

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 29, 2018

Public Member Appointments

An update was provided regarding current council composition with respect to public members that are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor via the [Public Appointments Secretariat](#). Five of the College's seven public members ended their terms in October and November, leaving only two public members remaining on the College's Council. With eight professional members and only two public members, Council is not properly constituted to exercise its decision-making abilities.

Guideline: *Sexual Contact with Former Clients beyond Five-Years Post Termination of Care*

At the June 28, 2018, CRPO Council meeting, Council approved the draft Guideline: Sexual Contact with Former Clients Beyond Five-Years Post Termination of Care for 60-day public consultation. This consultation closed on September 13, 2018 and [received five responses](#). The guideline will be linked to the [policy on Sexual Contact with Former Clients within Five-Years Post Termination of Care](#). This guideline is intended to support members in applying the relevant Standards and will provide screening and discipline committees with a framework in which to evaluate complaints and reports related to sexual contact beyond five-years post termination of care.

Council approved the guideline by consensus vote. The vote will be ratified once Council is properly constituted.

Draft Regulation: *Defining Client for Sexual Abuse Provisions*

The *Protecting Patients Act*, 2017, provides Colleges with the ability to develop a regulation to address the period of time an individual will be deemed to be a client for the purposes of sexual abuse.

Council approved the draft regulation [for public consultation](#) by consensus vote. The regulation will be brought forward for ratification after the consultation period at the next constituted Council meeting.

Draft Guideline: *Electronic Practice*

At the June 28, 2018, CRPO Council meeting, Council reviewed and provided feedback on the guideline on Electronic Practice. At this meeting, Council approved the revised [for public consultation](#) by consensus vote.

Access to Care Statement

Council discussed how barriers to access to care with RPs exist across the province for a variety of reasons. They agreed that, when considered in relation to ability to receive needed mental health services, the importance of the psychotherapeutic relationship and the benefits of continuity of care, these barriers constitute a risk of harm to the public. As a result, Council approved adoption of the position statement by consensus vote. [The statement can be found here.](#)

Controlled Act Task Group Update

An update was provided regarding upcoming staff presentations on the controlled act to employers, educational programs, and associations. In addition, the controlled act documents and self-assessment tool have been published and are already being used in Health Professions Appeal and Review Board (HPARB) appeals and the registration process.

Presentation Slides

- [Social Media](#)
- [Conflict of Interest](#)