

Council Meeting Highlights

November 30, 2017

At its meeting on Nov. 30, 2017, Council received an update on proclamation of the controlled act of psychotherapy, approved a series of position statements for terminology related to sexual abuse, approved stakeholder consultation of a Professional Practice Guideline, and explored the new College website.

Controlled Act of Psychotherapy Proclamation Update

The Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has introduced a proposal to amend Ontario Regulation 107/96 concerning exemptions related to the controlled acts found in the *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*. The amendment would allow for a transitional period following proclamation of the controlled act for individuals who provide psychotherapy services to register with the appropriate regulatory college. At the end of the transition, practitioners who are not registered with one of the applicable statutory regulatory bodies would no longer be able to perform the controlled act unless authorized by delegation or exceptions specified in the *RHPA*.

Comments on the proposed amendments are due by December 3, 2017.

Client Relations Program Position Statements

Council reviewed and formally adopted a series of position statements regarding terminology related to sexual abuse of clients by members of the College. These statements will allow for consistency of approach to dealing with allegations of sexual abuse, and will be available as a resource to Council committees to guide discussion and deliberation of issues related to sexual abuse allegations.

The position statements will be published shortly, following completion of edits made in the meeting.

Professional Practice Guideline – Disclosing Information to Prevent Harm

Based on recurring instances where the College is asked to address issues regarding whether a member should disclose confidential information to prevent a risk of harm, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee developed a Professional Practice Guideline. The Guideline will serve as a framework and aid for members who must determine their next steps when questions of disclosure arise.

Following initial consultations to develop the draft Guideline, Council approved a 30-day consultation period to receive stakeholder input. Consultation materials will be made available shortly.

Relaunched CRPO Website

Following months of work by staff, a new College website was launched Nov. 27, 2017. The new site includes an update on the College's branding, improves functionality both for user-friendliness and compliance with the *Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, and restructures content to direct readers to information most relevant to their needs.

The next Council meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018.