

Meeting of the Council

June 17, 2005

Present:

President and District 5 Councillor Rita Thomson, District 1 Councillor Wayne Rubner, District 3 Councillor Howard Rose, District 4 Councillor Erica Gregory, District 6 Councillor John Hope, District 7 Councillor Carol Gee, Government Appointees Marina Ma and Peter Rubin.

Absent (with notice):

District 2 Councillor Amin Bardai, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Robert Sindelar and Government Appointee Jo Ann Groves.

Staff (at various times):

Registrar Linda Lytle and Registrar - designate Marshall Moleschi.

Guests (at various times):

Michael MacDougall, former Government Appointee (awaiting reappointment by Order in Council); Rosey Brenan, President, Rodon Communications; Marnie Mitchell, CEO, BC Pharmacy Association; Janice Moshenko, Director, Division of Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development, UBC and Rola Khalil-Priatel, Director, Medication Info UBC.

CALL TO ORDER

President Thomson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

She noted the College mission statement:

To ensure British Columbia pharmacists provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

She welcomed Registrar - designate Marshall Moleschi to the Council meeting.

AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

The draft agenda was approved as circulated.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 14 & 15, 2005 Council meetings were approved by consensus.

OUTCOME DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Community Outreach Project

Councillors de-briefed on the community outreach presentations completed to date and discussed plans for future presentations. Rita Thomson and her daughter Kirsten Thomson presented to 61 students in three Grade 10 classes. Rita Thomson and Carol Gee presented to 16 CSHP-BC Branch participants (including pharmacy technicians) in District 5. Erica Gregory presented to seven groups and a total of 121 individuals. Since January 1, 2005, Councillors have presented to a total of 331 people

Compounding Standards for Pharmacists

Registrar Lytle informed Councillors that the draft NAPRA Guidelines to Pharmacy Compounding were discussed at the April NAPRA Board of Directors meeting, but not finalized. The NAPRA Board of Directors clarified that the draft guidelines are intended for application to all types of compounding, including traditional routine community pharmacy compounding activities. A newer draft of the guidelines addresses most of the concerns previously expressed by the Councillors concerning the practicality of some of the recordkeeping requirements.

The consultation period has been extended to the end of June, so the NAPRA Board of Directors' approval will not be finalized until November 2005.

Methamphetamine Precursors

Councillors reviewed correspondence copied to the College from the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores (CACDS) and addressed to federal and provincial government officials. CACDS offered its perspective and recommendations for addressing the sales of methamphetamine precursors.

One of CACDS's initiatives, in cooperation with the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association (NDMAC) and the Retail Council of Canada, is an awareness-raising program known as Meth Watch, which includes an online staff training component (www.methwatch.ca).

After reviewing the current situation in British Columbia, the Councillors supported the continuing promotion of the Meth Watch Program, ongoing liaison with key stakeholders, and collaboration with the BC Pharmacy Association in the promotion of the resources provided by the Meth Watch Program. The Councillors also supported the Registrar's plans to have the College's Quality Outcomes Specialists promote the Meth Watch Program's resources during each routine pharmacy site visit.

COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

Medication Info UBC

Medication Info UBC Director Rola Khalil-Priatel presented an overview of the organization's purpose, strategic plan and recent activities.

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

Registrar's Executive Report

Registrar Lytle provided monitoring reports and updates on the following topics:

Stakeholder Relations

Activities and events relating to stakeholder relations were provided for the information of the Councillors.

Practice Standards: General

Activities and events relating to practice standards: general were provided for the information of the Councillors.

Practice Standards: Professional Development and Assessment Program

To date, over 200 Learning & Practice Portfolios have been reviewed and assessed by trained assessors who participated in training and validation workshops prior to the commencement of LPP assessments. The assessment results have been communicated to each LPP participant.

Professionalism

Various activities relating to the promotion of professionalism were reported.

Pharmacist Empowerment and Autonomy

Activities and events relating to pharmacist empowerment and autonomy were provided for the information of the Councillors.

Involving Pharmacists in Key Initiatives

Communications Consultant Rosey Brenan presented an update on the College's communication initiatives resulting from the 2002 consultation project and more recent developments.

Organizational Operation

The Registrar reported full compliance with requirements of Policy DO-10.

Financial Health: College

The Registrar reported on variances on the Quarter 1 financial report, noting surplus revenue over expenditures of \$115,000. An Audit Committee teleconference meeting is scheduled for June 29 to review the 2004-05 audited financial statements, to be followed in early July by a Council teleconference meeting to review and approve the documents.

