

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Held on September 20, 2019 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
By Videoconference

Chair: Tiffany Haidon, RM

Present: Lilly Martin, RM; Lisa Nussey, RM; Wendy Murko, RM; Claire Ramlogan-Salanga, RM; Susan "Sally" Lewis; John Stasiw; Jan Teevan, RM; Edan Thomas, RM; Maureen Silverman, RM (by teleconference); Deirdre Brett.; Marianna Kaminska; Judith Murray

Regrets: None

Staff: Kelly Dobbin; Nila Halycia; Marina Solakhyan;
Observers: None

Recorder: Zahra Grant

1. Call to Order, Safety, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Tiffany Haidon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and welcomed all present.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Proposed Agenda

MOTION: The proposed agenda was approved as presented.

MOVED: Lilly Martin

SECONDED: Jan Teevan

CARRIED

4. Draft Minutes

The draft minutes of June 26, 2019 were approved with staff noting a correction to the attendance list.

MOTION: That the draft minutes be approved as amended.

MOVED: Sally Lewis

SECONDED: John Stasiw

CARRIED

5. Proposed Amendments to the Designated Drug Regulation

Marina Solakhyan, Director of Regulatory Affairs introduced the proposed amendments to the Designated Drug Regulation. In May of 2019, the College received direction from the Minister of Health to amend its Designated Drugs Regulation made under the *Midwifery Act, 1991 (Act)*, to include categories of drugs using the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) Pharmacologic-Therapeutic Classification. The College was requested to undertake this work with a deadline for formal submission of no later than December 31, 2019. The draft is being brought to Council at a special meeting in order to meet 60-day consultation obligations and the timeline for submission to the Ministry.

The initial direction of the Ministry was that the proposed approach using AHFS categories only applied to midwives' authority to prescribe drugs, meaning that the administration of substances by injection, inhalation and suppository would remain as a specified list and that controlled drugs and substances would also be required to be listed individually with additional parameters such as conditions, dose ranges, duration and route of administration in the regulation. However, Allison Henry, Director of the Health Workforce Regulatory Oversight Branch met with the Registrar, Kelly Dobbin the previous day to provide assurance that the Ministry would support the College's proposed draft that proposes AHFS categories for both drugs and substances and where limitations on the controlled drugs and substances are set out in a College standard as opposed to the regulation.

Council was made aware that their January 2018 submission to amend the Designated Drugs Regulation to allow for broad prescribing within the midwifery scope of practice, would not be supported by the Ministry at this time. It is not clear to the College what the Ministry's rationale is for not supporting the Council's previous direction.

Some members of Council expressed disappointment that the Council's original submission would no longer be considered at this time. Members discussed that this new direction was a compromise on a decision and recommendation of Council that was firmly rooted in the public's interest and supported the delivery of safe, evidence-based, responsive, quality care within the midwifery scope of practice. However, all Council members agreed that the proposed regulation before them was a move in the right direction and would provide positive change that would result in midwifery clients receiving greater access to necessary drugs and substances throughout their care.

MOTION: That the Council approve the new direction proposed by the Minister, as opposed to the original decision and submission of Council requesting broad prescribing, administering and laboratory ordering authority; and that the presented draft regulation to enable midwives to prescribe and administer in accordance with AHFS categories be approved for 60-day consultation.

MOVED: Judith Murray
SECONDED: Edan Thomas
ALL IN FAVOUR

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 12:08 pm.

MOVED: Wendy Murko

SECONDED: Sally Lewis

CARRIED