



Highlights of the November 1, 2012 Meeting of Council

The second fall Council meeting was held on November 1, 2012. We had six members of Council attend the meeting and welcomed some guests for the discussion on the PCP Scope Change plan and to kick off a Strategic Planning session that was occurring the next day.

Registration Process

National Exam

The results of the September exam were shared with Council. Saskatchewan graduates are performing well on the PCP exam but further writings of the ACP exam are required to see how Saskatchewan will do. The COPR Exam Committee has kicked off with its first meeting and another scheduled after the November exam writing. A request for interest from a Saskatchewan ACP went out in the fall newsletter in the hope that a volunteer would step forward to represent Saskatchewan on the COPR Exam Working Group which focuses on exam writing and standard setting.

Jurisprudence Exam

Council was advised that a final draft of the jurisprudence exam is ready. Work has begun to determine how the College can implement a jurisprudence test at the lowest possible cost with the goal to be as electronic as possible.

EMR Exam

Council reviewed the results of the first three sittings of the EMR exam. Between the second and third exam, the Education Committee reviewed questions that candidates were struggling on and suggested some minor rewrites. As a result of review, the passing mark on the third exam was slightly stronger than the first two writings. The statistical results of the exam were offered to both the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance.

Member Renewal

The early bird draw for an iPad was deemed to have been successful as almost 400 complete applications were received from members. Patrick La Clare, the winner of the iPad, was drawn during the Council meeting. In addition, the College received another 200 applications that were reviewed but not approved as they were missing one or more items.

Council was also advised that the College has gone live with other applications including Change of Status, CME submission and CME Course Approval. In addition, the College went live with SCoP ePortfolio, our member site that will allow members to sign in and see the information that we have on their licence requirements on file with the College. These applications and websites are already being used by our members.

Scope of Practice and Protocols

PCP Scope of Practice

Council reviewed the recommendations of the Education Committee on the PCP Scope of Practice and confirmed the following:

- That the Education Committee develop and approve core training requirements for the following critical categories based on the 2011 NOCP profiles for organizations to follow when developing their education modules:
 - 4.5(n) – Obtain 12 lead electrocardiogram and interpret findings
 - 5.1(f) – Utilize airway devices not requiring visualization of vocal cords and not introduced endotracheally
 - 5.5(d) – Conduct peripheral intravenous cannulation
 - 5.8(b) – Follow safe processes for responsible medication administration
 - 5.8(n) – Administer medication via intranasal route
- That for organizations willing to share their education packages, the College will make them available on their website.
- That members must sign and submit to the College an approved declaration declaring how they have met all of the additionally identified competencies and that they have read and understood the 2011 NOCPs. The additional competencies individually included in the declaration will be:
 - 1.7(a) – Collaborate with law enforcement agencies in the management of crime scenes.
 - 1.7(b) – Comply with ethical and legal reporting requirements for situations of abuse.
 - 4.3(p) – Conduct bariatric assessment and interpret findings.
 - 4.5(b) – Conduct end-tidal carbon dioxide monitoring and interpret findings.
 - 5.6(f) – Provide routine wound care.
 - 7.4(a) – Prepare patient for air medical transport.
 - 8.1(a) - Participate in health promotion activities and initiatives.
 - 8.1(b) - Participate in injury prevention and public safety activities and initiatives.
 - 8.1(c) – Work collaboratively with other members of the health care community.
 - 8.1(d) – Utilize community support agencies as appropriate.
 - 8.2(a) – Work collaboratively with other emergency response agencies.
 - 8.2(b) – Work within an incident management system (IMS).
 - 8.3(a) - Recognize indications of agent exposure.
 - 8.3(b) – Possess knowledge of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - 8.3(c) – Perform CBRNE scene size-up.
 - 8.3(d) – Conduct triage at CBRNE incident.
 - 8.3(e) - Conduct decontamination procedures.
 - 8.3(f) - Provide care to patients involved in CBRNE incident.
- That the following classifications of medications that align to the PCP level in the NOCPs will be approved for both PCP and ICP:
 - Non-Narcotic Analgesics
 - Adrenergic Agonists

- Bronchodilators
- Anti-Anginals
- Platelet Inhibitor
- Anti-Hypoglycemic
- Opioid Antagonists
- That I.V. initiation can be achieved by the completion of core training requirements which will include demonstrating that the member can competently start an I.V. in a clinical setting by having at least two independent health practitioners sign them off on I.V. starts.
- That 20 CME credits will be eligible to a member upon completion of the entire upgrade training.

The time frames recommended by the Education and accepted by Council will be:

- EMTs and PCPs will be given until June 30, 2019 to complete the upgrade training to the 2011 NOCPs. Members not upgrading at that time will be licensed at the EMR level.

The Education Committee and Council also took the time to review the difference between an EMT-A and an ICP by reviewing the bridge requirements. It was determined that current EMT-A license levels will be moved up to the ICP license level through a declaration submitted by the member by August 31, 2013. If the declaration is not received by that date, the member will be licensed at the PCP level.

Council has also asked the Education Committee to make a recommendation as to EMT-Ps moving to ACPs.

Protocol Manual

Council was advised that the business case was completed by Solvera Solutions in regards to what is available for options in moving towards a revamped protocol manual. It was confirmed that there is no complete solution available for purchase that would meet all of the requirements so that options could be a custom build or a purchase if some requirements are given up. Recommendations as to next steps were provided by Solvera and work is being done on determining what the College's next steps should be including considering RFI options and visits to Alberta and B.C. to further investigate their current protocol systems.

SCoP Council and Committees

SCoP Strategic Plan Update

In the mid-afternoon, consultants joined Council to kick off a Strategic Management session which would be occurring for the next day. An overview of the planning session and the Strategic Management Model was introduced to prepare Council for the next day's session. On Friday, Council reviewed the achievements to date, an environmental scan that included interviews with some of the College stakeholders and members as well as a survey which was sent to all members and moved forward to begin developing the College's new three year Strategic Plan.

Training

The Saskatchewan Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations (NIRO) had been granted funding from the Ministry of Health to pay for governance training. Dan Lewis and Karen Bullock will be taking this training on November 8th and 9th by the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School on Public Policy.

Stakeholder Meetings

Ministry of Health

Meetings are continuing to occur with the Ministry of Health in relation to the Mobile Health Advisory Committee and Collaborative Emergency Centers. In addition, the College participated in the Ministry's Strategic Planning session "Connecting the Dots".

Fire Chiefs

A meeting is scheduled for November 21st in Regina. The main focus of the meeting will be the PCP Scope Change Plan.

SIAST Program Advisory Committee Meeting

A meeting is scheduled for December 19th and the College has been invited to participate.