

College of Nurses Governance Presentation

Kevin McCarthy, Director of Strategy at the Ontario College of Nurses, joined the meeting to present on their College's proposed plan for governance. Among other changes, the College was proposing to change its Council to a small governing board made up of an equal number of public members and nurses. Kevin also answered questions regarding the development of this plan and how the College would engage nurses and other stakeholders in the implementation.

Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report

The College's auditor joined the meeting to present the College's 2016/2017 audited financial statements. Council was also presented with the College's 2016/2017 Annual Report. Both documents were approved for publication. On the recommendation of the auditor, Council decided to change its financial year to align with the membership year to make financial reporting easier.

Registrar's Report

Brenda Kritzer, Registrar and CEO, reported that:

- Bill 87, the *Protecting Patients Act*, had passed third reading in the Ontario legislature. The College was working to analyze the impacts of the bill.
- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care had engaged Deanna Williams to look at best practices in dealing with complaints and discipline of sexual abuse matters.
- The Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario had launched its new public facing website, www.ontariohealthregulators.ca

Feedback on the Supervision and Education Practice Standard

Cara Moroney, Director of Professional Conduct, presented the feedback received on the *Practice Standard- Supervision and Education of Students and Support Personnel*. She noted that feedback was largely positive and a few changes were implemented. Council approved the changes to the document.

Reports Discussion

Council reviewed and asked questions on reports from the following committees:

- Registration
- Quality Assurance
- Inquiries, Complaints and Reports
- Patient Relations

Council also approved changes to the *Policy on Per Diems and Council and Committee Compensation* to bring it in-line with the rates of the Ontario government. Council also approved a new capital assets policy.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Facilitator Policy

Cara Moroney reviewed the draft ADR Facilitator Policy, which specified how volunteers would be selected for ADR. Council approved that the draft policy be released for a targeted circulation.

Draft Specialties Assessment Framework

Brenda Kritzer explained that the draft Specialties Assessment Framework had been reviewed by expert consultant in higher education. He noted that the framework is rigorous and thorough. Council discussed the impacts of authorizing specialties within the profession. Council agreed that discussion on the framework should be deferred until the September meeting and asked that the analysis of operational impacts be conducted.

Registration Policies

Council approved changes to the following Registration policies:

- Professional Liability Insurance
- Police Background Check, which was re-named the Good Conduct Policy
- Inactive Certificate of Registration and Reinstatement to the General Class

Council approved a new Registration policy, Reinstatement to the General Class after Administrative Revocation.

Sexual Abuse Principles and new policy

Council approved a set of principles that explain how the College will deal with matters of sexual abuse. They can be viewed [here](#). Council also approved a policy that committed the College to fast-tracking complaints relating to sexual abuse.

Revisions to the Mandatory Reporting Guideline

Council approved a series of changes to the Mandatory Reporting Guideline so that it was in-line with the requirements of Bill 87.

Registrar's Performance Evaluation

Council entered a closed-door session to discuss the Registrar's performance.