



College of Licensed Practical
Nurses of Manitoba

Board Highlights – September 20, 2016

Executive Director Report

The Board continued discussions on delegation as a potential mechanism for authorizing health care activities identified as reserved acts in *The Regulated Health Professions Act*, once that Act takes effect. The Board reviewed options, benefits and risks to the public. The Board determined that it would not authorize practical nurses to perform reserved acts under delegation from other regulated health care professionals once the RHPA takes effect for the practical nursing profession in Manitoba.

The Board reviewed and approved a new Regulatory Bulletin outlining the requirements of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Manitoba's (CLPNM's) Continuing Competence Program.

The Board received an update on the use of computer-based testing for the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination. The Board was advised that no major issues have arisen, and that the number of opportunities to write the exam will increase in 2018.

The Board received an update on the CLPNM's ongoing collaboration with the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS). The Board was also advised that confirmation of funding for the Practical Nursing Qualification Recognition program and Clinical Competence Assessment (CCA) program was pending. The Board directed that referrals to the CCA be put on hold until funding could be confirmed.

An amendment to Article 6.1 of the CLPNM By-Laws was proposed and approved in order to clarify requirements when a Board member intends to declare his or her intent to seek election to the position of CLPNM Board President. As per 52(3) of *The Licensed Practical Nurses Act*, the change will be presented to the CLPNM membership to be confirmed at the next annual general meeting.

A number of policy changes were presented to and approved by the Board including a series of policies setting out the CLPNM's registration requirements, a revised policy on nomination and election rules, and a policy describing the term and election process to fill the position of CLPNM Board President.

The Board was advised that, at present, the CLPNM does not have policy describing how complainant appeals of Investigation Committee decisions are to be handled. The Board directed the Executive Director to develop such a policy and to present it at a future meeting for the Board's review and approval.

Governance Committee Report

Financial statements for July 31, 2016 were reviewed, discussed and approved by the Board as presented.

The Board appointed BDO Canada LLP as the CLPNM's external financial auditor for 2016 through to 2018.

The Board reviewed the June 2016 Investment Portfolio report and accepted it as presented.

The Board reviewed and approved policies respecting language proficiency, file destruction, credential assessments, and unauthorized practice. The Board also approved the deletion of ten policies that were deemed duplicative with other policies or with existing legislation.

The Board discussed elections and appointments to the Board. Board members intending to run for the office of President were asked to submit their resumé prior to the next Board meeting.

President's Report

The Board appointed twenty LPNs in good standing as auditors for the upcoming Continuing Competence Program audit.

New Business

The following dates were confirmed for 2017 Board meetings:

- April 10
- June 5
- September 18 and 19
- December 11