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Council Highlights

The Council of the College of Registered Nurses held a meeting on March 18th, 2021. The following are some of the highlights from that meeting:

Council, on recommendation from the Governance Committee and in a continued effort to further solidify the regulatory focus of the College, repealed the call for Resolutions and Motions which takes place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). To ensure a mechanism for collaboration and open dialogue remains ever-present, and the ability for direct communication with the College Council remains steadfast, AGMs will feature an extensive Q&A session for all in attendance going forward.

Memorial University's nurse practitioner (NP) program has received a gold-star review and a full seven-year approval from the College. Further information can be found [here](#). Going forward, the MN-NP program's outcome indicators will be reviewed annually by Council to ensure the program continues to meet an approved status in between the seven-year comprehensive review. The annual reports for the IEN/re-entry and the BN Programs were positively received by Council.

SAVE THE DATE
AGM
JUNE 15 6-8pm

Council was given a presentation by the Canadian Nurses Association and was informed of significant changes to their governance and membership model. Further information will be released to RNs at their AGM. Please visit the CNA webpage [here](#).

Council voted to initiate the process of creating a community reference group. This group is intended to guide the College to gain public input on regulatory policies and processes. More information will be announced in the months ahead.

College Council was presented with and approved the budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Emergency Licence

The College continues to accept applications for Emergency Licence (EL) for those individuals who have confirmed employment related to Covid-19 (i.e., vaccination clinics). The EL is granted for 90 days and may be extended once. If employment is required beyond the scope for which the emergency licence was intended, a practising licence would be required. To learn more, [click here](#). Council and staff continue to respond appropriately to regulatory issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Survey Notice!

One of the professional self-regulating responsibilities of the College is to approve entry-level nursing education programs which prepare Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners for licensure.

The College developed a standardized process to approve all entry-level nursing programs. Two of the steps focus on student and preceptor assessments of how well the program prepares students to practise safely, competently, and ethically. These assessments form part of the annual review.

Current nurse practitioner students and their preceptors should keep an eye out for the survey invitation!

Update on National Nurse Practitioner Project

The College has recently posted information regarding the Nurse Practitioner Regulation Framework Implementation Plan Project. For more information on this exciting initiative visit our advanced practice page or [click here](#).

MAiD Update

On March 17th, 2021, Bill C7: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) (MAiD) received Royal Assent. Please [click here](#) to learn more. The Government of Canada website also has resources, including an infographic that outlines changes to the MAiD legislation. The College will be revising our documentation in response to the changes.

Document Update

The College recently revised the education and practice requirements for NPs to prescribe buprenorphine-naloxone (Suboxone) and Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder and Methadone for Analgesia. [Click here](#) to access the document. The corresponding application forms can be found here or under the registration and renewal section of the website under Nurse Practitioner and registration forms.

Education Sessions and Events

The College regularly holds education sessions and showcases sessions from other groups which provides an opportunity for you to build and grow your knowledge and competency. To view a detailed schedule of these education sessions and to view archived sessions please [click here](#).

Racism Experienced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada's Health Care System

College staff attended the Urgent Meeting to Address Racism Experienced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada's Health Care System on October 16th, 2020 and the meetings on January 27 & 28, 2021. In the March Council meeting, the College Council were provided

with a presentation to inform them about the content of the meetings, share resources, and to generate discussion regarding reflections for regulatory bodies to consider moving forward.

Office Update

The office of CRNNL at 55 Military Road is currently open by appointment only. We ask if you intend to visit the physical location to call in advance and book an appointment with the appropriate member of our team. We ask that all visitors adhere to the public health orders set forth by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Health Accord NL

Your health. Your province. Your say. College Executive Director Lynn Power is a part of the team working closely with Health Accord NL. To find out more about this major initiative visit their website by [clicking here](#).

Trust News

Call for Nominations: As a member of the Board of Directors, you will help set the direction of the Trust and participate in its administration. Nominations are sought for the following positions: Western Regional Director and Director at Large. Directors serve a three-year term for a maximum of three consecutive terms. Deadline for nominations is May 21, 2021. For more information, please email coordinator@nlrnrtrust.ca.



The Annual Meeting of the Trust will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021. Members will vote on amendments to the Trust Constitution at the meeting. Information will be posted to the [Trust website](#) as it becomes available. Plan to attend, you are all members!

The application deadline for the spring competition for continuing education bursaries is April 15. Visit <https://nlrnrtrust.ca> for details and to apply.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

The College wants to hear from YOU!
Email info@crnnl.ca and tell us what
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