



# Board Highlights



## BOARD MEMBERS

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### **Jerry Casanova**

District 7 – Community Hospitals

### **John Hope**

District 6 – Urban Hospitals

### **Penny Denton**

Government Appointee, Prince Rupert

### **Doug Kipp (Chair)**

District 4 – Kootenay/Okanagan

### **Blair Tymchuk**

District 3 – Vancouver Island/Coastal

### **Robert Craigie**

District 5 – Northern British Columbia

### **Jeff Slater**

Government Appointee, Victoria

### **Agnes Fridl Poljak**

District 1 – Metropolitan Vancouver

### **Kris Gustavson**

Government Appointee, Vancouver

### **Bev Harris (Vice-Chair)**

District 2 – Fraser Valley

### **Onnolee Osbourne**

District 8 – Pharmacy Technicians

### **John Scholtens**

Government Appointee, Langley

## Strategic Plan for 2012-13

The Board was given an update on the operations plan for the 2012-2013 time period. This is the final year of the College's existing strategic plan and this operations plan outlines the steps required to successfully achieve the goals which were established in 2008. The objectives include integrating pharmacy technicians into the College, updating standards of practice for pharmacists in regards to expanded scope and advanced practice, continuing to address the many concerns around methadone maintenance treatment, preventing the use of loyalty programs related to the provision of pharmacy services and the College's longstanding desire for the end of the sale of tobacco in buildings containing pharmacies. In addition, the operations plan supports the PharmaNet modernization project.

## Approved posting of proposed revised bylaws

After a lengthy and comprehensive process, the Board approved the posting of proposed bylaw changes for comment by pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and all members of the public. This is the first detailed review of the bylaws since the successful transition to the Health Professions Act in 2009. Since that time, the College has been collecting feedback and making note of issues in the bylaws which were in need of review and potential change. During the review process, staff and the various committees of the College had a chance to provide feedback on the draft bylaws before being accepted by the Board for public posting. While many of the changes were straightforward in nature, there were more significant changes that will allow for electronic voting in Board elections starting in 2013, changes to pharmacy licence types which include non-dispensing pharmacies, and the prohibition of loyalty points on pharmacy services and products.

The bylaws are posted on the [College's website](#) for public comment made to the College or to the Ministry of Health until December 28, 2012. At that time, the comments will be reviewed, potential changes made, and presented back to the Board for final approval. The bylaws will then be filed with the Ministry and become law 60 days later, barring the disapproval of any bylaw change by the Minister.

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## PharmaNet Modernization Project

The Board was pleased to welcome Barbara Walman, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Pharmaceutical Services Division and Lindsay Kislock, Assistant Deputy Minister of Health Sector Information Management and Information Technology, BC Ministry of Health to the Board meeting to give an update on the status of the PharmaNet modernization project. With the new system, users in a pharmacy will be able to:

- view both prescriptions and dispenses in the patient's medication profile
- update the medication profile without submitting a claim (e.g., for samples or self-reported items)
- retrieve electronic prescriptions for dispensing
- change prescription status
- capture adapted prescriptions in PharmaNet
- submit a claim electronically for solving Drug Therapy Problems
- reverse an electronic prescription, medication management claim, or medication profile update

The Assistant Deputy Ministers also took time to reiterate that the Ministry remains committed to the modernization project, despite issues in the early adoption phase with the withdrawal of software vendor Applied Robotics Inc. (ARI). The Ministry is now actively seeking a new software vendor but also hopes to re-engage with ARI. The Ministry is scheduled to roll out the new system from June 2013 onward.

## PDAP 101

The Board received an update from College staff on the Professional Development and Assessment Program (PDAP). The update discussed general program accountabilities, outlined the two required components of PDAP – continuing education and assessment, and the timelines associated with the tools utilized in those components, CE-Plus and Knowledge Assessment (KA), and the current status of each. Staff also discussed the overall results of the voluntary KA exams so far (March-June) and some of the challenges they encountered.

The Board also participated in a lengthy presentation and discussion with Michael Obrecht, President of Intelligence Flows. Mr. Obrecht performed an

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evaluation of PDAP in 2010 and provided recommendations for the program. The presentation and discussion focused on a number of key features of PDAP, assessment processes in general, and identified some of the current program issues.

## Appointed to Committees

The Board made a number of appointments to various committees to ensure that they are fully constituted, and in some cases to ensure that there is a pharmacy technician voice at the table. A key priority of the College is integrating pharmacy technicians into all aspects of College operations. Appointments made at the September 21 meeting were:

- CE-Plus Subcommittee:
  - Jody-Lynn Penner (pharmacy technician)
- Discipline Committee:
  - James Ellsworth (public)
  - Carol Williams (public)
- Inquiry Committee:
  - George Kamensek (public)
  - Errol Povah (public)
- Quality Assurance Committee:
  - Michael Higashi (pharmacy technician)
  - Karen Callaway (pharmacy technician)
- Registration Committee:
  - Joy Sisson (public)
  - Nathan Roeters (public)
- Residential Care Advisory Committee
  - Rapinder Chahal (pharmacy technician)

The College congratulates all committee members for their appointments and thanks them in advance for their time and dedication in doing this important work.