education Committee

- Meets every three months.
- Completed Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for PCP 2011 NOCPs for renewal.
- Discussed challenges and changes with CPR, ACLS, and PALS certificates. Several online-only organizations are offering these certificates with no practical component. To get the card, the person needs to supply proof that the practical component has been completed.
- Renewing and revising CME Course approval process. **300 were processed last year.**

5.3 Audit Committee

- Minutes from the last meeting were circulated to Council.

5.4 Professional Conduct Committee

- Currently the PCC has 4 open files. 2015 had 15-19 complaints.

5.5 Discipline Committee

- Referred one file and potentially two members to Discipline Committee (DC).

5.6 Legislation and Bylaws Committee

- No update to report

5.7 Nominations Committee

- Sheldon Sept is recommended by the Nominations Committee to join the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) to replace Chris Fay, who was appointed to Council.



MOTION: To accept the committees as presented. **Kyle/Chris - Carried.**

5.8 Protocol Sub-Committee

- No update to report.

6. Other/New Business

6.1 Restricted Licences

- Discussion regarding the definition of supervision.
- Council has defined direct supervision, but services aren't necessarily following it. In rural Saskatchewan, restricted PCPs are often in the back alone.
- **Decision:** can balance this better, and can make those definitions more clear. This should go to the Director of Professional Practice and Research to use the resources available to them through the Education or Protocol Committee, do the analysis, and determine the definition of supervision and the competencies required when providing supervision.

7. Correspondence:

- Correspondence was circulated to Council.

8. Adjournment moved by Kyle. 2:45pm.

Next Council Meeting: September 16, 2016