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College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario  
Ordre des psychothérapeutes autorisés de l'Ontario

## Council Meeting Highlights May 11, 2017

At its meeting on May 11, 2017, Council approved a policy determining the relevance of information related to a Member's suitability to practise, adopted a by-law amendment intended to increase transparency about College Members, and approved the creation of a pilot working group to address professional practice issues.

### **Suitability to Practise Policy**

In order to establish a transparent and consistent process for determining whether bail conditions or criminal charges against a Member should be posted on the Public Register, Council adopted a policy on determining whether that information is relevant to the Member's suitability to practise.

The [full policy](#) is posted to the College website and will be accompanied by procedures developed by staff for determining the accuracy of any information, for receiving and assessing notifications of charges being withdrawn or a finding being made and for protecting innocent parties.

### **Transparency By-law Amendment**

Council adopted a by-law amendment requiring that when a Member has been charged under the *Criminal Code of Canada* or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, and the Registrar believes the charge to be relevant to the Member's suitability to practise, the fact and content of the charge, and date and place of the charge if known, are published on the Public Register.

### **Professional Practice Working Group**

As a list of professional practice issues develops through the work of the College's committees, programs, practice advisory enquiries, and complaints and reports, as well as arising from changes in the regulatory environment and health care system, Council agreed to pilot a Professional Practice Working Group to address these issues. Members of the group, primarily the chairs of Executive, Registration, Quality Assurance, Inquiries, Complaints and Reports, and Client Relations Committees, as well as other Council and non-Council members when necessary, will provide professional expertise relating to these issues, as well as insight regarding how particular issues might overlap with two or more regulatory functions.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2017.