Operations: Retention of Records

Registrar Lytle informed the Council that the retention period for materials related to PharmaNet data requests is not specified. A retention period of five years was recommended.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approved the addition of the following entry to the Retention of Records policy EC -9a under PharmaNet program records:

PharmaNet data requests	5 year retention
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Committees

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the following amendment to Council Committee Appointments:

The appointment of Raymond Jang to the Board of Examiners.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the following amendment to External Committee Appointments:

The reappointment of the District 1 Councillor to the Board of Trustees of the BC Pharmacists Benevolent Society.

Relationship with the Public and other Key Stakeholders

President Rita Thomson, assisted by Registrar Linda Lytle, hosted a meeting of District 5 pharmacists in conjunction with the Northwest BC Pharmacy Conference in Terrace.

Tobacco-Free Pharmacies

Events related to the Council's tobacco-free pharmacy initiative were reported.

Facsimile Transmission of Refill Authorizations in Community Pharmacies

Registrar Lytle noted that the College has received queries regarding point 3 of Professional Practice Policy 9— Facsimile Transmission of Refill Authorizations in Community Pharmacies and indicated that clarification was required regarding the intent of prescriber signatures relative to multiple requests for refill authorization on the same page.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the following amendment to PPP-9:

Delete:

The form shall indicate that the purpose is to request refill authorization(s) for prescriptions and that the physician must sign beside each request, then fax the same form back to the pharmacy.

Add:

The form shall indicate that the purpose is to request refill authorization(s) for prescriptions and that the physician must sign the request, then fax the same form back to the pharmacy.

NONPOLICY DECISIONS

Levonorgestrel for Emergency Contraception

In December 2000, specially trained pharmacists in BC obtained authority to prescribe ECP. The goal of the program was to increase women's access to this important option for reproductive health.

Over 1800 BC pharmacists have taken the training required to prescribe ECP. Over 20 times a day women obtain ECP directly from BC pharmacists. The data collected by CORxE demonstrate that these prescriptions have not resulted in a shift of prescribing from physicians to pharmacists. The prescriptions pharmacists have issued have been for women who would otherwise not have used ECP. The prescriptions have been additive to physician prescribed ECP, and have often been on weekends and evenings when physicians are less accessible.

In the May 2005 Canada Gazette II, Health Canada announced the removal of levonorgestrel, when used for ECP (Plan B), from Schedule F, making it a nonprescription drug.

The National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee (NDSAC) has reviewed Plan B, and recommends that it be Schedule 2.

It was moved, seconded and defeated:

Council recommends the addition of levonorgestrel when used for emergency contraception to Schedule 2.

The Councillors decided to retain the current Schedule 4 designation.

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the addition of Saskatchewan's, Quebec's and the Canadian Pharmacists Association's ECP training programs to British Columbia's list of acceptable ECP training programs for pharmacists wishing to be granted the authority to prescribe emergency contraception medications.

Fee Schedule

Registrar Lytle advised an operational decision has been made to transfer the administration of the College's Internship Program to UBC's Structured Practice Education Program (SPEP). This will enable a higher quality experience for College applicants and ensure a standardized experience for both Canadian-educated and internationally trained applicants for registration with the College.

She proposed that, during the transition period, the College subsidize part of the SPEP administration fee for each College applicant and suggested an Internship Program fee adjustment to \$250. The Councillors decided that the internship program participants should pay the full administration fee (once the Fee Schedule is amended by the government).

It was moved, seconded and carried:

Council approves the increase in the Internship Program fee to \$500.

Awards

Pharmacists, other health care providers and patients were invited to forward nominations for the four recently developed award categories (Five Star Pharmacist, Award of Excellence – Hospital Pharmacy Practice, Award of Excellence – Community Pharmacy Practice, Award of Excellence – Long-term Care Pharmacy Practice).

A total of 35 nominations were received. The Councillors decided to establish a two-person working group to review the nominations and prepare recommendations for the Councillors to consider at the September 2005 meeting. Michael MacDougall and Marshall Moleschi were appointed to the working group.

President-Elect

President Thomson called for nominations for President-elect. Councillor John Hope was nominated, and there were no further nominations. He was declared elected as President-elect by acclamation.

Meeting Assessment

Councillors completed the Council Meeting Assessment form. President Thomson will compile the data and report the results at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.