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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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The following Council Highlights are from the January 20, 2006 CPBC Council Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are posted on the website at http://www.bcpharmacists.org/resources/council-committees/pdf/20_Jan_2006_Council_Meeting_minutes.pdf.

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Regulation of pharmacy technicians

The registrar provided details on the response to council's request for a discussion paper on the possible regulation of pharmacy technicians in B.C. A committee made up of community pharmacists, hospital pharmacists, pharmacy technician educators, and pharmacy technician representatives from CAPT-BC will be assembled to research and prepare a discussion paper for council's review at its April meeting.

AGM advisory resolutions review

Following the consensus college registrants reached at last November's AGM, Council used its January meeting to consider four advisory resolutions presented at the AGM.

Resolution 1

This resolution dealt with proposed amendments to Value VIII of the college's Code of Ethics. Council chose not to take further action.

Resolution 2

This resolution asked council to pursue with PharmaCare the possibility of making online pharmacy resource materials available via PharmaNet. Following discussion council chose to take further action by requesting the registrar contact PharmaCare for further discussion.

Resolution 3

This resolution requested the college take action to address the issue of pharmacists offering incentives to methadone maintenance patients. Following discussion council chose to take further action by requesting the registrar contact PharmaCare for further discussion.

Resolution 4

This resolution requested the college take action to prevent the practice of pharmacies offering loyalty program points. Following discussion council chose not to take further action.

ECP scheduling

Since NAPRA's 2005 recommendation that provinces move PlanB® emergency contraception to Schedule II status, council has been monitoring the current Schedule IV status of PlanB®. Following discussion, council approved a motion to recommend that PlanB® be moved from Schedule IV of the Drug Scheduling Act to Schedule II.

NDSAC ephedrine and pseudoephedrine recommendations

Council discussed whether or not the recent NDSAC recommendations regarding ephedrine and pseudoephedrine product scheduling should be recommended for adoption in British Columbia. Since there is a strategy in place to quickly react to a detected problem council chose not to take further action.

Tobacco-free pharmacies

The registrar reported on a December meeting he had with the Minister of Health to discuss general pharmacy issues and tobacco-free pharmacies.

Strategic planning framework

Council has established a strategic planning process to create, and meet, a series of goals designed to enhance the strength of the profession in B.C. and provide new opportunities for pharmacists in the delivery of patient care. The first phase of this process will be interviewing pharmacy stakeholders and college staff, followed by a one and a half day strategic planning session in April.

Committee stipend increase

Council passed a motion increasing the stipend rate for daytime meetings of all college committees to \$350 per day. This brings the college in line with other provincial organizations.

Antiretrovirals and PharmaNet presentation

Following a presentation on the background and results of a PharmaCare regulation that exempts HIV/AIDS drugs from being recorded in PharmaNet patient profiles, council was asked to endorse a proposal that would provide an opt-in/opt-out approach, whereby HIV/AIDS patients would be able to say whether or not they want to have their HIV/AIDS meds entered into PharmaNet. Council approved a motion to support in principle the opt-in opt-out proposal. This support will be helpful in further discussions with the Ministry of Health.

College committee appointments

Council reviewed and updated the college's committee list. The list of college committee members can be found at <http://www.bcpharmacists.org/contacts/committees/>.

Minutes format

Council requested the registrar continue to ensure that council meeting minutes retain the established format, with adjustments made to provide summary background information on agenda items, and point-form lists when appropriate to capture the breadth of discussion arising from agenda items. The minutes for college council meetings are posted at www.bcpharmacists.org/resources/council/committees/council.

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