

COLLEGE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS OF ONTARIO

MEETING OF COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 3, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 705-55 Commerce Valley Drive West, Thornhill, ON L3T 7V9

Consent Agenda

The following reports were approved by Council via the consent agenda, highlights are provided.

Executive Committee Report

 Recently acclaimed Council Members were appointed by the Executive Committee as follows:

Mr. Xianmin Yu has been appointed to the ICRC and Patient Relations Committee Ms. Feng Li Huang has been appointed to Registration and Patient Relations Committee.

Quality Assurance Committee Report

- The Committee is working to finalize a revised set of standard record keeping templates
 which will include the patient health summary form, initial assessment and treatment form,
 follow up treatment form, consent to treatment form, and consent to collect, use and
 disclose personal health information forms.
- Call for Peer and Practice Assessors is ongoing and to date the QA Committee has a roster ten Assessors.
- The Committee has provided direction to ensure that all elements of the College's Recording Keeping Policy and Standard of Practice exceeds the responsibility requirements of practitioners as laid out in the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, 2004 ("PHIPA").

Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC) Report

- The College has nine active complaints under review and investigation.
- At the request of the Registrar, the Committee has approved forty-two (42) active investigations for members of the College, under section 75. (1)(a) of the Health Procedures Code of the RHPA.
- To date, the Committee has referred sixteen (16) matters to the Discipline Committee; there have been thirteen (13) written cautions, six (6) oral caution, one (1) TCL imposed, two (2) requiring the completion of a Specialized Continuing Education and Remedial Program (SCERP), eight (8) letters of advice, and sixteen (16) decisions to take no action. There have been four (4) case files that have resulted in more than one disposition. The remaining matters are currently under investigation.

Patient Relations Committee Report

- The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.
- Mr. Xianmin Yu, and Ms. Feng Li Huang, new professional members were appointed to the Committee by the Executive on August 4, 2016.

Discipline Committee Report

- Pursuant to s.151 of the College Bylaw, every member of council is a member of the Discipline Committee.
- For the remainder of the year and into 2017, two discipline hearings have been scheduled for the end of September, one in October, one in December and one in February of 2017.

Fitness to Practice Committee Report

- Pursuant to the College Bylaw, every member of Council is a member of the Fitness to Practice Committee.
- The committee has not had a meeting since its last report to Council on July 11, 2016 as there has not yet been a case referred to it for hearing.

Registration Committee Report

- To ensure Grandparented members have access to required information and be able to fulfill their obligation to transfer to General Class in due time, the Committee undertook an extensive communication plan that includes, notifications regarding Inactive members being able to complete their PLAR, weekly reminders to all Grandparented members, a package being sent out to all Grandparented members with detailed information on registering for PLAR and will include a questionnaire to give the College a better understanding of members' questions and concerns regarding PLAR.
- The College continues to hold monthly PLAR workshops with 90 members having attended these workshops since the last Council meeting.
- The 2016-2017 Registration Renewal process was completed ahead of schedule with 2705 completed renewals from members. 25 transferred to the Inactive Class, 18 transferred from the Inactive Class, and 44 members have resigned. 152 members did not submit a 2016-2017 Registration Renewal or Renewal fess and subsequent to a notice of Intention to Suspend, have been suspended as of July 25, 2016.
- 2016 Pan-Canadian Examination application process closed on June 30, 2016. The College received 252 completed applications including 228 non-members.

Sexual Abuse Task Force

The College will continue to be an active participant through FHRCO in discussions and take appropriate action in response to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Independent Report and SAFT Recommendations.

RHPA Amendments

Council was provided with an outline of amendments to Bill 21, *Safeguarding Health Care Integrity Act, 2014* which expands on disclosure of information among colleges, healthcare institutions. Colleges are allowed to disclose information where needed for administration of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, and to also share information when there are issues with a member's conduct.

CRM Progress and New Website

Mr. Ortale provided a viewing of the new website. The website was commended as being easy to navigate and demonstrating that the College is serving the public interest.

CMAAC Presentation

Mr. Cheung and his colleagues from CMAAC made a short presentation to Council on: Language Fluency, Doctor Title and the ratio of elected members on Council.

NOTE: Please see our web-site at <u>www.ctcmpao.on.ca</u> for more information and the College's response to the questions raised.

Next MeetingThe next Council meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2016.