

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

FOR INFORMATION

This document provides a summary of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 3, 2023.

Discussion and information items

Professional Liability Program update

Registrar and CEO Dan Faulkner reported that staff have been working with the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee to obtain information regarding divestment options for Council. There has been broad consultation with external stakeholders, and the College received a small number of inquiries regarding the PLP discussion on divesting.

Dan is working with PLP management to ensure staff are kept apprised and understand Council's direction. A survey was sent to the profession to assess the importance of components of PLP. The information gathered will be used to develop a prospectus for potential organizations, similar to a request for proposal (RFP). It is not certain yet who will review proposals or determine terms of reference.

Dan reported that there has been interest expressed by third-party organizations.

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee per diem policy

Gillian Slaughter, Director, PCRA, reminded the Executive Committee of the policy it approved in October 2021 that permitted additional per diems for professional members of the ICRC to complete its work in addressing the backlog of outstanding investigations. She recommended that, due to a significant reduction in the backlog, the Executive Committee allow the per diem policy to expire on December 31, 2023.

Gillian confirmed that the Chair of the ICRC is aware and supportive of the proposal to not renew the per diem policy. There will be a plenary meeting of the ICRC at the end of November, and Gillian will notify the committee at that time of the Executive Committee's decision.

Emergency class certificate of licensure

Deputy Registrar Andrea Foti reported that the Emergency Class regulation is in place and can only be opened for registration if the Minister of Health requests it or if Council determines it is in the public interest to open the class.

Staff and the Working Group are continuing to work on the implementation process to be fully prepared in the event the Emergency Class of Registration is opened.

Standards of Practice – Priorities

Cameron Thompson, Manager, Strategy and Policy, reported that the recruitment for the policy team to start the work is now complete. Three contract Senior Policy Analysts and one full-time Policy Analyst were hired in September.

Cameron reported that to-date, the policy team has reviewed 18 of the 26 Standards and anticipates that their prioritization exercise will be completed by the end of December. The final list of Standards for review will be presented to the Quality Assurance Committee for approval before the work starts.

The Executive Committee suggested that artificial intelligence be considered as a priority and that when a Standard is released, the College provide members with an accompanying review document to identify evidence used to conclude the findings. Cameron undertook to take this into consideration.

College of Dental Hygienist of Ontario rescission of “Standard for authorization to self-initiate profession-specific acts”

Cameron Thompson reported that the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario (CDHO) rescinded its *Standard for Authorization to Self-Initiate Profession-Specific Acts*. Dental hygienists may now initiate the controlled act of scaling and root planing without the need to apply for authorization from the CDHO, unless a contraindication is identified.

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