

JUNE 2021 BOARD MEETING

As recorded following the Board of Directors' regularly scheduled meeting held on June 14, 2021.

This meeting was held via video and teleconference in consideration of provincial directives and physical distancing measures recommended by Public Health Ontario due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BOARD DECISIONS

The Board discussed and made decisions on the following policies and By-Law amendments:

Virtual Care Policy

The Board approved an amended Virtual Care Policy to outline the practice expectations for registrants who choose to provide care to patients using virtual approaches. The policy's development was informed by a comprehensive review of pharmacy regulatory authorities across Canada and health professional regulators in Ontario, alongside a review of privacy legislation and guidance from external organizations, as well as from feedback gathered during a 60-day open consultation. The [policy](#) has been posted on the College's website, and additional resources to guide registrants in their practice will be shared in the near future.

Restocking of MAiD Drugs

Due to the pandemic, a shortage of drugs used in the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) drug protocol has impacted a number of patients. The Board has approved a policy

on Restocking of Drugs Used for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) During COVID-19, with the intent that it be in effect only for the duration of the current health emergency. Once the emergency order has been lifted in Ontario, the College will continue to monitor the status of the drug shortages and determine whether development of a permanent restocking policy is warranted. The [policy](#) has been posted on the OCP website, and additional information and resources to support registrants in the application of the policy in their practice, where appropriate, will be shared in the near future.

Governance Manual policies

The Board reviewed and approved policies in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Governance Manual. This is the final approval for a series of standalone policies which, once complete, will replace the current Governance Manual. The current manual, in effect since 2014, is comprehensive but lengthy and not easily amended. The new policies will come into effect at the start of the new Board year in September 2021, with orientation of new Board members centred around these new policies.

By-Law Amendments

To support improvement in governance practice and to strengthen trust in the College's mandate to serve and protect the public, the Board approved three By-Law amendments, including those related to the Selection of Committee Chairs, Conduct of Board Directors and Committee Appointees and Sanctions Process, and Board Meeting Rules of Procedure. The amended By-Laws will come into effect immediately, enabling the changes to be in place prior to the commencement of the next Board year in September 2021.

HONOURING NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

To mark National Indigenous History Month, the Board welcomed Dr. Jaris Swidrovich, Canada's first self-identified First Nations Doctor of Pharmacy, who shared his thoughts on Indigenous Engagement, Cultural Safety, and Reconciliation. Improving Indigenous cultural competency within the College and among registrants is a Board-supported commitment, and the Board thanked Dr. Swidrovich for his insights about

how pharmacy professionals can enhance care for Indigenous patients.

CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL SERVICES POLICY

Following a 60-day open consultation on a proposed Cross-Jurisdictional Services Policy, the College will update the draft with amendments based on respondent input. Feedback suggested that potential unintentional barriers to cross-jurisdictional care could result if the policy was to be implemented as written, and some respondents requested the development of an accompanying practice resource to augment the policy and provide examples around expectations. Once amendments have been made, and a practice resource is developed to accompany the policy, the College will submit an amended policy for Board approval.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS UPDATE

The College's CEO and Registrar delivered a report to the Board highlighting activities that have taken place since the last meeting, as well as progress on strategic initiatives. The Registrar shared the Q1 2021 Scorecard, which provides a snapshot of the performance of the College against the established objectives for the quarter, which are aligned with the Ministry of Health's College Performance Measurement Framework (CPMF).

BOARD RISK REPORT

The CEO and Registrar also presented the Board Risk Report, outlining identified physical, financial, operational and reputational risks and their mitigation strategies. The presentation outlined the College's 2021-2022 Risk Management Program and reported on the progress to mitigate risks identified in the 2021 Risk Register. To date, 82% of the strategies are implemented or underway. Throughout the fall, the College will develop the 2022 Risk Register for consideration by the Finance and Audit Committee and then the Board at the December Board meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 20, 2021. Special Board meetings may be called at any time. Please see our website for information on upcoming Board meetings. Board meetings are open to the public and are typically held in the Board Chambers of the College at 483 Huron Street, Toronto, ON, M5R 2R4. Due to public health measures currently in place, Board meetings are being held virtually until further notice. If you plan to attend an in-person meeting or for more information, please contact Ms. Sharlene Rankin, Board and Committee Liaison at boardofdirectors@ocpinfo.com. Links for those who wish to observe a virtual meeting will be posted with meeting agendas. You can also follow highlights from the Board meetings via [Twitter](#).